

Post 16 Advice Evening

What are the alternatives to A-levels?



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**What questions do you have
about Post 16 education?**

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Aims

- Understand the different courses available
- Get to know the local colleges
- Understand apprenticeships
- Understand T-Levels
- Understand travel and financial support
- Understand learning and pastoral support at college

Plus...

- Services for Young People about how they can support your child
- Time to ask questions



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What is DSPL7?

- Cover St Albans district, Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Redbourn and Kimpton
- Provide support, advice and training to education settings, families and young people.
- Ensure local delivery of SEND Strategy 2022-25 and support roll out of LA initiatives
- Manage the local high needs funding budget



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A warm welcome

Welcome to the DSPL7 website, providing information on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities for education settings and families. We hope you will find the content useful. We are still updating some pages, so check back to see what has been added.

- Advice Lines
- DSPL7 Parent Support
- Early Years advice and support
- EBSA Guidance
- Glossary of SEND terms
- Health Services
- Parent training and network information
- Part-time Timetables and Suspensions
- Post 16 advice and support
- SEND Online Safety

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<https://www.dspl7.org.uk/topic/parents>



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What is DSPL7?

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- KS3 Mentor – Mike Rose
- NESSie therapists



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- Hertfordshire County Councils Services for Young People (HCC SfYP)
- Enabling young people to succeed
- Provide youth work projects, information, advice and guidance, work-related learning and wider support for young people in Hertfordshire.
- Supporting 13 – 19 years olds and up to age 25 for care leavers, young adults with learning disabilities



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- Support in school
- Youth Work projects
- Access Point Projects – 1:1 appointments face-to-face, phone, video-call

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Youth Work projects

- The Services for Young People St Albans Team runs a wide range of groupwork projects for young people at our young people's centres as well as street-based projects across the district.
- Aim is to enable young people to learn new skills, increase their knowledge and develop confidence, self-esteem and resilience



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In school

- 1:1 impartial and confidential appointments looking at post-16 choices and longer term educational and career choices.
- Level 6 qualified Personal Advisers (Careers Advisers)
- Parents events
- Statutory support for students with EHCP, IAG meetings in year 9 and 11



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Access Point

- Confidential one-to-one support with issues such as mental health, relationships, personal safety, benefits and finances, housing and homelessness, drug and alcohol use and more.
- Young people can also access [sexual health services](#), including free condoms and free chlamydia, gonorrhoea and pregnancy testing.
- Support can be provided on a one-off or ongoing basis, depending on the young person's needs.

Access Points

- Hemel Hempstead Young People's Centre, XC Centre
- Open Monday to Friday, 11am-5pm



Support getting into jobs, education & training

Pathways to Success 2024

- Pathways to Success 2024 offers support to young people aged 16 to 25 who are not in education, training or employment (NEET). The programme is open to young people who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), are in care or are care leavers.
- A dedicated Adviser is assigned to meet their specific needs and ensure they develop the necessary skills to return to education, training, or to get a job.



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Surviving Year 11

- Support in lessons
- Exam access arrangements. [Free webinar for parents](#)
- Additional support lessons
- Revision
- Priorities



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Understand the different courses available

Springfield at Oaklands

For students with Profound and Multiple Learning difficulties who require a sensory based curriculum. May also have medical needs.

Supportive Learning at Oaklands

Pathway 1-3

Core content: Coping strategies, Internal discipline, Community access skills, Functional Mathematics and English skills

Pathway 4 & Employability

A transition year before moving into further education or employment



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Foundation Studies at West Herts (Watford)

Life Skills pathway

Entry level 1 and 2

Work Skills pathway

Entry level 2 and 3



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Springboard at North Herts College (Watford)

Springboard is a one-year full-time course for young people aged 16-24 with a diagnosis or traits of higher functioning autism and associated difficulties who need an additional year of support before moving on to mainstream college or employment. English, Maths support. Work towards an Employability qualification.



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LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 courses

Level 1

A steady pace of learning and introduction to the chosen course.

A very small number require no qualifications. Most now require 3-4 GCSEs at grades 3-1.

Level 2

Equivalent to GCSE level.

3-4 GCSEs at grades 3/4-1 (slight variation on grade requirements depending on the course). Many courses require English and/or Maths at grade 4.

Level 3

Equivalent to A level.

4 or 5 GCSEs, Grade 9-4, including English and Maths. Some courses require Science as well.



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T-LEVELS

T Levels bring the classroom and on-the-job training together. Designed with employers you'll develop the knowledge and skills you need and the industry are looking for all backed up with a **minimum of 45 days working with an employer on an Industry Placement.**

4 GCSEs at grade 9-4, must include English and Maths

[T Levels | West Herts College](#)

[T Levels - Oaklands College](#)



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Get to know the local colleges

- Oaklands College – St Albans and Welwyn Garden City
- West Herts College – Watford and Hemel Hempstead
- Barnfield College – Luton (now part of West Herts)
- Luton 6th form - Luton
- North Herts College –
Stevenage/Hitchin/Watford/Letchworth
- Elstree Screen Arts Academy – Elstree/Borehamwood
- Barnet and Southgate College



