



Colleges Directory

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Natspec

The voice of
specialist further
education



Our vision is that all young people with learning difficulties or disabilities can access quality education and training which meets their individual needs and supports their aspirations for skills, work and life.



Welcome to the Natspec Colleges Directory, the guide to all our member colleges and organisations.

This directory contains information about the organisations we represent. They offer day or residential provision for students aged 16 to 25, giving young people the chance to develop skills, become more independent and to learn in an exciting real-life environment. The colleges have multidisciplinary specialist teams and expertise, enabling students to make a successful transition to adult life.

This directory is part of a programme of information, advice and guidance that young people need as they start to make choices that will affect their future life chances.

The 2014 Children and Families Act and the government's 2017 Careers Strategy both state that young people should be able to understand the full range of opportunities available to them and have their views taken into account.

We hope that you find this a useful guide to the choices available. There is more information available about Natspec on our website – www.natspec.org.uk.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Howard".

Clare Howard
Natspec Chief Executive

How to use this directory

Choosing a college is an important decision. If you're looking for a certain location, a particular specialism or type of provision, or a specific course or vocational programme, then the key information about every college is available in this directory.

There are two different ways to search: by college name or by region. To begin, use the signpost opposite for the page you need. Each page has a description of one college, with their contact details and important information as shown by the icons below. For a more advanced search – by expertise – visit the interactive search facility on our website.



Type of provision

Do you want to go and live at college or travel in every day?



Number of students

Do you want a small college or to be in a larger environment?



Age range

Check the age of students accepted at the college you're interested in.



Course dates

Some colleges start new courses annually and others more frequently.



Course length

These can vary from 36 to 52 weeks per year.

By region

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If you would like to look for colleges in a particular area, use the tabs down the right-hand side of this directory to locate the region. You can start with a map of all the regions on the next page.

By expertise

Use our website to search for colleges with expertise in meeting the requirements of students with particular needs. Go to www.natspec.org.uk/college-search and scroll to 'By Expertise'.

By college name

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If you already know the name of the college you're looking for, you can use the index at the back to quickly find the page number you need.

There's lots more information on our website too.

To find out more about your options go to:

www.natspec.org.uk/student-advice

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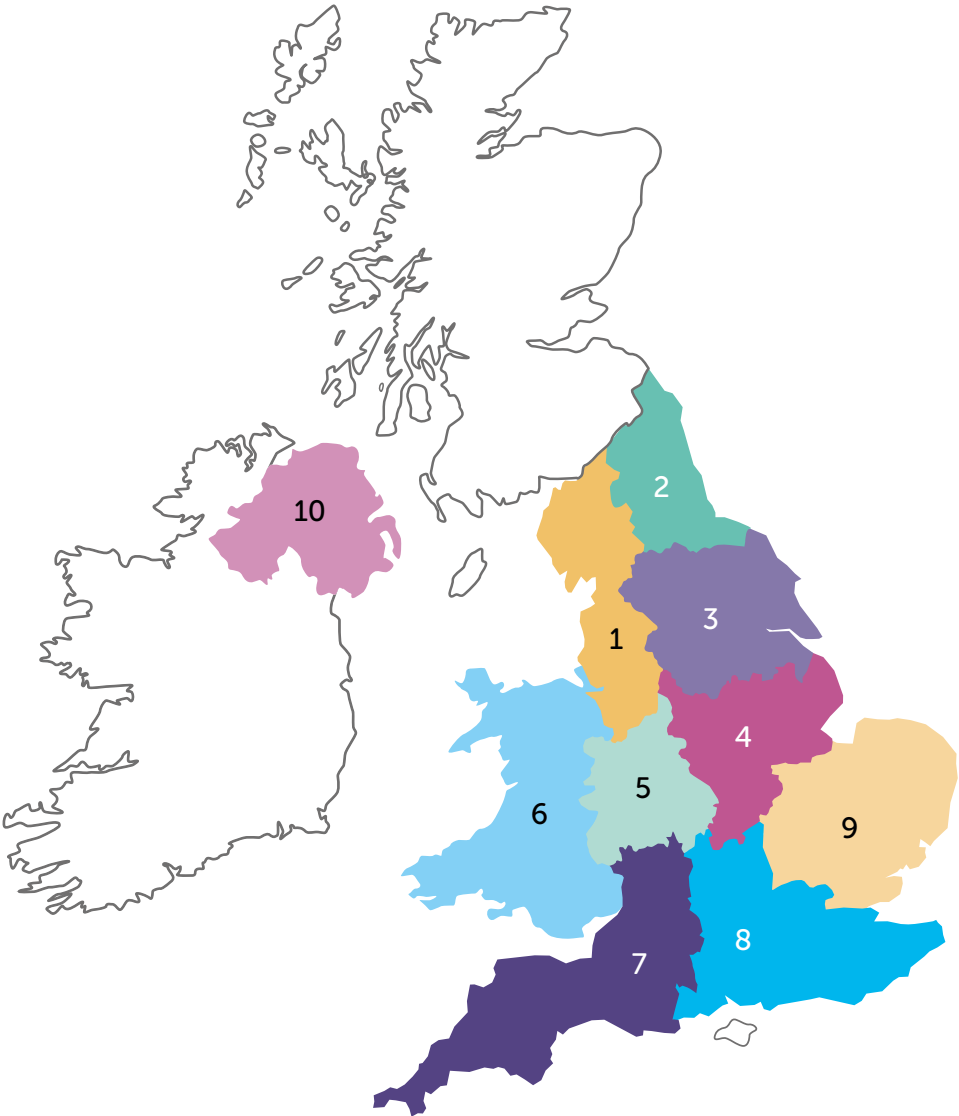
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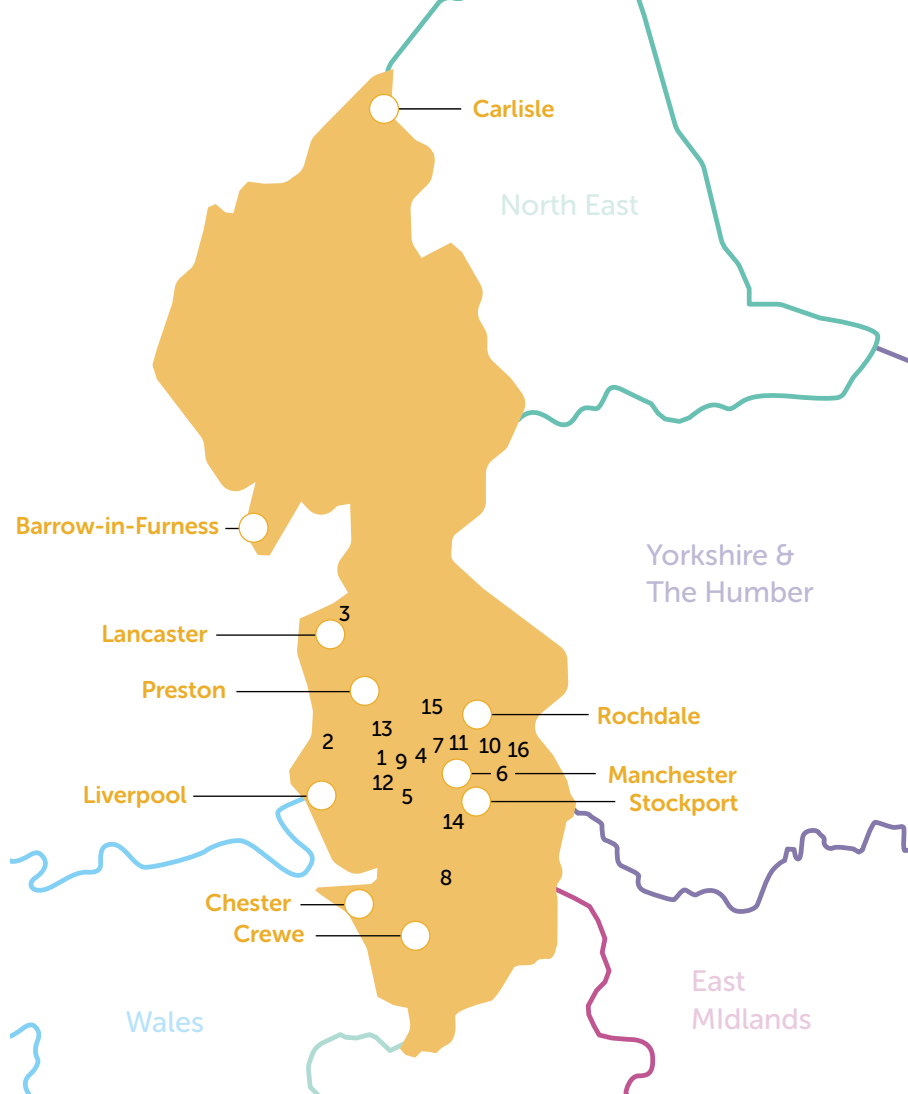
What our students say...

