

Cardiff and Vale College
Coleg Caerdydd a'r Fro



PARENT

Guide to CAVC



www.cavc.ac.uk

We understand that as a parent or guardian you want the best for your son or daughter. At Cardiff and Vale College we believe that young people need to learn to manage their own time, explore their options and find out what they are really good at. The College works to inspire young people to develop a passion for what they're studying in an award winning environment that makes a real contribution to students' aspirations. Students are supported through their studies by a combination of subject and personal tutoring with regular feedback and guidance.

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WHY CAVC?

MORE CHOICES

A-Levels, Career-focused courses and Apprenticeships. We offer our students a wide range of courses and great progression routes into Higher Education.

ENTREPRENEURIAL LEARNING

We encourage and value creativity, enterprise and innovation. **Students are given exciting opportunities to enhance their skills through Employability and Enrichment activities.** These activities help develop enterprise and employability skills through competitions, trips, guest speakers and more. Students also have the chance to participate in the World Skills Competitions, regionally, nationally and world-wide.

BRILLIANT TUTORS

As well as being highly-qualified experts in the subjects they teach, our staff are also welcoming and friendly and care about your child's success. **We pride ourselves on the professionalism and expertise of our staff.** They are drawn from many occupations and professions and bring with them a wealth of experience from industry in addition to their qualifications.

Our industry standard facilities and committed staff enable us to deliver high quality teaching and learning in a **friendly and supportive environment** that is designed to meet students' individual needs and prepare them fully for the world of work.

FANTASTIC FACILITIES

OUR STUDENT SUCCESS RATES ARE AMONG THE BEST IN THE SECTOR...



with **90%** of Further Education learners and **87%** of Apprentices all going on to achieve their qualifications.*

AND OUR STUDENTS DON'T JUST ACHIEVE, THEY ALSO PROGRESS, WITH...



89% going on to **further learning or employment** within **3 months** of completing their courses.*

We have various campuses across **Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.** Find out more and discover why our sites make us accessible to learners from across the South Wales City Region. **Visit: www.cavc.ac.uk/sites**

YOUR LOCAL COLLEGE

STUDENT SUPPORT

We are committed to supporting all of our learners in order for them to reach their full potential. Through our Student Recruitment, Customer Services and Learning Support teams we can support students from the very start of their journey at CAVC. So whether your son or daughter is looking to apply to college, attend an applicant day or enrol, we have friendly, supportive staff to assist them. We can **support students** with **emotional and wellbeing** issues as well as arranging **counselling**, help with **careers guidance** and **financial support**. CAVC prides itself on offering a wraparound support service that students can access at any time during their course.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our in-house team of special advisors can help students with careers advice throughout their time at CAVC. These advisers help students arrange work experience and look into how to progress after their course – whether onto another College course, to university or into employment. They can also help with applying to university, preparing a CV or interview skills. This is on top of Careers Wales advisers that can be booked in advance and seen as many times as needed.





HOW DO WE HELP OUR STUDENTS SETTLE INTO COLLEGE LIFE?

INDUCTION

As part of the CAVC induction week, learners will be welcomed by their course tutors and eased in to college life with a variety of activities and presentations. These range from ice-breaking activities when meeting other new students, to collecting timetables and using our E-learning system.

FRESHERS FAYRE

CAVC Freshers is the perfect place for new learners to take advantage of their newly gained 'student' status, by getting hold of some great deals across Cardiff and taking part in some exciting activities. From rock wall climbing to securing Cardiff City Football Club tickets, there's plenty on offer!

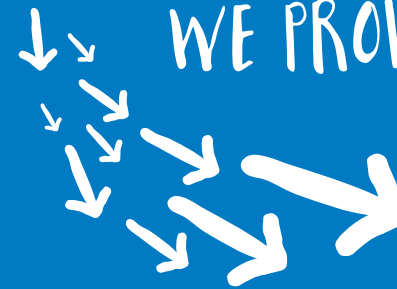
We also help learners adapt to college life with **Learning coaches** and **Mentoring**.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD DURING THEIR TIME IN COLLEGE?

The change from school to college can be more difficult for some students than others. For example, not having to be in at 8.30am every day but getting use to varied start times at locations that may be closer or further away than their previous school. Ask your son or daughter to show you their timetable and help them with their time management so they leave home each morning in time to make their first lesson. If your child is under 19 at the start of their course we will contact you if we have any concerns about their attendance.

SUPPORT

WE PROVIDE...



FIND OUT
MORE AT
cavc.ac.uk/Support

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Find out about the **support available** including the EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) and help available with **travel**.

SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our experienced team can assist with **student visas**, **accommodation** options, **health care**, **travel** and many other **aspects of life** in Cardiff and the UK. For information and a copy of our International Guide email: international@cavc.ac.uk

SUPPORT FOR LEARNERS WITH ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS

Our team can support learners through their course with specialist support for **learning difficulties** or **physical disabilities** including dyslexia, dyspraxia, visual/hearing impairment, mobility issues, ADHD, autism and serious illness.

WELSH PROVISION AND SUPPORT

CAVC is proud to be Welsh. We are committed to ensuring learners continue to use and **develop their Welsh skills** and provide opportunities to do this as well as submit work and be assessed in Welsh. Some courses are also taught partly through the medium of Welsh

WELLBEING SUPPORT

Our Wellbeing team, made up of **Wellbeing Officers** and **Counsellors** can support you with mental health issues, attendance, advice and guidance and any other pastoral issues which you may have in college.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GCSE MATHS, ENGLISH AND WELSH

LEARNERS WHO DON'T HAVE A GCSE GRADE C IN EITHER MATHS OR ENGLISH

As part of their study programme learners will work towards a grade C or higher in Maths and English. For learners who have a GCSE grade lower than a D, this may be through an Essential Skills course equivalent to a GCSE qualification.

ENGLISH AND MATHS: LEARNERS WHO HAVE A GCSE GRADE C IN ONE SUBJECT BUT NOT THE OTHER

Typically, these learners will be enrolled on a qualification as part of their study programme to work towards a GCSE grade C or higher in the subject that they have yet to achieve a C grade in. This will either be a GCSE re-sit programme or an Essential Skills course. They will discuss this with a subject expert.

FOR THOSE WITH A GCSE GRADE C MATHS AND ENGLISH

Learners will continue to develop and apply these skills throughout the rest of their study programme.

GCSE WELSH

Learners can also re-sit GCSE Welsh providing they gained a D grade or higher. Support with Welsh-medium study for first or second language Welsh speakers is available.



OUR FACILITIES

Come and visit some of our amazing on site facilities, and see the students at work for yourself!

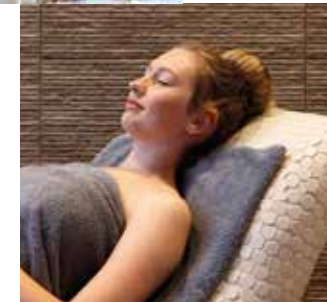


THE CLASSROOM RESTAURANT AND GLAMORGAN SUITE

www.cavc.ac.uk/restaurants

URBASBA AND URBASBA ACADEMI

www.cavc.ac.uk/urbasba



OPEN EVENINGS



An open evening is the perfect opportunity to learn more about courses of interest and gain an insight into what studying a course at CAVC is really like.

On the night you can meet the tutors, get all the information you need about student support and finance, tour the facilities and apply on the night in our dedicated Application Zone. You can find dates and all of the latest information about our Open Evenings here: www.cavc.ac.uk/openevening