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Open events coming up

- **Oaklands College**
Tuesday 2nd July, 5-7pm
- **West Herts College**
Hemel Hempstead Saturday 15th June, 9.30-12.30,
Watford Saturday 22nd June, 9.30-1.00
- **Barnfield College**
Saturday 15th June, 9.30-12.30
- **Luton 6th form**
Autumn term
- **Elstree Screen Arts Academy**
Autumn term
- **North Herts College**
Autumn term Stevenage/Hitchin/Watford/Letchworth
- **Barnet and Southgate College**
Southgate Wednesday 19th June, 3.30-6.30pm,
Barnet Wednesday 26th June, 3.30-6.30pm



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Oaklands – Welwyn Garden City

- APPLIED SCIENCE
- BUSINESS
- COMPUTING & IT
- CHILDCARE & EARLY YEARS
- CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & CIVIL ENGINEERING
- ENGINEERING
- ESOL
- FILM & TV
- GAMES DESIGN
- GCSEs
- HAIR & BEAUTY
- HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
- MEDIA
- MUSIC
- PERFORMING ARTS
- TRAVEL & TOURISM

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Oaklands – St Albans

- ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & AGRICULTURE
- ART, FASHION & DESIGN
- BRICKWORK & MULTI-TRADES
- BUSINESS
- CARPENTRY & JOINERY
- COMPUTING & IT
- ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
- ESOL
- EQUINE
- GCSEs

- HORTICULTURE
- HOSPITALITY & CATERING
- MOTOR VEHICLE
- PLUMBING
- PUBLIC SERVICES
- SPORTS STUDIES
- TEACHER TRAINING

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West Herts – Watford

- ART & DESIGN
- BEAUTY THERAPY
- BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT
- CHILDREN & EARLY YEARS
- COMPUTING
- DANCE
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- FASHION
- FOOD ACADEMY
- FOUNDATION STUDIES
- HAIR & MAKE-UP
- HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
- HOSPITALITY & EVENT MANAGEMENT
- MEDIA
- MUSIC
- PERFORMING ARTS
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- PSYCHOLOGY
- PUBLIC SERVICES
- SCIENCE
- SPORT
- TRAVEL & TOURISM

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West Herts– Hemel Hempstead

- BUILDING SERVICES
- COMPUTING
- ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
- ENGINEERING
- HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
- MEDIA
- MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING
- PLUMBING
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Elstree Screen Academy

Elstree Screen Arts Academy at Post 16, we require all students to achieve five 9-4 grade GCSE or equivalent (including English and Maths). We also require students to achieve a grade 6 or higher in a related subject to the area they wish to study at level 3.

The subject options are outlined below. You need to select a combination of subjects that add up to a total of at least 15 curriculum hours per week and are in separate blocks (see the table below and give us a call if you need any assistance). Each block is equivalent to 5 hours of study. Occasionally students do undertake more than this, but it is dependent on their GCSE results (Eligibility Criteria: Grades 7 or above in the majority of their GCSE subjects).

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5
Production Technology UAL (can't be take with other UALs)		Performing Arts Acting RSL (can be extended to Block 1)	Game Design RSL	Photography A-Level
Media UAL (can't be take with other UALs)		Performing Arts Dance RSL (can be extended to Block 1)	Music Performance RSL	Music Technology BTEC
Art/Photography UAL (can't be take with other UALs)		Drama A-Level	Prd. Makeup Artistry BTEC (Single Option)	English Literature A-Level
Production Makeup Artistry BTEC Extended Diploma		Forensic Science BTEC	Art, Design & Costume A-Level	Maths A-Level
Performing Arts RSL (optional extended)	Film Studies A Level		Sociology A-Level	Film Studies A-Level

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Barnfield – Luton (part of West Herts)

- ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS
- ART, DESIGN & FASHION
- CHILDCARE & EARLY YEARS
- COMPUTING
- CONSTRUCTION AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT
- ENGINEERING & ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
- HAIRDRESSING & BEAUTY THERAPY
- HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
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Understand apprenticeships

- A job with training
- In the workplace for a minimum of 30 hours, with time at college built in
- You can apply through the [government portal](#)
- There are also adverts through [Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal](#)
- If you approach a local business, they will need to ensure they are providing the right training.
- Listen to this [podcast](#) which features Amazing Apprenticeships and Not Going to Uni.
- Attend free [webinars](#)



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Understand travel and financial support

- Students can access travel and financial support if certain criteria are met.
- Certain types of benefits are being claimed or household income below a certain level. The colleges may change these criteria.
- West Herts evidence required
- Oaklands evidence required
- Obtaining private transport for the young person requires very detailed evidence to support a request. Students should be attending the closest college that provides the course they are doing to qualify as well as having the evidence that they cannot be reasonably expected to manage public transport.
[Transport information for eligible children | Hertfordshire County Council](#)



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Understand learning and pastoral support at college

- It is very different to school although there are some similarities.
- Do not assume that because your child has certain support in lessons at school that this will be put in place at college.
- Communication is mostly through the student, unless there are SEN difficulties that mean that more support is needed.
- If your child has exam access arrangements, these can be rolled over to Post 16 study but college must re-apply if these are required beyond November English and Maths resits



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Check the websites for more information

- www.dspl7.org.uk
- www.servicesforyoungpeople.org



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