"I am really enjoying learning new skills. I am proud of my baking and I have learnt to make a tasty chocolate cake."



"The staff are helping me travel by myself - coming and going from college. This has given me the confidence to be more independent."





North West

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Activate

Kirkby



Day
only



63
maximum



19 - 24
years



Start
September



37 weeks
per year



We are a specialist provider offering educational and vocational programmes for people with additional needs.

What the college says....

Activate is a specialist training provider. We work with young adults who have a wide range of support needs. Our personalised educational and vocational courses are tailored to meet the needs of each learner. We focus on helping young people to develop further life skills and independence.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0151 545 1279

Email: info@activateces.org.uk
www.activateces.org.uk

The Bracknell Centre, Bracknell Avenue,
Southdene, Kirkby L32 9PW





Arden College

Southport



Residential
and day



50
maximum



16 - 25
years



Mainly
September



38 weeks
per year



A specialist college for young adults with learning difficulties and disabilities and/or behavioural and social difficulties.

What the college says....

Arden College provides day and residential placements for young adults, offering a curriculum through which students can develop communication and independent living skills. Students are also supported to participate in work experience in a range of career areas within the local community. Provision is tailored to the individual needs of each student.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01704 534433

Email: ardencollege@priorygroup.com

www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk

40 Derby Road, Southport
PR9 0TZ



Beaumont College

Lancaster



Residential
and day



120
maximum



18 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



Beaumont College offers person-centred education programmes for students in Lancaster, Carlisle, Barrow and Blackpool.

What the college says....

Beaumont College offers both residential and day programmes in Lancaster, while our satellite services offer individuals a learning programme that is delivered closer to home. Information about our satellites in Barrow, Blackpool, and Carlisle is available upon request. All of our college sites offer programmes for young people with a broad range of physical and/or learning difficulties.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01524 541400

Email: admissions@beaumontcollege.ac.uk

www.beaumontcollege.ac.uk

Slyne Road, Lancaster,
LA2 6AP





Birtenshaw College

Bolton



Day
only



60
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Birtenshaw College is part of Birtenshaw, a charitable organisation set up in the 1950s to support disabled children.

What the college says....

Birtenshaw College provides specialist further education for learners with complex health needs and/or physical or severe and complex learning disabilities, including autism spectrum conditions. It provides a structured programme offering development of independent living skills, literacy and numeracy, work-based employability skills and therapeutic learning activities.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01204 602330

Email: referrals@birtenshaw.org.uk

www.birtenshaw.org.uk

323-325 Crompton Way, Bolton
BL2 2PE



Brentwood Community College

Sale



Day
only



21
maximum



19 - 24
years



Start
September
and throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Independent specialist college
in Trafford for young adults who
have severe or profound learning
difficulties and/or autism.

What the college says....

We provide individualised programmes designed to progress students towards their outcomes for adulthood. Programmes are delivered by specialist staff and a multi-agency team. We work with community partners to provide a range of relevant, practical based and highly motivating learning opportunities which enable students to explore their future options and develop life skills.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0161 905 2371

Email: admin@brentwood.trafford.sch.uk

www.brentwoodschoollandcollege.co.uk

Cherry Lane, Sale,
Greater Manchester M33 4GY





Bridge College

Openshaw



Day
only



97
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



37 weeks
per year



We work with students with profound and multiple learning disabilities, communication disorders, complex health needs and autism.

What the college says....

At Bridge College, our students are at the centre of everything we do. And every student is unique – from their interests, to their aspirations, to their individual needs. That's why we create tailor-made learning and support plans shaped around the individual. Students can prepare for the world of work through our work skills, work experience and supported internship programme.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0161 487 4293

Email: admin@bridgecollege.ac.uk

www.togethertrust.org.uk/bridge-college

Whitworth Street, Openshaw,
Manchester M11 2GR



Chatsworth Futures

Swinton



Day
only



40
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September
and throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Chatsworth Futures is a day college in Salford for young people with severe learning difficulties.

What the college says....

Chatsworth Futures is a special college for people with severe learning disabilities, profound and multiple learning difficulties and autism spectrum conditions. We provide a supportive and challenging environment to empower and enable learners to develop their functional skills, employability skills, communication and skills for living, using practical learning activities and realistic contexts in which to learn, develop and grow.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0161 707 1417

Email: martin.hanbury@salford.gov.uk
www.chatsworthfutures.org.uk

Vicarage Road, Swinton, Salford,
Greater Manchester M27 0WA





David Lewis College

Alderley Edge



Residential
and day



60
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 and 52
weeks per year



Outstanding specialist college for
young people with learning disabilities.

What the college says....

