

Welcome to:
Aspire @ Dudley
College

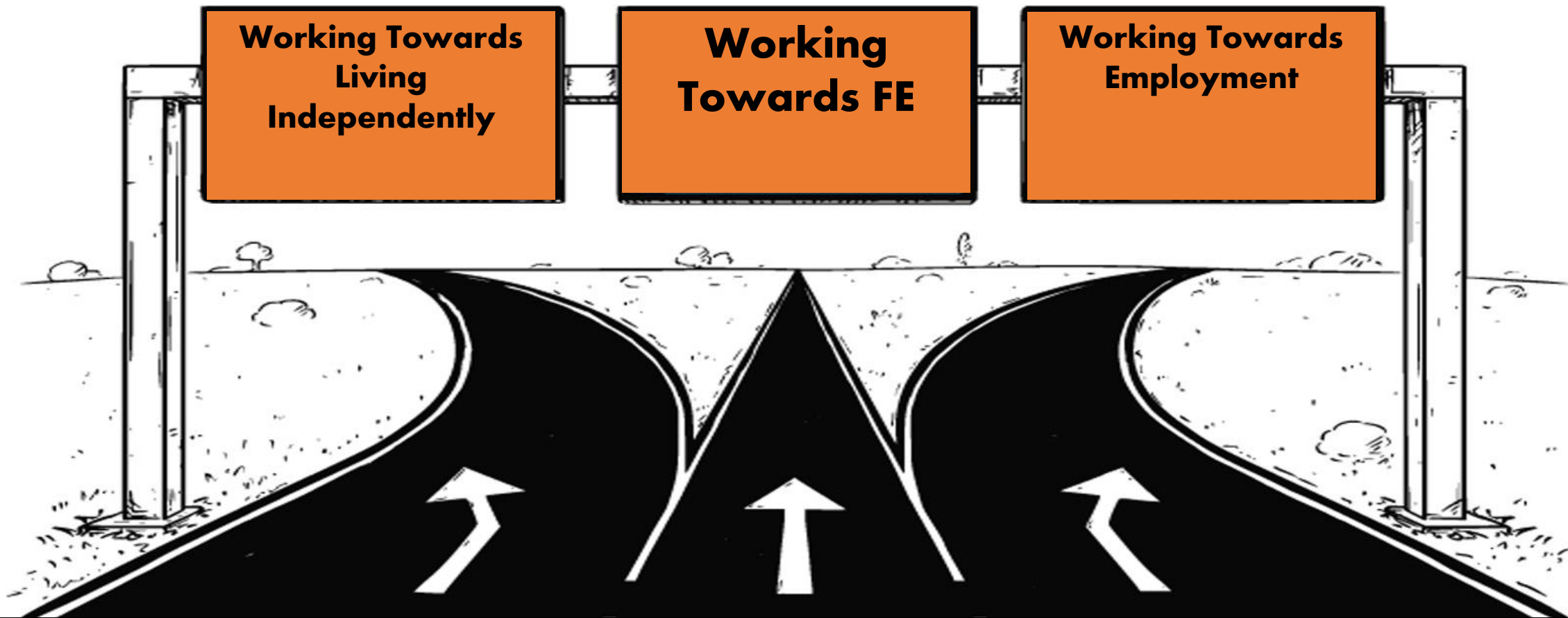
Come inside and take
a look...





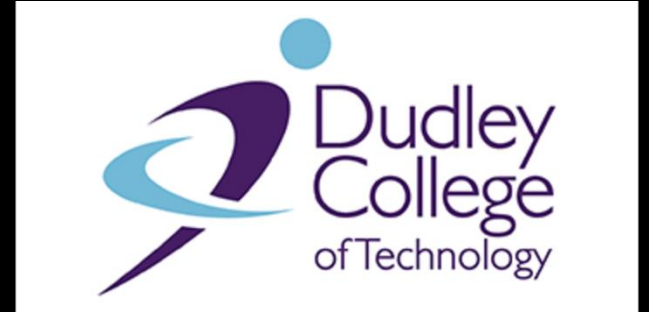
Our courses run from Dudley's Broadway Campus and Brierley Hill's Inspired Campus.





