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SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS

A guide to how we can help support your students with their post-16 and post-18 options.

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MEET THE SCHOOLS TEAM



Meet Sam and Eilidh, our dedicated schools liaison team here at Dudley College of Technology, Dudley Sixth and the Black Country & Marches Institute of Technology.

We are excited to share with you the range of ways we can work together to support your students, staff and school through a variety of outreach activities.

This guide will explain the different opportunities and support services available to you.

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OUR PROVISION



Here at Dudley College, we offer a range of qualifications across a variety of pathways, including T Levels, Vocational Courses, Apprenticeships, Adult courses and Higher Education, all situated within our 10+ campuses.



Dudley Sixth
for A levels

At our designated sixth form campus, Dudley Sixth, we also offer over 30 A Levels for students to choose from, all within a purpose-built facility to provide a thriving learning environment.



The Black Country & Marches Institute of Technology also offers Apprenticeships, as well as Full or Part-time courses, Short Courses and CPD within their state-of-the-art facilities, providing students the perfect transition from college or sixth form onto higher level learning.



OUR VISION

We believe students need effective opportunities, tools and resources to help with their transition from school into a post-16 environment.

We pride ourselves on the work we do with schools to raise aspirations and support young people to understand their post-16 options, choose the next step in their educational journey and explore the exciting career pathways available to them.

We are keen to ensure students have a variety of experiences to access

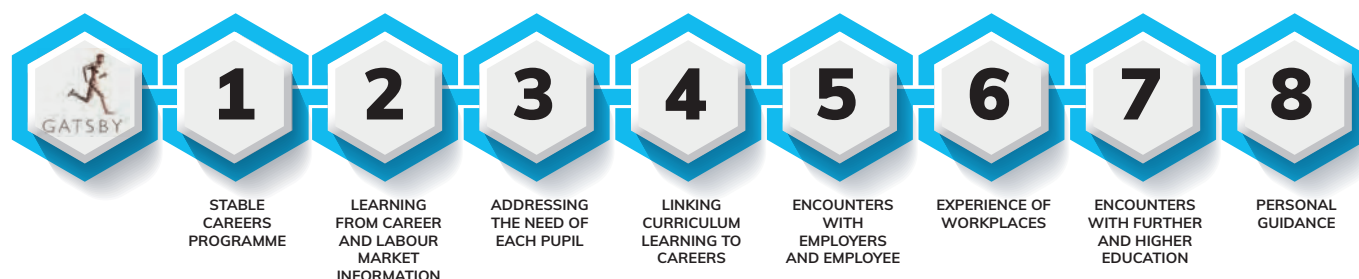
in order to support them, in which directly link to the Gatsby benchmarks and ability for schools to achieve the provision of at least six meaningful encounters with providers.

A hard copy of this promise will be sent to you, as well as it being available to download via our Schools Outreach page on our website!







OUR GATSBY PROMISE FOR YEARS 7-13

We offer a range of activities to support students which enable schools to meet the Gatsby Benchmarks.



PRESENTATIONS








We provide talks in classrooms and assemblies.

- Post-16 options 
- What are T Levels? 
- Apprenticeships 
- A Levels at Dudley Sixth 

We offer bespoke presentations upon request.

CAREERS EVENTS

We attend events during the school day or evenings.

- Careers Fairs 
- Careers Evenings 
- Parents Evenings 
- Sixth Form and Higher Education Fairs 
- Lunch time drop-ins 
- Year 9 options events 
- GCSE Results Day 

EMPLOYABILITY ACTIVITIES

We deliver workshops preparing students for work.

- CV workshops 
- Interview Skills 
- Mock Interviews 
- Turning Courses into Careers Workshop 
- Application Workshop 

COLLEGE EVENTS

We run events across our 10+ campuses.