David Lewis offers a broad and balanced curriculum, with meaningful learning opportunities that focus on the promotion of communication, independence and life skills, including preparing for the world of work and employment. Independence and communication, Autism Support and Sensory Learning Pathways and Vocational pathways are individualised and designed to support students to successfully transition to adulthood and future life experiences.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01565 640186

Email: enqu@davidlewis.org.uk

www.davidlewis.org.uk

Mill Lane, Warford, Alderley Edge,
Cheshire SK9 7UD



Expanse Learning

Leigh



Day
only



90
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



39 weeks
per year



Expanse Learning offers a wide range of education, training and support to young people through bespoke innovative learning programmes.

What the college says....

Expanse Learning is a specialist college working with young people with SEND to prepare to transition into adulthood. Our professional teams provide high-quality education, care and medical support enabling students to complete a Study Programme aimed at developing their knowledge, skills and behaviours and helping students to progress, achieve and maximise their potential.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01942 877715

Email: admissions@expansegroup.co.uk
www.expanselearning.co.uk

Leigh Sports Stadium, Sale Way, Leigh,
Greater Manchester WN7 4JY





Future Finders Employability College

Oldham



Day
only



12
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



45 weeks
per year



We create an aspirational and sustainable continuum of provision for students aged 19 - 25.

What the college says....

We offer a high-quality, cutting edge alternative curriculum which is an inclusive environment for students with an Education, Health and Care Plan. Students are offered a personalised approach to their learning where we support them into gaining paid/ voluntary employment.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0161 883 2403

Email: jwalton@newbridgegroup.org
www.futurefinders.org

1 Medtia Square, Phoenix Street,
Oldham OL1 1AN



Langdon College

Salford



Residential
and day



25
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Langdon College provides an exciting and flexible programme of study for students with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.

What the college says....

Langdon College is committed to offering students an inclusive, multifaceted extended curriculum which provides the opportunity to Recognise and Record Progress and Achievement (RARPA) through the setting of individual targets which are linked directly to each student's Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) outcomes and aspirations.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0161 740 5900

Email: admin@langdoncollege.ac.uk

www.langdoncollege.org

9 Leicester Avenue, Salford,
Manchester M7 4HA





LEAP College (Wargrave House) Newton-le-Willows



Residential
and day



12
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



LEAP College is a non-maintained day and residential special college for young people with autism and associated neurodiverse needs.

What the college says....

LEAP College is dedicated to delivering excellence, always seeking to go above and beyond expectations. Through highly supported and person-centred pathways students are facilitated to embrace diversity and demonstrate integrity. Our multi-disciplinary team, including therapists, accurately identify students' starting points and set goals which encourage students to aim high.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01925 224899

Email: enquiries@wargravehouse.com
www.wargravehouse.com

449 Wargrave Road, Newton-le-Willows,
Merseyside WA12 8RS



My Life Learning

Wigan



Day
only



25
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



My Life Learning provide a bespoke and inspiring curriculum for young people with additional needs.

What the college says....

We believe that every individual should be supported to achieve their full potential. Located in 84 acres of green land, we offer an alternative and inspiring learning environment. With a curriculum tailored to a learner's needs, our accessible facilities include our own farm, classrooms, an IT suite, indoor and outdoor activity areas.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01257 472 900

Email: info@my-life.org.uk

www.my-life.org.uk/send

Thompson House Equestrian Centre,
Pepper Lane, Standish, Wigan WN6 0PP





Royal College Manchester

Stockport



Residential
and day



80
maximum



19 - 25
years



Mainly
September



38 weeks
per year



Royal College Manchester is an innovative independent specialist FE college based in the Cheshire countryside.

What the college says....

We have experience and expertise in supporting young people with severe or profound learning difficulties and communication difficulties relating to one or more of the following conditions: autism, deafblindness/multi-sensory impairments, hearing impairments, visual impairments, profound and multiple learning disabilities, complex physical disabilities and/or additional medical needs.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0161 610 0741

Email: admissions@seashelltrust.org.uk
www.seashelltrust.org.uk/college

Seashell Trust, Stanley Road,
Cheadle Hulme, Stockport SK8 6RQ



Valley College

Haslingden



Day
only



30
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



39 weeks
per year



Valley College is a specialist college offering continuing education for young people with additional needs.

What the college says....

Valley College's aim is to provide learners with a relevant continuing education through PACE – a Pathway to Adulthood, Citizenship and Employability, through independence and skill development, work-related learning, employability skill development and supported internships within an education hub with personalised learning and training within their locality (where possible).

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01706 214640

Email: valleycollege@theviewtrust.org

www.torview.org/college

Ewood Campus, Clod Lane, Haslingden,
Lancashire BB4 6LR





Works 4 U

Stalybridge



Day
only



70
maximum



14 - 24
years



Start
throughout
the year



39 weeks
per year



Works 4 U is a specialist college that offers an alternative to mainstream education.

What the college says....

We support young people who find accessing a mainstream school or college environment too much and require different levels of care. We work to promote a safe and nurturing learning environment and provide one-to-one support in developing learner academic, social and independent living skills, as well as career and employment progression.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0161 303 1069

Email: wendy@normanmackie.com

www.works4u.org.uk

The Peacock, Ambleside, Stalybridge,
Cheshire SK15 1EB



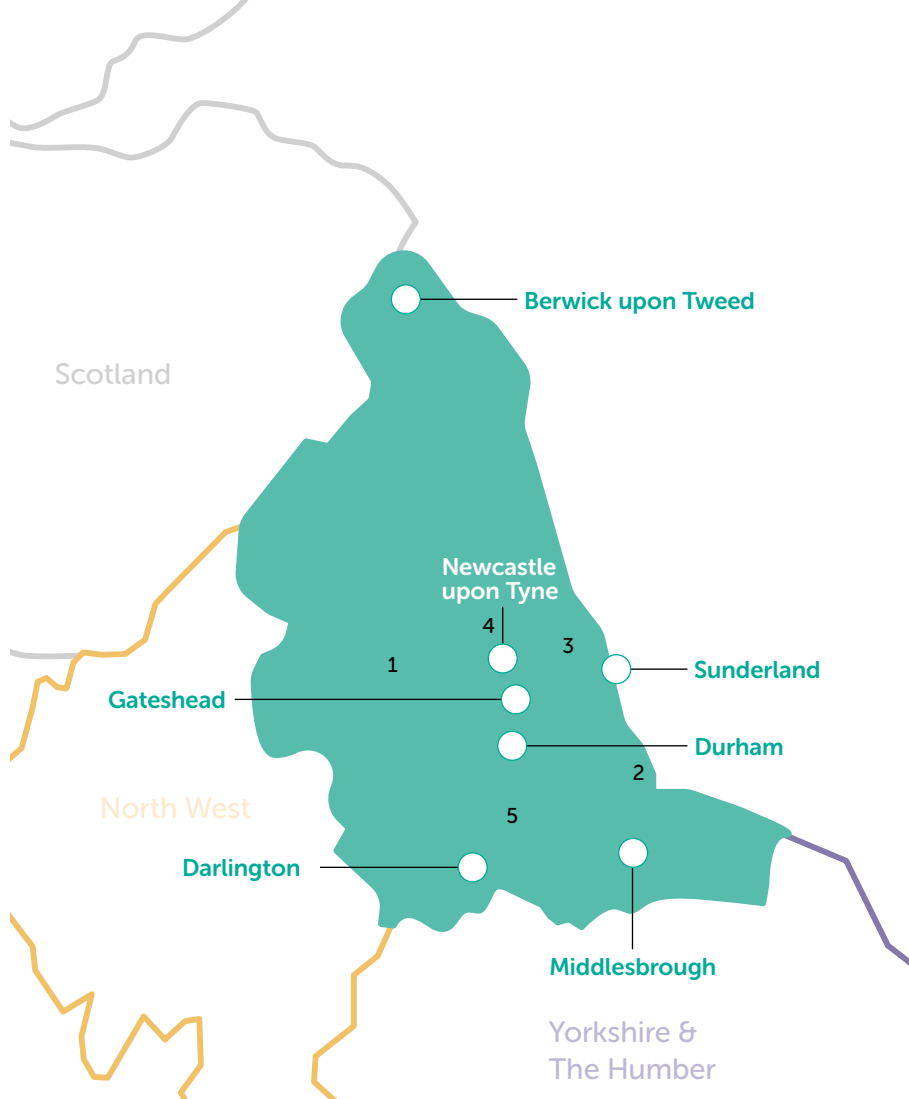
What our students say...

