



Look to the Future with Free Thinking

19th April – 23rd June 2021



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Fircroft College

Fircroft is an adult education college (19+) situated in Selly Oak, Birmingham, close to the city centre and easily accessible by train, bus and road. The college was established in 1909 when George Cadbury Jr. transformed his family home into a place of learning for his workers, encouraging them to increase their knowledge and skills to help them to meet their potential and pass their learning on to their colleagues.

Today Fircroft is a vibrant college welcoming students from across the West Midlands and England and offering a range of short and longer residential courses as well as some online, correspondence and blended courses. Courses include personal and social development, business skills, social justice themed courses and functional skills. The college is seen as a place of sanctuary for its students who are able to escape from their every-day lives for a short time and focus on their learning. In addition to the picturesque setting and tranquil grounds, the college offers extra support to students who may find learning challenging and are perhaps going through a period of change in their lives. Students coming to Fircroft may be eligible for fully funded or subsidised courses.

The landscaped gardens at Fircroft offer spaces for thinking, studying, conversation, teaching and reflection and act as an extension to the college building. They are available to all students, forming part of the transformational learning experience.

About the Course

Getting back into mainstream education and employment after suffering from trauma, torture or modern slavery can feel unachievable. But learning and working in the right environment are good ways for refugees and asylum seekers to escape depression and rebuild their lives.

We offer:

- **An immersive residential learning experience**
- **Student support; we aim to make people feel valued and offer opportunities for practical learning**
- **Experienced support staff to provide pastoral care**
- **Peer support from smaller classroom sizes to improve outcomes and build on social capital**
- **Opportunities for integration as we're a mainstream college with a diverse student body**
- **Information, Advice and Guidance on identifying strengths, career aspirations and skills**

Our commitment to our community is simple - we believe that learning changes lives.



Dates:

Residential stays every week – Monday to Wednesday

3 days, 2 nights

Entry Requirements:

To ensure you fully benefit from this course an ESOL Entry Level 3/Level 1 qualification is to be provided on application or if you are unable to produce a certificate, you can take an entry test to have your level of English language ability assessed.

You will need to be eligible under Adult Education funding rules, have refugee status, leave to remain or have been in the country for more than 6 months as an asylum seeker. This course is funded by the West Midlands Combined Authority and is available to people living in a range of locations within the West Midlands. To see if you are eligible to apply contact the Admissions team on **0121 472 0116** or email **admissions@fircroft.ac.uk**

Fees:

This course including accommodation and meals, is free to successful applicants.

Health and Safety:

We are a COVID-secure college and have put the recommended health and safety measures in place to ensure Fircroft is a safe place to stay and learn. Go to **www.fircroft.ac.uk/covid-health-and-safety-measures** to find out more.

How to Apply:

To find out more about this course and to apply go to **www.fircroft.ac.uk/free-thinking** and apply online or contact our Admissions team on **0121 472 0116** or email **admissions@fircroft.ac.uk** for further information.

Please note: Course details may be subject to change



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