- Taster Events 
- Tour 
- Talk and Tour 
- School Taster Activities 
- Open Events 
- Community Outreach Activities 
- Careers Guidance 

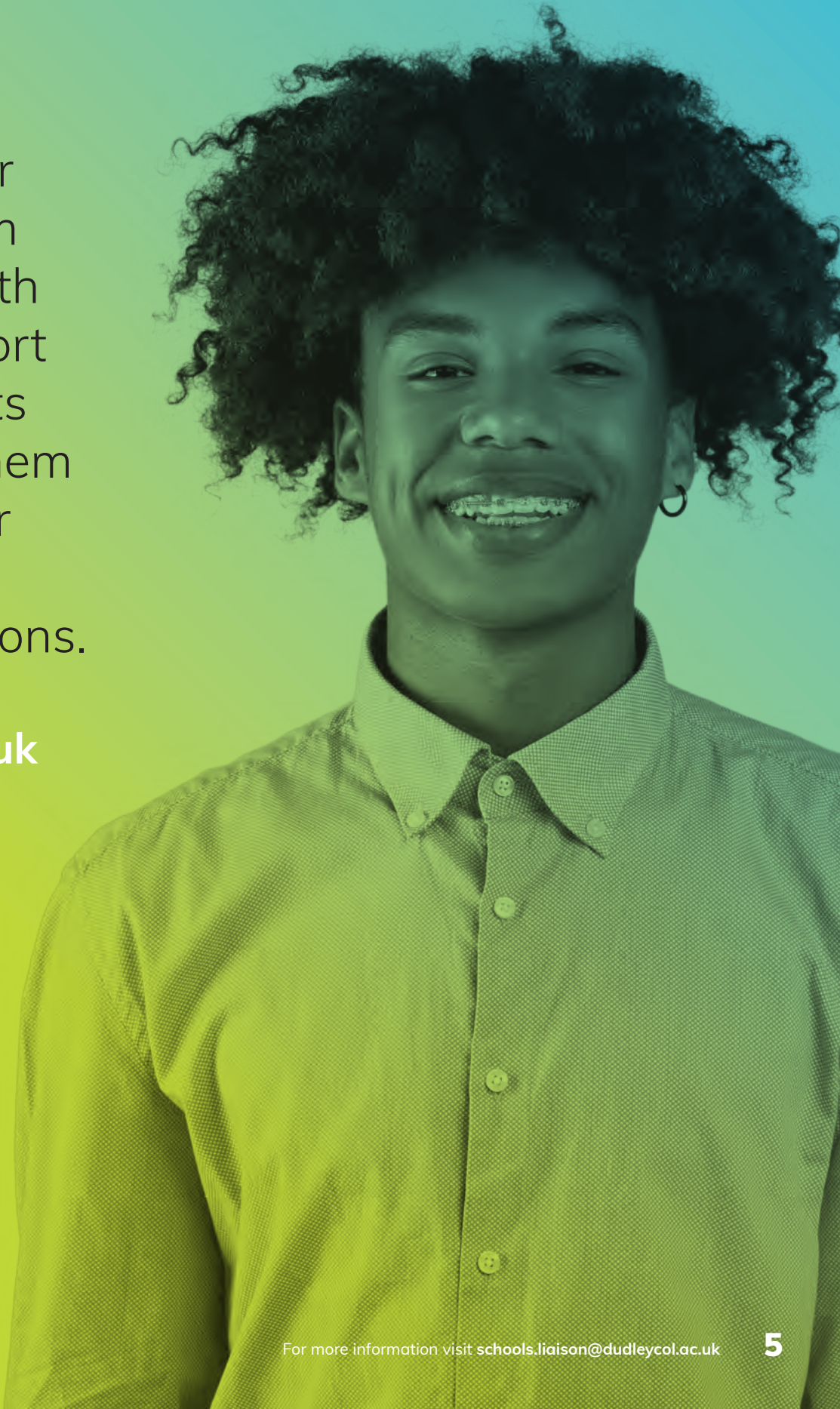


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HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU!

Here are all the ways our schools team can work with you to support your students and guide them through their post-16 and post-18 options.

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COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS

Presentations offer your students the opportunity to meet and engage with us, with the idea that this will reduce any worries or concerns they may have with engaging with figures outside of the school environment. They're also an ideal way for information to be shared with students, especially those who are still yet to decide what they plan to do post-16 or would benefit from a deeper understanding of the pathways they can choose from.