"My confidence has improved because I need to speak to my supervisors at work."



"I'm now able to go to university after gaining a new working medium, that's also going to help me with my future job prospects."





North East

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Cambian Dilston College

Northumberland



Residential
and day



40
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



52 weeks
per year



Cambian Dilston College is a specialist provider for young people with Autism Spectrum Disorders, learning disabilities and complex needs.

What the college says....

We offer all learners the opportunity to participate in a full and active extended curriculum: promoting, supporting and challenging them to make progress and achieve their fullest potential. Our person-centred approach provides students with individualised learning programmes developed to effectively match their needs, personal decisions and aspirations.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01434 632 692

Email: cambianeducation@cambianguroup.com

www.cambianguroup.com

Dilston Hall, Corbridge,
Northumberland NE45 5RJ





Catcote Futures Learning and Skills Centre Hartlepool



Day
only



85
maximum



19 - 40
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Person-centred programmes which support greater independence, stronger community involvement and improved employability opportunities.

What the college says....

Catcote Futures is an innovative specialist college for students with moderate to profound learning difficulties/disabilities, autism and complex needs. We offer a vibrant, holistic learning environment with committed, experienced staff and excellent facilities. We provide independent living, vocational, community and work related learning programmes.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01429 236561

Email: cf.admin@catcote.co.uk

www.catcotefutures.co.uk

Catcote Futures Learning and Skills Centre,
Warren Road, Hartlepool TS24 0RG



ESPA College

Sunderland



Residential
and day



110
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Our college provides a positive educational experience to learners across the autism spectrum, between the ages of 16 - 25.

What the college says....

We have 4 small day college sites in Newcastle, Sunderland and Middlesbrough, each specifically tailored to meet the needs, expectations and ambitions of their learners. We also offer residential placements, up to 52 weeks, in homely environments in Sunderland and Newcastle where students can enjoy an extended curriculum and enhance their independent living skills.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0191 510 2611

Email: admission@espa.org.uk
www.espa.org.uk

North House, Ferryboat Lane,
Sunderland SR5 3RL





Hedleys College

Newcastle-upon-Tyne



Residential
and day



100
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Offering specialist individual study programmes supported by an interdisciplinary team of tutors, therapists and job coaches.

What the college says....

Hedleys College is a high-quality specialist further education and training provider for young people with a range of complex disabilities.

Students are provided with specialist learning programmes to develop their communication, independence and employability skills to make a successful transition to adulthood.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0191 212 7853

Email: collegeplaces@percyhedley.org.uk
www.percyhedley.org.uk

Station Road, Forest Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE12 8YY



Thornbeck College – North East Autism Society

County Durham

north east
autism society
Thornbeck College



Day
only



40
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Personalised learning programmes for learners with autism and neurodiversity designed to increase social and economic inclusion.

What the college says....

Thornbeck College is an independent specialist college that offers personalised learning programmes for learners with autism and neurodiversity, including varying levels of behaviours of concern. The college has extensive links with employers to facilitate meaningful work experience and supported internships. Flexible start dates are available throughout the year.

To find out more, contact this college on:

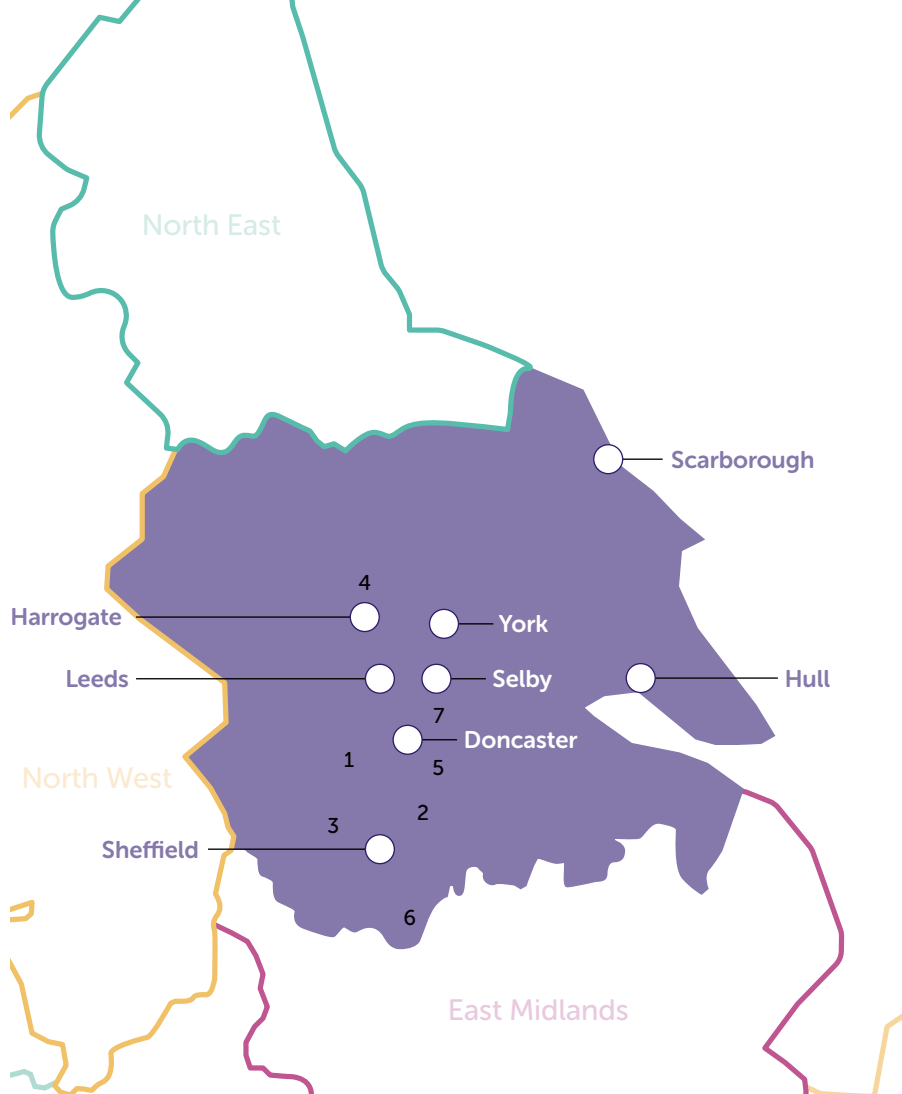
Tel: 01325 328088

Email: college@ne-as.org.uk

www.ne-as.org.uk/thornbeck-college

Cedar Drive, Aycliffe, Newton Aycliffe,
County Durham DL5 6UN





Yorkshire & The Humber

1. Camphill Wakefield
2. Communication Specialist College – Doncaster
3. Freeman College
4. Henshaws Specialist College
5. Hesley Group Specialist Colleges
6. Landmarks College
7. The Ridge Employability College

Camphill Wakefield

Chapelthorpe



Residential
and day



60
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
and throughout
the year



38 and 52
weeks per year



Providing engaging environments for young people with SEND and autism to increase independence, communication and employability.

What the college says....

We are a college without classrooms in an outstanding environment where learning takes place through land-based, craft and life skills programmes. We offer hands-on learning where students gain good practical skills in realistic settings. We support termly and weekly boarding as well as day provision, alongside respite options.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01924 255281

Email: enquiries@camphill.ac.uk

www.camphill.ac.uk

Wood Lane, Chapelthorpe,
Wakefield WF4 3JL





Communication Specialist College – Doncaster

Doncaster



Residential
and day



200
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Specialist provision in relation to hearing impairment, autism, learning disabilities and other communication needs.

What the college says....

Individualised study programmes in vocational areas are delivered in real work environments. Students also develop social and independence skills in college and the community. We have a multi-disciplinary approach with on-site therapists and specialist staff. Our intent is to enable students to fulfil their goals, empowering them with a greater sense of direction for their future.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01302 386700 / 386755

Email: sharon.rhodes@cscd.ac.uk

www.deaf-trust.co.uk/college

Leger Way, Doncaster,
South Yorkshire DN2 6AY



Freeman College

Sheffield



Residential
and day



60
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



36 weeks
per year



An independent specialist college offering a holistic approach to education for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities.

What the college says....

Freeman College offers person-centred learning by role modelling positive relationships in the fields of arts, crafts, commerce, agriculture, nutrition, living skills and the environment. The Trust's unique method, Practical Skills and Therapeutic Education uses a craft and land curriculum to stimulate the development of executive functions, throughout day and residential programmes.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0114 252 5940

Email: admissions@rmt.org

www.rmt.org/freeman

88 Arundel Street, Sheffield
S1 2NG



Henshaws Specialist College Harrogate



Residential
and day



100
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



52 weeks
per year



Henshaws Specialist College removes
barriers allowing students to learn.

What the college says....

We have helped students find their voice when they thought they couldn't communicate, take steps when it was thought they would always be wheelchair users and find employment when no one thought they could work. We won't accept any perceived limitations to stop us from building confidence, developing independence and supporting achievement for our students.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01423 886451

Email: admissions@henshaws.org.uk

www.henshaws.org.uk/what-we-offer/college

Bogs Lane, Harrogate,
HG1 4ED



Hesley Group

Specialist Colleges

Doncaster



Residential
only



16
maximum



18 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



N/A



We offer care and education for young adults with complex needs including behaviour that challenges, learning disabilities and autism.

What the college says....

The college's mission is to support young adults with their transition into adult life by focusing on their specific needs, capabilities and aspirations: promoting greater independence, developing life skills, highly personalised programmes and preparation for community living.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0800 055 6789

Email: referralenquiries@hesleygroup.co.uk

www.hesleygroup.co.uk

Hesley Hall, Tickhill,
Doncaster DN11 9HH





Landmarks College

Eckington



Day
only



150
maximum



16 - 60
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Landmarks are proud to deliver high-quality specialist education and support to maximise our learners' life opportunities.

What the college says....

Landmarks offer bespoke programmes of study that prepare learners for their adult lives. The curriculum is entirely practical, delivered across many unique learning environments; such as a public house, smallholding, supermarkets and communities local to learners' homes. Our offer can be delivered in a truly individualised approach, which has led to very high rates of success.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01246 433788

Email: recruitment@landmarks.ac.uk

www.landmarks.ac.uk

Littlemoor House, Littlemoor,
Eckington, Sheffield S21 4EF



The Ridge Employability College

Doncaster



Day
only



25
maximum



16 - 25
years

Empowering learners to shape
their future.



Start
September



38 weeks
per year

What the college says....

Preparation for life, functional skills and vocational programmes provide opportunities to progress towards your own goals, at a pace that suits you and with exactly the level of support you need. Your programme can include: Work placement/internship, Life Skills, Functional skills, Open Awards Skills for Further Learning and Employment, Travel Training, Duke of Edinburgh and Prince's Trust Achieve programme.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01302 897445

Email: sharon@theridgecollege.co.uk

www.theridgecollege.co.uk

10/12 Ebor Court, Malton Way,
Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster DN6 7FE





East Midlands

1. [Homefield College](#)
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Some colleges have satellites in this region: Landmarks College ([page 39](#)), Sense College ([page 112](#)).

For college details please navigate to their main college page as indicated in brackets.

Homefield College

Loughborough



Residential
and day



85
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



36 weeks
per year



Providing community-based learning, care and support for young people with learning disabilities to achieve their future goals.

What the college says....

Our individualised education pathways focus on improving personal care skills, learning how to live independently and finding a place in the world of work. We offer social and life skills, vocational training in our enterprises and external work placements, opportunities to take accredited qualifications and a range of therapies. English, maths and communication are embedded into every session.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01509 815696

Email: admissions@homefieldcollege.ac.uk
www.homefieldcollege.ac.uk

217 Loughborough Road, Mountsorrel,
Loughborough, Leicestershire LE12 7AR





Linkage College

Grimsby



Residential
and day



200
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year
52 weeks
available



Supporting young people with SEND to develop the skills they need to enjoy more independent futures filled with opportunities and choice.

What the college says....

