

Thank you for applying to North Shropshire College, Oswestry Campus. This is the start of another journey in your education and the Student Services team are here waiting to support you alongside your Personal Tutor. Any concerns, questions or support needs that you have, you must contact a member of the Student Services team either by phone 01691 688000 or email info@nsc.ac.uk

During your time at College, we will deliver tutorials and wellbeing activities, together with raising awareness of citizenship campaigns, as well as supporting you with information regarding personal development. There will be a focus on the skills that you will need for your potential career path, CV writing, mock interviews and supporting you with information, advice and guidance and new career opportunities. This may be done either remotely or face to face.

Throughout the Coronavirus pandemic the College has adapted to virtual learning with a variety of different technologies in use. As technologies improve and advance, those used by teaching and support staff may adapt or change as better solutions present themselves. At present the College uses Office365 Suite, including Microsoft Teams, SharePoint and Microsoft Stream to deliver online learning resources and tools. We also have a College Moodle page which is updated regularly with important information and learning resources. All these will be explained to you once you have enrolled with us.

All information about the enrolment process will be sent to you using the email address that you have provided on your application form. If this changes you must notify us, so that we can update our records and ensure that all relevant information reaches you.

If at any point during the application / interview / enrolment process you are unsure about your course choice, please speak to a member of the Student Services team who will be able to support you and arrange for a Careers appointment.

OSWESTRY TRANSPORT

There are several bus routes available for students.

Pick up points on the following routes can be found on our website www.nsc.ac.uk

Route NSC 1 Llanerfyl to Oswestry

Route NSC 2/3 Llanfyllin to Oswestry

Route NSC 4 Ruabon to Oswestry

Route NSC 5 Whitchurch to Oswestry

Route NSC 6 Shrewsbury Bus Station to Oswestry

Route NSC 10 Newtown & Welshpool to Oswestry Campus

All students who require bus transport to college will need to apply for a bus pass, bus fees are renewed annually, and information can be found on the college website www.nsc.ac.uk/student-services/Travel-Transport.

USEFUL WEBSITES

Shropshire Council - <https://shropshire.gov.uk/public-transport/>

Powys Council - <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4019/Transport-and-Travel>

Arriva Midlands - <https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/midlands>

Transport for Wales Rail Services - <https://tfwrail.wales/>

BURSARY

Bursary funds and financial assistance is available to help you while you are at college, these funds can support you with various expenses such as transport, additional course costs, childcare and free college meals, if you meet the criteria. There are various bursaries available to help you whilst you study. Please visit our website for up-to-date information www.nsc.ac.uk/student-services/Financial-Support

Once you have accepted your place with us at Oswestry Campus, we would advise that you apply for your bus pass and complete your bursary application (if applicable) by 31st July 2021. This will ensure that everything is in place or in the process by the time you are due to start your course.

All courses have additional course costs. A college bursary may be able to support you with these costs and these will be discussed with you at your interview. We do not advise you purchase any equipment or PPE until you have discussed this with your tutor.

RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

North Shropshire College offers residential accommodation in single study bedrooms on the Walford Campus. Priority for accommodation is given to students on land-based courses for whom daily travel presents problems. Some of the rooms are en-suite while others have washbasins and shared shower and toilet facilities. All the halls have shared kitchen areas.

Accommodation is offered for the whole academic year on a weekly basis from Sunday night to Thursday night inclusive. Students cannot stay at weekends. Bursaries are available to residential students if you meet the criteria to help support residential costs.

Students are encouraged to be independent and enhance their 'life skills' while in residence. Opportunities to develop skills form part of the pastoral activities programme during the evenings. Further information about accommodation can be found on the college website www.nsc.ac.uk in the student services section or by contacting the Accommodation and Welfare Manager. Email: m.wornell@hlnsc.ac.uk Tel: 01939 262126 (Office Hours)

Following on from your interview and acceptance on your chosen course, we look forward to welcoming you to the college in September 2021.