We're able to deliver presentations to your students who are in year 9, all the way up to those in year 13 cohorts. We can present these to whole year groups within an assembly, to smaller groups of students in a classroom setting or even virtually.

These presentations provide an insight into what college life is like, an overview of the different pathways available, the range of courses on offer, the enrichment and support supplied and much more. All of this helps to support students understanding of their next steps once they've left their current place of study.

We have the below presentations available to choose from:

- Post-16 options with Dudley College of Technology
- A Levels at Dudley Sixth
- The Black Country & Marches Institute of Technology
- What are T Levels?
- What is an Apprenticeship?
- Combinations of the above

These all enable us to provide information on Vocational courses, T Levels, Apprenticeships, A Levels and Higher-Level study routes for students.

Bespoke Presentations

As well as college presentations, we can create and deliver presentations based on what you and your students need. If there is a topic you want us to focus on, please do get in touch to let us know.



CAREERS EVENTS

We understand that careers events give students the opportunity to interact with dozens of local education providers and gain invaluable knowledge of what's to come post-16 and post-18.

We have a lot to offer students across our 10+ campuses, and we're eager to inform your students of the routes available to them and how they can progress into their desired career.

We're able to come out to your school to participate in your planned careers event(s), where we can talk about Dudley College, Dudley Sixth and/or the Black Country & Marches Institute of Technology.

We're flexible in our availability to attend such events, being able to support school's both during the daytime or even be there of an evening. We are also sometimes able to send out our curriculum teams who are professionals in their field!

We'd love to attend your next careers fair, so please do let us know when your next event is taking place!

LUNCH TIME DROP-INS

We know that not every student is able to make it to a careers fair or take part in provider led workshops.

To make sure these students don't miss out on valuable information to support them in making informed choices when it comes to post 16 options, we offer a visit to your school during lunch times to set up a stand and be ready to provide careers advice and information relating to college life.

This session gives your students the chance to ask any questions they may have, or to simply have a chat with us to discuss what careers are out there.

If you'd like for us to visit your school and provide one of these sessions, please do get in touch.



PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents Evenings are a great way of getting parents involved in their child's progression. It gives you as teachers the chance to engage with parents, which going forward helps decide how best you can work together to better the student's achievements.

We'd love to support this by being there during the event to speak with parents and students to inform them of all the available options post 16.

We understand at times, information between student and parent/guardian can get lost in translation. We'd love to be present to be able to provide information, advice and guidance to both parents/guardians and students.

If you'd like more information on how we can support your parent's evenings, please do get in touch by emailing: schools.liaison@dudleycol.ac.uk



TASTER SESSIONS

Our School Taster Activities are the perfect opportunity for your school groups to try out the course(s) they are interested in, before they join us, or to give them a flavour of the course area they are interested in!

These taster activities are organised through ourselves and schools and will take place during the school day at the campus the course is delivered at.

There is an exciting range of subjects to choose from, all offering your students the chance to immerse themselves into college life, speak to our lecturers and meet like-minded students who may be on the course with them.

We are also looking towards bringing some taster experiences to you within school, so watch this space!

If you'd like more information on our taster opportunities, or if you'd like to book your school in for a school taster activity, please do get in touch by emailing: schools.liaison@dudleycol.ac.uk

CAREERS WORKSHOPS

Careers workshops are a fun and engaging way for your students to begin preparations ready for their move from school to their post-16 option.-

We have a variety of workshops available to choose from, including:

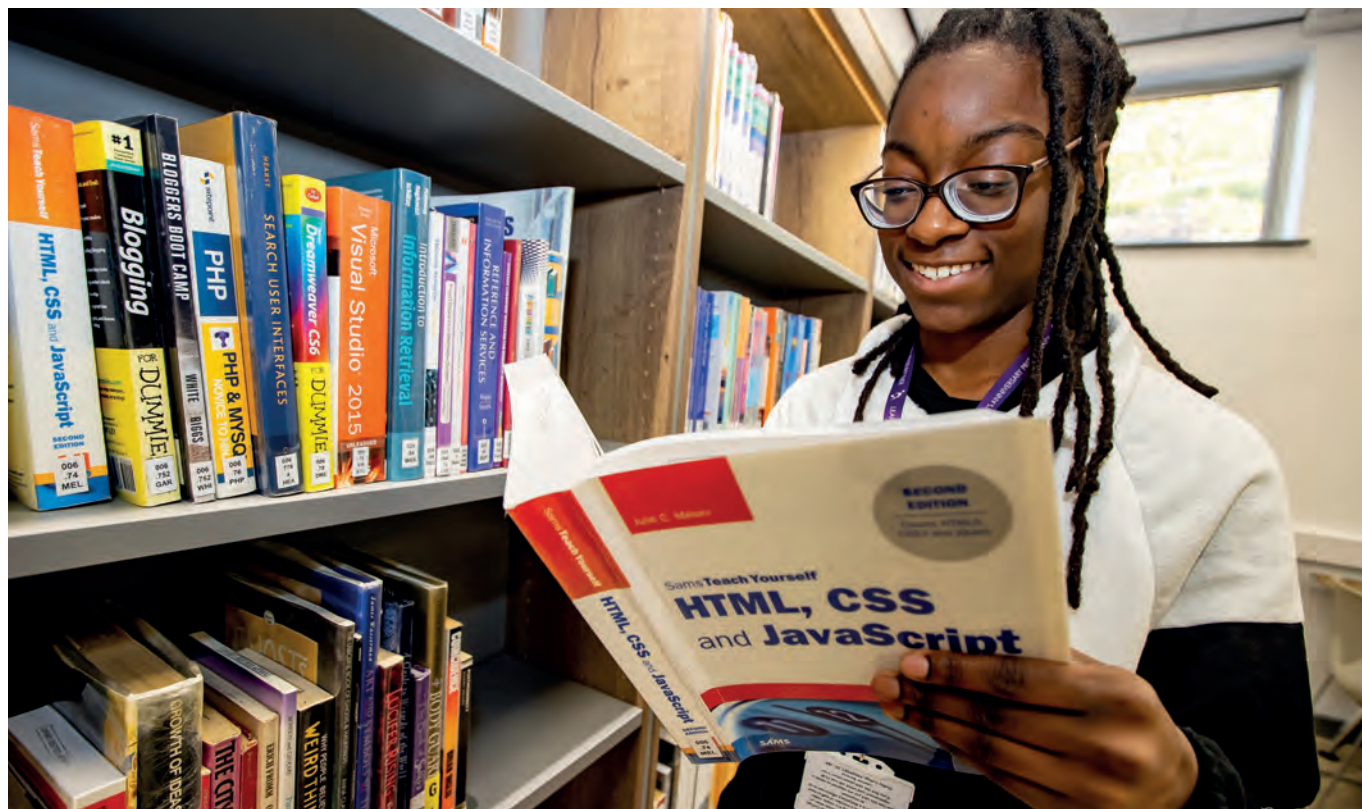
- Application Workshop (PCs required)
- Turning Careers Into Courses Workshop (PCs required)
- CV Workshop
- Interview Technique Workshop

We're flexible on the duration of our workshops, however experience shows us that a maximum of an hour makes for the best experience.

If you'd like for us to visit your school and provide one of the above sessions, please do get in touch!

For more information visit schools.liaison@dudleycol.ac.uk





YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENINGS

We understand that when it's time for your year 9 students to pick their options, it can be quite a stressful time for them.

To help support this, we're able to attend these events to assist your students in picking the right subject that'll combine well with any further qualifications they may take to reach their future career goals.

The School's Team are flexible and can attend these events in the day or even in the evening, depending on when they're scheduled.

To find out more or if you'd like us to be a part of your event, please do get in touch!

CAMPUS TOUR & TALK

One of the best ways for students to get a true feel for college life is to see it for themselves!

During our college tours, students can explore one or more of our campuses, and get to see our outstanding facilities for themselves. We have an array of courses on offer across a variety of pathways, all of which students can hear about as they are being guided around each campus. Below is a list of our campuses for you to choose from!

