

A Guide for Parents & Carers



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IN
2015-16...



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT WAS

95%

rising from 90% the previous year and continuing a 3 year trend of improvement



Long course success was 86%, 2% above national benchmark



Functional skills in English was **11% above the national average**



133 Aylesbury College students **secured places at University**



87% of our teaching was **good or outstanding**

Why Aylesbury College?

At Aylesbury College our focus is on preparing our students for their next steps – whether that is into a career, Apprenticeship, or moving on to University. Students learn real work and life skills from experienced Tutors who are industry experts.

Aylesbury College is graded ‘Good’ by Ofsted and educates and trains over 2,000 young people every year. Our students tell us that they first chose to come to College for the programmes on offer and the fantastic facilities. When they leave College they say that the most important aspects of their experience have been the support of the Tutors, the fact that they have been treated like adults and the friends that they have made.

“Aylesbury College has taught me the skills I need for the future. I want to be a Reflexologist and my programme has helped me to achieve my goals!”

Bethany Mead
Beauty student



“The variety of information, advice and guidance provided for students is good and ensures they are able to make well-informed choices about their future education, training or employment”

Ofsted

“My programme has inspired me to learn more and helped me get the qualifications I need for the future. My tutor has helped guide me through applying to University, where I want to study programming and game design.”

Nico Formaggio
IT student



“Good resources, including in the learning centre, help students to develop their independent learning skills”

Ofsted

“The College environment is really welcoming. You get treated like an adult and it’s a really great place to learn. The College really helps you make your decision about choosing a programme or moving on to University.”

Luke Smith
Access student



“Teachers are well qualified and use their occupational expertise effectively”

“Students have a very positive attitude to learning”

Ofsted

Holly

Holly is in the second year of her Creative Media programme at Aylesbury College.

She said: "I chose to come to Aylesbury College because of the amazing facilities and the environment. The atmosphere here is more relaxed than at school, and it really appealed to me. The tutors here are all lovely and really helpful, and since starting at College I've learnt lots of new skills that will be useful in my future career."

Holly is now keen to pursue her ambition to become a director or producer.



Courage

Courage joined Aylesbury College to fulfil his goal of becoming a bricklayer. He had previous work experience in the trade but no formal qualifications, so took the Level 1 Construction programme before progressing on to the Level 1 Bricklaying programme.

He said: "I knew from my work experience that bricklaying is something I love, and I wanted to get qualified to do it on my own."

He is planning to start an Apprenticeship next year and said: *"The tutors have been really helpful and given me lots of advice. I love the course at Aylesbury College because it's really practical and I am learning the skills I need for my dream job."*



Student Experience

Everyone at Aylesbury College is focused on delivering an outstanding experience for all our students.

College Environment

Aylesbury College is situated in a purpose-built learning environment with excellent facilities. Punctuality, attendance and a positive attitude are highly valued here, as they would be in the world of work. Students are treated like adults, and encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning, fully supported by our expert Tutors.



Preparing our Students for their Careers

One of Aylesbury College's key priorities is Work Readiness and Enterprise. We work closely with local employers in devising and running our programmes. Our full-time programmes all have a strong work experience element, and we also teach key skills such as CV writing, digital skills, Maths, English, interview skills and personal presentation.



Beyond the Classroom

We offer lots of opportunities for our students to get involved with activities outside class time. Sports clubs and lunchtime societies give students a chance to meet people on different programmes and have some fun! We also have a College Council and student representative system, offering students the chance to have their say. We want the Aylesbury College experience to be the best it can be!



FIND OUT MORE: [aylesbury.ac.uk/student-life](https://www.aylesbury.ac.uk/student-life)



95%

of students say they would encourage others to come to Aylesbury College.



96%

of students say the course and programmes has met their needs.



95%

of students say their teachers and course support staff are helpful and friendly.