Our Pathways

What we Offer



At Aspire we offer post-16 courses in the following areas:

- Independent Living
- Creative Media
- IT & Administration
- Catering
- Conservation & Horticulture
- Gateway
- Sport
- Animal Care & Conservation
- Choosing my Pathway
- DofE
- Employment
- Supported Internship



Working Towards
Living
Independently

Working Towards Independent Living

Students engage in practical, meaningful activity to learn about their community and opportunities therein, personal rights and responsibilities, their own and others' social and emotional well-being as well as classroom based activities to develop skills such as the use of IT, art and creativity, self-care, health and safety in the home and cookery.

Working towards Living Independently will be of benefit to young people who may require the support of social care upon leaving education.





Working Towards FE

Working Towards Horticulture & Conservation

Working Horticulture and Conservation offers students the opportunity to develop their knowledge of the outdoors, land-based studies and the environment.

Students undertake placement activities at a local nature reserve in addition to maintaining the Aspire Gardens. Working towards Horticulture & Conservation offers students the opportunity to develop their knowledge of the environment, growth cycles, land and plant maintenance, grounds-work and conservation.



Working Towards Animal Welfare and Conservation

Working Towards Animal Welfare and Conservation offers students the opportunity to develop their knowledge of animal welfare, conservation and the outdoors.

Students attend placement at a local animal sanctuary feeding, cleaning and caring for sick, injured or abandoned animals.

Animals on-site at placement include goats, sheep, poultry, pigs, ponies, ferrets, foxes, guinea pigs, emus, owls, birds of prey, raccoons and many more.

Students work to maintain an allotment at a community garden where they learn about the land, growing fresh produce and conservation.