Dudley Learning Quarter:

- The Broadway
- Evolve
- Aspire Dudley
- Dudley Sixth
- Enhance
- Advance
- Advance II
- Automotive Centre

Brierley Hill Learning Quarter:

- Construction Apprenticeship Training (CAT) Centre
- Inspired
- Aspire Brierley Hill

We also have access to:

- The Black Country & Marches Institute of Technology.

If you would like to bring a group of students, please do get in touch with an idea of where you and students would like to visit and a desired date/time, we'll do our best to facilitate this for you.



HIGHER EDUCATION EVENTS

We understand that HE fairs give students the opportunity to interact with dozens of local and national education providers and gain invaluable knowledge of what's to come post sixth form.

Here at Dudley College, we have a selection of our very own HE programmes as well as the brand-new Institute of Technology (IoT) being just next door, offering a variety of HE opportunities too!

Both provisions provide an alternative to university, giving students the option to continue their studies by way of studying a HNC, HND, HTQ or Higher-Level Apprenticeship.

Some advantages of this are:

- Significant savings on fees
- Staying close to home
- Small class
- Links to local employers

We'd love to attend your next HE fair, so please do let us know!



MOCK INTERVIEWS

Mock Interviews are a fantastic way to personally develop students, prepare them for a job opportunity, ready them for a college interview and more.

We understand schools often organise Mock Interview events as a part of students learning, as well as to support student's wider skillset and to broaden their understanding of the world of work. We love attending these events to further support students. We are available to share our own educational journey, careers experiences and are more than happy to act as interviewers for students to provide them with extra opportunities to develop skills.

If you would like our presence and experience at your Mock Interview event, please do email us.





OPEN EVENTS

Our Open Events give school leavers the chance to discover what it's like to be a student at Dudley College or Dudley Sixth. No matter what they wish to study, whether that be a vocational course, T Level, Apprenticeship or A Level at Dudley Sixth - we can help them to explore their career options.

At our Open Events, students will get the chance to:

- Tour our exciting facilities and see where they'll be studying
- Speak to our tutors about our range of courses
- Get expert advice about their future career
- Get information on travel, finance and student support
- Find out how to apply

Register Online

All our open event dates can be found on our website, along with information as to registering for a space.

For further information on our open events and how you can be part of them, please get in touch!

GCSE RESULTS DAY

GCSE results day can be an apprehensive day for your school leavers.

As much as we support every student in doing their best during their exams, sometimes, things don't go as planned, leaving some students disappointed with their results.

This can result in confusion as to what to do next as they haven't achieved their required entry requirements for the course they planned to study post-16.

We can send out College clearing information to your school to hand out to students who need some additional support with changing their plans. We will send these out to you towards the end of the summer term so you have them ready.

NETWORKING EVENTS

It's always good to give back. That's why we host numerous networking events throughout the year.

These events are hosted by us, where we invite staff from our local schools in for a breakfast, a talk and then networking time for you all to network and share your best practice with each other.

This provides us all with a chance of engaging with each other outside of the usual working environment, which will encourage open conversations and improved relationships.

We hope to share a newsletter with you which will give you our next networking event dates and information on how to reserve your space, with our first Careers Breakfast networking event of the year being on 26th October from 8.30am to 10am.

Email us if you would like to attend this, along with your dietary requirements as there will be breakfast!

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

During the holidays we aim to be at as many leisure venues as we can to support students and families who are enjoying the holiday period.

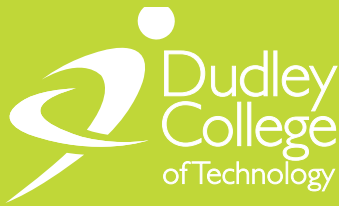
We do this to have a presence and continue to provide information, advice and guidance to those students that need it.

We aim to visit:

- Local libraries
- Local leisure centres
- Local shopping centres
- Local entertainment venues

We would appreciate your support in getting this information to your students before they leave for the half term breaks. We'll keep you updated on our whereabouts by a new newsletter which we hope to share with you, as well as via our social media.





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