We are an independent college catering for the educational and wellbeing needs of young people with a range of learning disabilities. We offer personalised study programmes and a curriculum which combines personal and social development, vocational subjects, functional skills, enrichment activities and a strong careers and employability programme.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01472 372310 / 372303

Email: transitions@linkage.org.uk
www.linkage.org.uk/college

Weelsby Campus, Weelsby Road, Grimsby,
North East Lincolnshire DN32 9RU



Portland College

Mansfield



Residential
and day



200
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



Portland College is a vibrant, national college for people with a wide range of disabilities and a centre of excellence for people with autism.

What the college says....

We strive to develop every learner's unimagined potential with a personalised programme that could include work experience and volunteering. Depending on interests, learners will access one of our three vocational study programmes which focus on a wide variety of subjects. Within that programme, each learner will be streamed on an individualised route depending on their assessed level.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01623 499186

Email: marketing@portland.ac.uk

www.portland.ac.uk

Nottingham Road, Mansfield,
Nottinghamshire NG18 4TJ



RNIB

College
Loughborough

RNIB College Loughborough Loughborough



Day
only



100
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



RNIB College Loughborough is a small, friendly college offering specialist support to people with a wide range of disabilities.

What the college says....

We offer daytime services to young people with sight loss and additional disabilities, such as autism, learning difficulties and physical disabilities. Through in-house enterprises and our partnership with Loughborough College, we support students to develop their independent living skills through individually tailored programmes. Our aim is to help every one of our students prepare for adult life.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01509 611077

Email: enquiries@rnibcollege.ac.uk
www.rnibcollege.ac.uk

Radmoor Road, Loughborough,
LE11 3BS



Transition 2

Derby



Day
only



18
maximum



18 - 25
years



Start
September



36 weeks
per year



Transition 2 (T2) offers young adults with learning disabilities bespoke educational programmes, believing that 'one size fits one'.

What the college says....

Transition 2 supports young adults with learning disabilities, severe learning difficulties and/or autism to move onto meaningful, sustainable opportunities in adulthood. We offer bespoke learning programmes which 'start with the end in sight', focusing on self-management, independent living and community contribution, tailoring learning programmes around individual aspirations and needs.

To find out more, contact this college on:

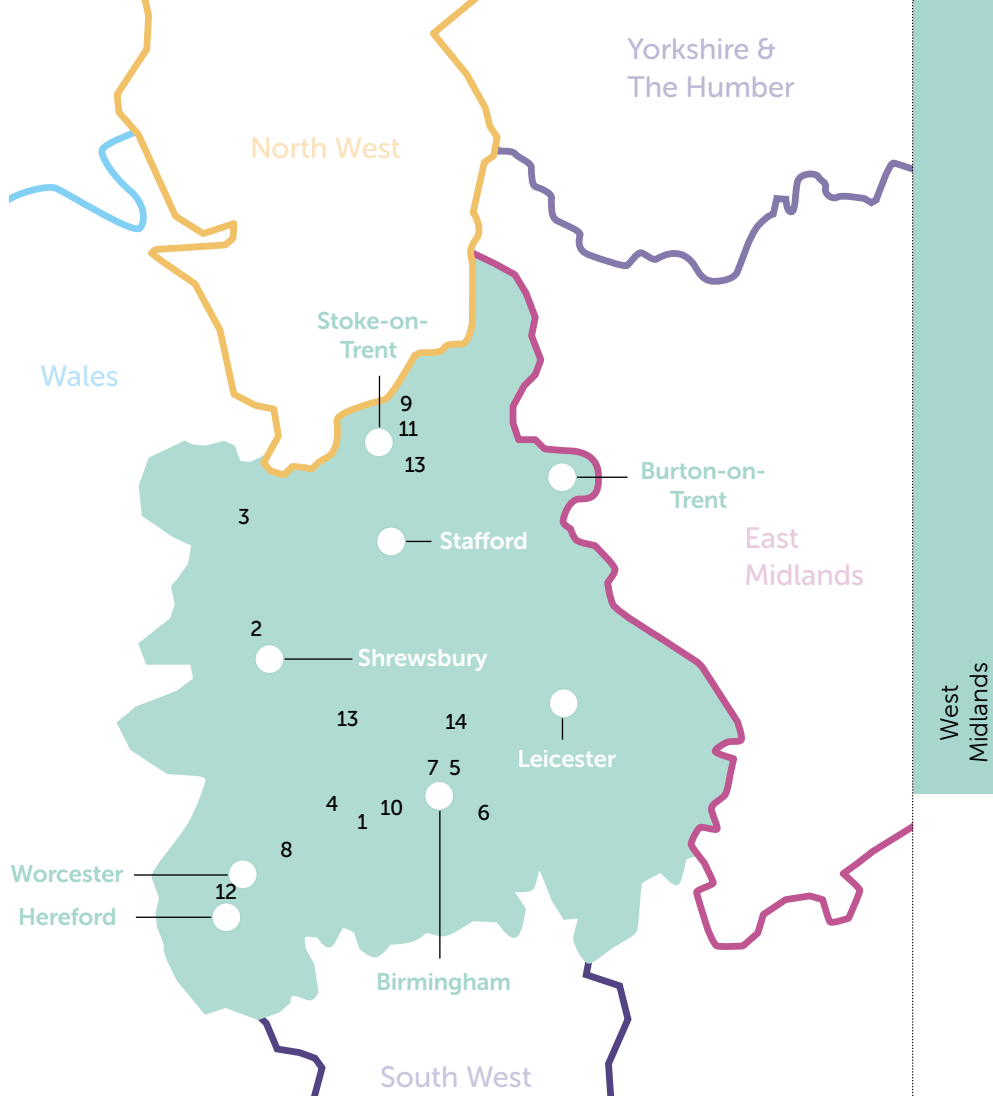
Tel: 01332 370978

Email: info@transition2.co.uk

www.transition2.co.uk

Whitaker Centre, Whitaker Road,
Derby DE23 6AR





West Midlands

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Chadsgrove Educational Trust Specialist College

Bromsgrove



Day
only



13
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



37 weeks
per year



Chadsgrove Educational Trust Specialist College are proud to be enabling students to achieve and enjoy a fulfilled life.

What the college says....

We are a Specialist College for young people with physical disabilities and/or complex medical needs offering exciting and enriching educational packages personalised to meet individual needs. Our highly trained and well qualified staff team, including specialist therapists, are passionate about their work and challenge students to make the best possible progress whilst attending our setting.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01527 871511 EXT 319

Email: info@chadsgrovespecialistcollege.org.uk
www.chadsgrovespecialistcollege.org.uk

Bromsgrove, Catshill,
Worcestershire B61 0JL





Condover College

Shrewsbury



Residential
and day



35
maximum



18 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Individually tailored learning programmes and supported internships for students with autism, PMLD and severe learning difficulties.

What the college says....

We offer individually tailored study programmes and supported internships to help prepare students for adulthood. Study programmes can include: independence; work and community engagement; employability opportunities; functional skills; communication; health and wellbeing; personal and social development; a sensory curriculum and a range of therapies.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01743 872250

Email: admin@condovercl.org.uk
www.condovercollege.co.uk

The Grafton Centre, Grafton,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 1HF



Derwen College

Oswestry



Residential
and day



150
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



37 weeks
per year



Vocational and independence programmes building work, life and personal skills.