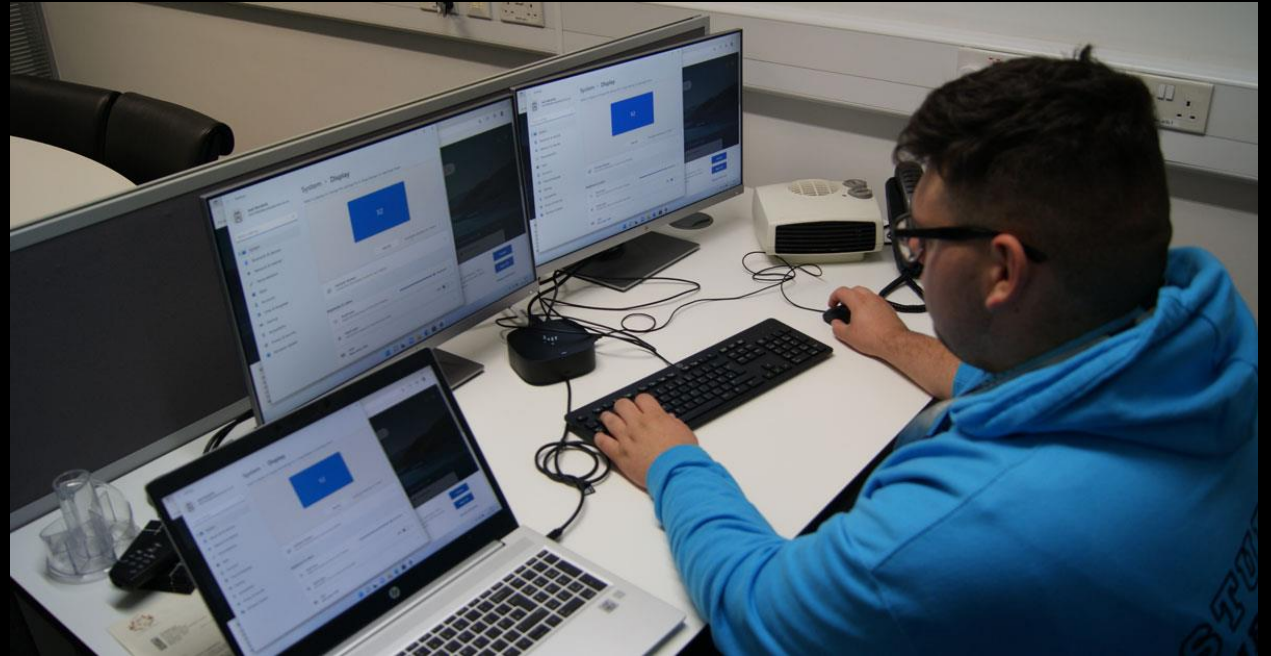
Working Towards Sport

Working Towards Sport & Well-being offers students the opportunity to develop their knowledge of health, physical and mental fitness, as well as developing skills in a variety of areas including football, basketball, boxing and use of gym equipment. Students also have the option of trying out for the Aspire football team.



Working Towards IT & Administration

Working Towards IT and Administration offers students the opportunity to develop their knowledge of Microsoft packages such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, office administration skills and keeping safe online.



Working Towards Creative Media

Working Towards Creative Media offers students the opportunity to develop their knowledge of creative industries.

Students take part in design projects that explore a variety of medias to develop a portfolio and final interest piece. Students benefit from visiting speakers from creative industries as well as educational visits to local galleries and exhibitions.



Working Towards Catering

Working Towards Catering offers students the opportunity to develop an interest in domestic cookery or who may like to pursue a career in the hospitality or catering industry.

Working towards Catering & Hospitality develops skills in food hygiene, health and safety, food preparation and a variety of cooking methods.

Students will visit local eating/drinking establishments to review how they are designed, their menu and pricing structures.

Students will be based at our Broadway Campus but will undertake work experience for one day each week in our student refectory at Inspired, Brierley Hill. Students must be able to travel to this site independently or on transport arranged by parents/carers.



Choosing my Pathway

Choosing My Pathway is designed to support students to choose a vocational pathway, leading to further study or employment.

Students experience sessions that offer insight into the courses available across the department including Animal Welfare & Conservation, Horticulture & Conservation, Creative Media, IT & Administration, Catering, Construction and Sport. This allows students to make an informed choice as to the direction their study will take.



Gateway

Gateway is designed for young people with a special educational need with a particularly acute social, emotional or mental health difficulty

Gateway offers a supportive environment in which students can share experiences, learn to feel safe at college and develop the skills required to succeed in education, at home and in their community. Gateway offers opportunities to explore the local community and overcome anxieties associated with day-to-day life, to communicate with others, to improve physical and mental fitness, to set goals, reflect on one's own progress and integrate into the college community.





Working Towards Employment



Aspire's employment pathway is offered in three stages depending on the student's readiness for employment, previous experience and skill-set.

Stage 1 Duke of Edinburgh Award - Guides students to take part in volunteering, physical activities and skill-building, ending with a two-day expedition.

Stage 2 Employability – Level 1 C+Gs building on work-readiness skills, offering work experience and involvement in social enterprise activities.

Stage 3 Internship - offers the support of a specially trained Job Coach dedicated to sourcing a suitable work placement, on-the-job training and guidance throughout your internship and beyond.

Additional Information

- All Aspire curriculum promotes preparation for adulthood which includes personal independence, employment, looking after yourself in the home, travel and community cohesion.
- All students will undertake work experience in our Aspire Shop, learning essential transferable skills such as customer service, problem solving, teamworking, basic finance and marketing.
- Please note that 'full time' courses are between 16-18 hours per week and are not 5-day provision. Maths and English is taught as part of this study programme.
- If your travel is provided by school, sixth-form or local authority, this will need to be reapplied for prior to starting college.

Any Questions?