Our Facilities

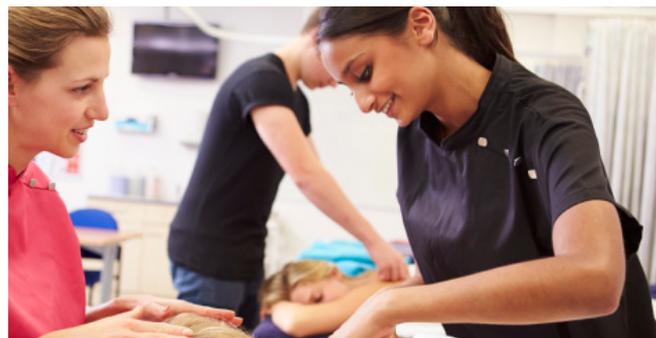
College workshops, kitchens, classrooms and salons offer students the chance to learn in a professional working environment, with industry-standard equipment and facilities.

Our classrooms are modern and spacious, with technology readily available, with interactive whiteboards in most rooms and laptops and tablets frequently used in class time.



Our Tutors

All our Tutors are industry experts with many years of experience in their field; they update their knowledge and skills regularly to ensure that our students receive the best learning experience possible. When joining Aylesbury College, every student is assigned a personal Tutor to work with them throughout their course, offering support and guidance.



John

John is a Lecturer in Visual Arts where he teaches Graphic Design, Illustration, Print Making & Film Production.

John is a practicing freelance graphic designer, illustrator and print maker. He has worked for Rock Sound magazine as a designer and also for XTaster, an online public relations company for worldwide acts including Fall Out Boy, Snoop Dogg and various record labels across the globe.

When asked what he enjoys most about Aylesbury College John said: *“Having worked in the graphic design industry, it’s been rewarding to help students develop their creative skills and look at the design process of seeing an idea come to fruition.”*



Student Support

At Aylesbury College we want to provide our students with the best experience possible, to give them all the skills, knowledge and support they require to help them succeed.

While it is great fun studying at College, we know that sometimes being a student can be difficult – balancing home and work life with studying can become a challenge. Aylesbury College provides excellent support services for our students to help with any problems they may be facing, however big or small. We make sure our students are fully supported by their Tutors and also by our Student Support team.

Student Services

Our dedicated Student Services team can help with everything from financial support to course-related queries. We have close links with advisory services such as Connexions and the National Careers Service, so when your son or daughter is thinking about their options after College they will receive excellent advice and guidance about how to achieve their career ambitions.

Financial Support

Many of our students require some financial support to enable them to attend College and complete their courses. The College has various allocations of funding available that students can apply for, including help with equipment or uniform for their course or assistance with travel or childcare costs. These funds are limited and therefore applications are means tested.

Counselling

Students also have access to a free Counselling service. Students can make an appointment to talk to one of our professionally qualified College Counsellors in a confidential and supportive environment.

Additional Learning Support

If students require additional support connected with their learning, our Additional Learning Support team offers extra help such as note-taking, adapted learning materials or specialist equipment. If your son or daughter received additional learning support while at school it is likely they will qualify for support at College.

FIND OUT MORE: aylesbury.ac.uk/student-support

Preparing for a Career

A course at Aylesbury College is made up of several different elements, designed to equip your son or daughter with the skills they need to succeed in the world of work once they finish their programme:

Core
programme
lessons

Enterprise
and entrepreneurial
activities

Work
Experience

Career focused
activities

Tutorials

English and
Maths sessions



FIND OUT MORE: [aylesbury.ac.uk/great-ambitions-programme](https://www.aylesbury.ac.uk/great-ambitions-programme)

Want to find out more?



Our Admissions Team are available to answer any of your questions about our courses or the application process.

Contact us on [01296 588595](tel:01296588595)

Student Services can provide you with information about additional support that may be available to your son or daughter if they come to College. They can advise you about financial support that may be available, as well as careers advice and guidance.

Contact us on [01296 780213](tel:01296780213)

There is more information about joining Aylesbury College on our website - please follow the link below.

Interactive Prospectus

destinationac.co.uk **AC**

Aylesbury College Website

aylesbury.ac.uk



FIND OUT MORE: aylesbury.ac.uk/student-life



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