What the college says....

An Ofsted Outstanding college delivering work-ready and independence skills across our large, rural campus and at our satellite centres. We focus on delivering individualised outcomes for young people with SEND and behaviours of concern. Students are provided with exceptional work experience opportunities through our extensive commercial operations and business partnerships. Learners' achievements are impressive.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01691 661234

Email: admissions@derwen.ac.uk

www.derwen.ac.uk

Whittington Road, Gobowen,
Oswestry SY11 3JA





Glasshouse and Argent College

Stourbridge



Residential
and day



80
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



36 - 52 weeks
per year



An independent specialist college offering a holistic approach to education for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities.

What the college says....

Glasshouse College offers person-centred learning by role modelling positive relationships in the fields of the arts, crafts, commerce, agriculture, nutrition, living skills and the environment. The Trust's unique method, Practical Skills and Therapeutic Education uses a craft and land curriculum to stimulate the development of executive functions, throughout day and residential programmes.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01384 399400

Email: admission@rmt.org
www.rmt.org/glasshouse

Wollaston Road, Amblecote,
Stourbridge DY8 4HF



Heart of Birmingham Vocational College

Birmingham



Day
only



90
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



We offer learning experiences for young people with additional needs, developing key employability and supported living skills.

What the college says....

We provide an inspirational learning environment and a person-centred vocational experience in a community-based setting, enabling learners to achieve exceptional outcomes. We empower our learners to prepare themselves for the next stage of their adult lives by teaching them transferable skills that enable them to become purposeful independent individuals.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0121 809 0666

Email: d.paul@hbvc.ac.uk

www.hbvc.ac.uk

328-332 Bromford Lane, Bromford,
Birmingham B8 2SD





Hereward College

Coventry



Residential
and day



270
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



36 weeks
per year



Study programmes, learning experiences, and work opportunities for young people with complex disabilities and learning difficulties.

What the college says....

Hereward College helps learners to make progress and realise their potential and ambitions. The creativity and skills of staff, working in partnership with the community and employers, ensure learners develop skills for life and work, achieve appropriate qualifications and develop safe and healthy lifestyles that prepare them for the future.

West
Midlands

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 024 7646 1231

Email: admissions@hereward.ac.uk

www.hereward.ac.uk

Bramston Crescent, Tile Hill,
Coventry CV4 9SW



The Hive College

Birmingham



Day
only



80
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



We provide an environment which empowers students to take their place in society with as much perseverance as they are capable of achieving.

What the college says....

We provide an individualised vocational curriculum with study programmes designed to support young adults into paid employment, volunteering roles and access to the wider community to ensure a smooth transition into adult life. A highly skilled specialist team of professionals are in place to assist students with SEND within the classroom, on work placement and out in the community.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0121 306 4800

Email: business@wsucbpt.co.uk

www.wsucbpt.co.uk

Perry Common Road, Erdington
Birmingham B23 7AT





New College Worcester

Worcester



Residential
and day



100
maximum



11 - 19
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



NCW is a residential special school for children and young people who are blind or vision impaired.

What the college says....

Every student has a tailored programme, carefully planned and delivered to meet their individual needs in three key areas: academic achievement, independent living skills and involvement in extracurricular activities at the college and in the community. The opportunities provided to students play a crucial role in the development of confidence and self-esteem and preparation for life beyond college.

West
Midlands

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01905 763933

Email: liaison@ncw.co.uk

www.ncw.co.uk

Whittington Road, Worcester
WR5 2JX



Newfriars College

Stoke-on-Trent



Day
only



170
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



Newfriars College is a Specialist FE College for young people aged 16 - 25 with a wide range of special educational needs and disabilities.

What the college says....

Newfriars College (a member of the Shaw Education Trust) provides highly differentiated FE programmes of study for young people. The college provides flexible, bespoke and personalised courses which allow learners to develop skills which prepare them for adulthood, employment, extend access to the wider community, develop independent living skills and move into further education or training.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01782 987180

Email: office@newfriarscollege.org.uk
www.newfriarscollege.org.uk

Castle Grove off Newhouse Road,
Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent ST2 8BH





Queen Alexandra College

Birmingham



Residential
and day



300
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



Queen Alexandra College supports people with a diverse range of abilities and needs, including visual impairment and autism.

What the college says....

We offer an innovative, holistic approach to learning and support. Your programme will be tailored to suit your individual needs, interests and ambitions. Class sizes are small and support levels high. Staff will help you to become more independent and confident during your time with us and they will also prepare you for adulthood.

West
Midlands

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0121 428 5050

Email: info@qac.ac.uk

www.qac.ac.uk

Court Oak Road, Harborne,
Birmingham B17 9TG



Regent College

Stoke-on-Trent



Day
only



32
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Regent College is a small, non residential independent specialist college based in Stoke-on-Trent.

What the college says....

Regent College is a small, non residential college providing a safe and supportive environment for people who have severe and complex learning difficulties with associated challenging behaviour. The college is within easy reach of the city's amenities and convenient for local public transport. Learners work on their individual needs, gain confidence and develop vocational, social, life and communication skills.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01782 263326

Email: wendy@regentcollege.org.uk

www.regentcollegestoke.co.uk

77 Shelton New Road, Shelton,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST4 7AA





Royal National College for the Blind

Hereford



Residential
and day



75
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



36 weeks
per year



The Royal National College for the Blind is the UK's leading specialist college of further education for young people with a visual impairment.

What the college says....

The college experience is more than vocational and academic qualifications. It's about achievement beyond the classroom, a place to develop the self-confidence, personal independence and communication skills you need for your next step. This is your journey for your future.

West
Midlands

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01432 376621

Email: info@rnc.ac.uk

www.rnc.ac.uk

Venns Lane, Hereford,
HR1 1DT



Strathmore College

Stoke-on-Trent



Residential
and day



42
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 and 52
weeks per year



Strathmore College always aims to deliver outstanding outcomes for learners by providing innovative, individualised learning programmes.

What the college says....

Our learners are at the heart of everything that we do. All programmes are designed to focus on the learner's priorities identified under Preparation for Adulthood and links to their Education and Health Care Plan. We aim to enhance their skills and abilities to take them to the next stage of their lives.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01782 647380

Email: strathmoreadminteam@priorygroup.com
www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk

Unit 7, The IMEX Technology Park,
Bellringer Road, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 8LJ





Trinity Specialist College

Sutton Coldfield



Day
only



32
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



36 weeks
per year



Trinity Specialist College is for individuals with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and Autistic Spectrum Conditions.

What the college says....

