HEREFORDSHIRE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
GLOSSARY OF FURTHER EDUCATION TERMS

A2	Second year of Advanced Level
ACL	Adult and Community Learning
ALI	Adult Learning Inspectorate (19+ and work-based learning inspectorate)
AoC	Association of Colleges
APL	Accreditation of Prior Learning
AS	Advanced Subsidiary Level (year one of Advanced Level)
AVCE	Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education *(formerly Advanced GNVQ)* Double award = 2 A Levels Single award = 1 A Level Part award = 1 AS Level
BTEC	One of the examination boards *(replaced by Edexcel)*
C & G	City and Guilds (mainly craft courses)
CMG	College Management Group
Connexions	New service nationally, to build on the work of the careers service, improving CEG 14 – 19
COSHH	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations
COVE	Centre of Vocational Excellence
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
DDA	Disabilities Discrimination Act
DCSF	Department Children Schools and Families
DIUS	Department Innovation Universities and Skills
Edexcel	One of the examination boards *(replaces BTEC)*
EMA	Education Maintenance Allowance
ENTRY LEVEL	Precedes Level 1
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ESF	European Social Fund (mainly for revenue cost projects)
EV	External Verification/Verifier
F&GP	Finance and General Purposes (Committee)
FD	Foundation Degree (being introduced as the main vehicle for widening participation; good progression from FE, highly work-place oriented, available in a variety of delivery methods including part-time. Roughly equivalent to first 2 years of undergraduate study)
FEC	Further Education Colleges
FENTO	Further Education National Training Organisation *(to be replaced by FESSC)*
FESSC	Further Education Sector Skills Council *(to replace FENTO)*
FT	Full Time
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
GCSE	General Certificate of Secondary Education
GIAS	Government Internal Audit Standards
GLH	Guided Learning Hours
GFE	General Further Education
GNVQ	General National Vocational Qualification
HE	Higher Education i.e. undergraduate level
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council of England

HEI	Higher Education Institution (mainly Universities)
HND	Higher National Diploma (mainly via Edexcel, usually full-time study. Equivalent to first 2 years of undergraduate study)
IAG	Information, Advice and Guidance for Adults (and developments in online IAG)
IAS	Internal Audit Service
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
IIP	Investors in People
ILR	Individualised Learner Record
ILT	Information and Learning Technologies
ISR	Individualised Student Records
IT	Information Technology
IV	Internal Verification/Verifier
JANET	Joint Academic Network (see also Super JANET)
JISC	Joint Information Steering Committee
KPI	Key Performance Indicators
KS	Key Skills
Level 1	Level of education equivalent to: GCSE Grades D to G, Foundation GNVQ, NVQ 1
Level 2	Level of education equivalent to: GCSE Grades A* to C, Intermediate GNVQ, NVQ 2
Level 3	Level of education equivalent to: GCE A Level, AVCE, NVQ 3
Level 4	Level of education equivalent to: HNC, HND, Foundation Degree
Level 5	Level of education equivalent to: Degree
LLSC	Local Learning and Skills Council
LRC	Learning Resource Centre (Library, Internet, Reprographics and IT support)
LSC	Learning and Skills Council *(replaces FEFC and TEC)*
LSDA	Learning and Skills Development Agency *(formerly FEDA)*
MASN	Maximum Student Number
MIS	Management Information System
MNW	Minimum Number of Workplaces (used in space utilisation contexts)
ND	BTEC National Diploma (Level 3 = AVCE = 2 A Levels)
NIACE	National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education
NQF	National Qualifications Framework
NVQ	National Vocational Qualifications (available at Levels 1- 5)
OCR	Oxford and Cambridge and RSA (Awarding Body)
OFSTED	Office For Standards in Education (16 – 19 inspections)
PGCE	Post Graduate Certificate of Education (one year full-time entry qualification)
PI's	Performance Indicators
PRE-ENTRY LEVEL	Qualifications in Basic Skills, necessary for entry to mainstream FE
QAA	Quality Assurance Agency (conducts HE subject reviews)
QCA	Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
QTS	Qualified Teacher Status
RDA	Regional Development Agency
SAR	Self-assessment Report
SIR	Staff Individualised Record

SLD	Severe Learning Disabilities
SME	Small and Medium Sized Enterprise
SSR	Staff Student Ratio
TES	The Times Educational Supplement
THES	The Times Higher Educational Supplement
Tertiary College	College to which students transfer at 16+
Tomlinson Report	A principal report on Inclusive Learning
TPA	Teacher Pension Agency
TPI	Teacher Pay Initiative (extra funding to raise professionalism)
Turnbull Report	A principal report on the Internal Control issues in the Combined Code
UCAS	University Central Admissions Service
Value Added	The ratio of learning outcome (final qualification) to qualification at entry, to measure extent of achievement by the student whilst at college. Considered fairer than league tables that only state the number of qualifications and grades or final points scores
VLE	Virtual Learning Environment (the software for e-learning)
WBL	Work-based Learning