Our purpose is to educate, empower and prepare learners to further develop their skills and confidence in order for them to succeed in being part of their community and to support their transition to adulthood.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0121 378 3242

Email: info@trinityspecialistcollege.co.uk
www.trinityspecialistcollege.co.uk

The Lindridge, Lindridge Road,
Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B75 7JB



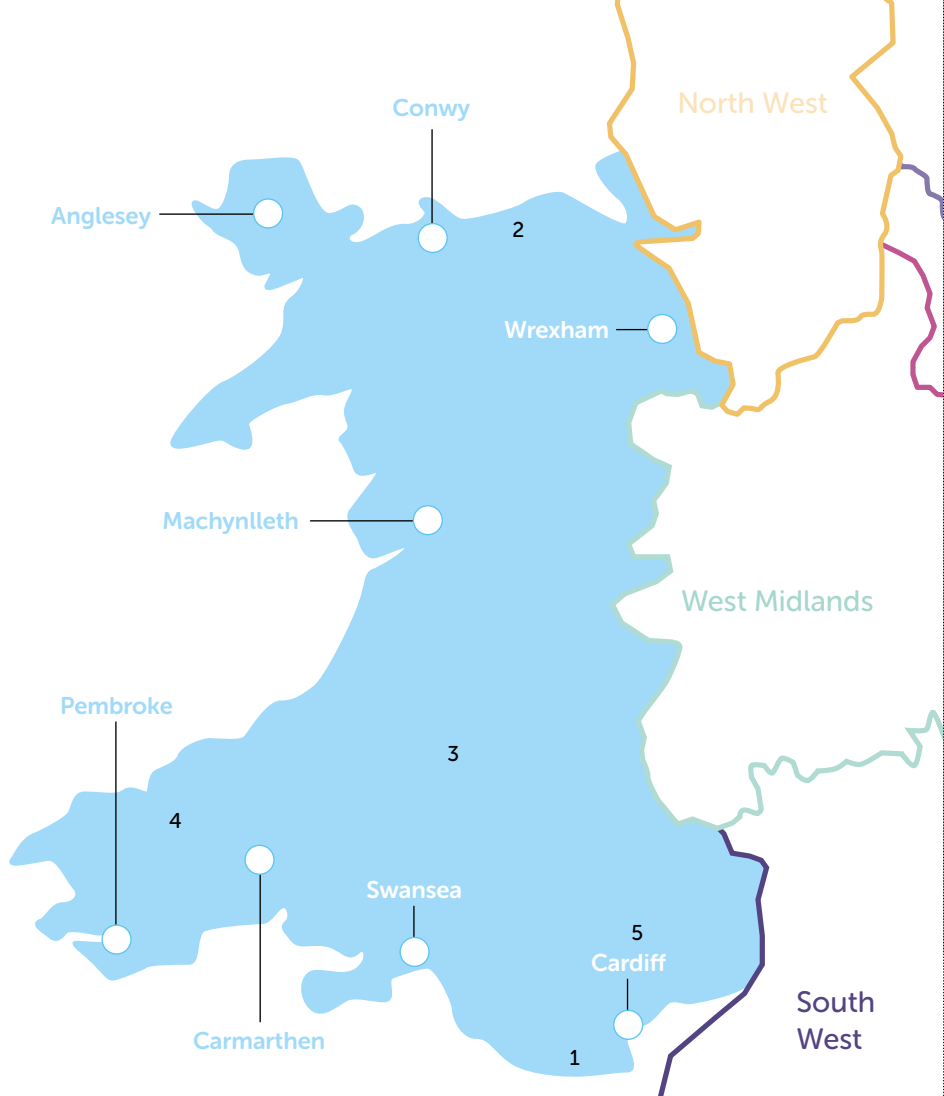
What our students say...

"Coming to the college every day is exciting as you get to do lots of different things."



"All of the staff at the college are really supportive. They know how to settle you into college life."





Wales

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Beechwood College

Sully



Residential
and day



73
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



Number of
weeks variable



Beechwood College aims to ensure students are supported to access transferable, meaningful learning in a manner unique to their needs.

What the college says....

Beechwood College believes its students' successes are derived from the highest educational and care standards delivered by a committed team against a set of guiding principles. Our integrated learning approach, involving the active participation of the education, clinical and residential teams, aims to provide students with a 24-hour learning environment tailored to their specific needs.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0292 039 4410

Email: enquiries@beechwoodcollege.co.uk

www.beechwoodcollege.co.uk

Hayes Road, Sully, Vale of Glamorgan
CF64 5SE





Cambian Pengwern College Rhuddlan



Residential
and day



60
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 - 52 weeks
per year



Our team of highly skilled tutors and multi-disciplinary support staff deliver an outstanding personal, social and vocational experience.

What the college says....

We pride ourselves in delivering learning through person-centred programmes that are supported by an extensive range of therapeutic input, fantastic on-site facilities and off-site partnerships with local providers. We provide a total communication environment enabling all learners to reach their full potential including practical skills with the aim of developing independence.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01745 592300

Email: cambianeducation@cambianguroup.com
www.cambianguroup.com

Sarn Lane, Rhuddlan,
Denbighshire LL18 5UH



Coleg Elidyr

Rhandirmwyn



Residential
and day



45
maximum



18 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



37 weeks
per year



Specialist residential college of further education set on an 180 acre site in rural Carmarthenshire.

What the college says....

Coleg Elidyr is judged as 'Excellent' in all five Estyn inspection areas. Expertise in developing skills for life for young people with autism and moderate to severe learning difficulties and disabilities is grounded in a multi-disciplinary approach to the identification of individual learning programmes that focus on maximising life chances for each individual's post-college lives.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01550 760400

Email: admissions@colegelidyr.ac.uk

www.colegelidyr.ac.uk

Elidyr Communities Trust, Rhandirmwyn,
Nr Llandovery SA20 ONL





Coleg Plas Dwbl

Clynderwen



Residential
and day



25
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



36 weeks
per year



An independent specialist college offering a holistic approach to education for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities.

What the college says....

Coleg Plas Dwbl (Pembrokeshire) offers person-centred learning by role modelling positive relationships in the fields of arts, crafts, commerce, agriculture, nutrition, living skills and the environment. The Trust's unique method, Practical Skills and Therapeutic Education uses a craft and land curriculum to stimulate the development of executive functions, throughout day and residential programmes.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01994 419420

Email: admissions@rmt.org

www.rmt.org

Mynachlog-ddu, Clynderwen,
Pembrokeshire SA66 7SE



Priory Colleges of North and South Wales

Wrexham and Pontypool



Residential
only



50
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September,
January and
Easter



38 weeks
per year



Priory is an independent specialist college, providing education and support for young people on the autistic spectrum aged 16 - 25.

What the college says....

Priory College provides a safe and supportive specialist learning environment where our students are supported to develop strategies to enable them to manage their condition into adulthood. We aim to encourage young people to develop the confidence and skills they need for the next stage of their journey through education, therapeutic intervention and independent living skills.

To find out more, contact this college on:

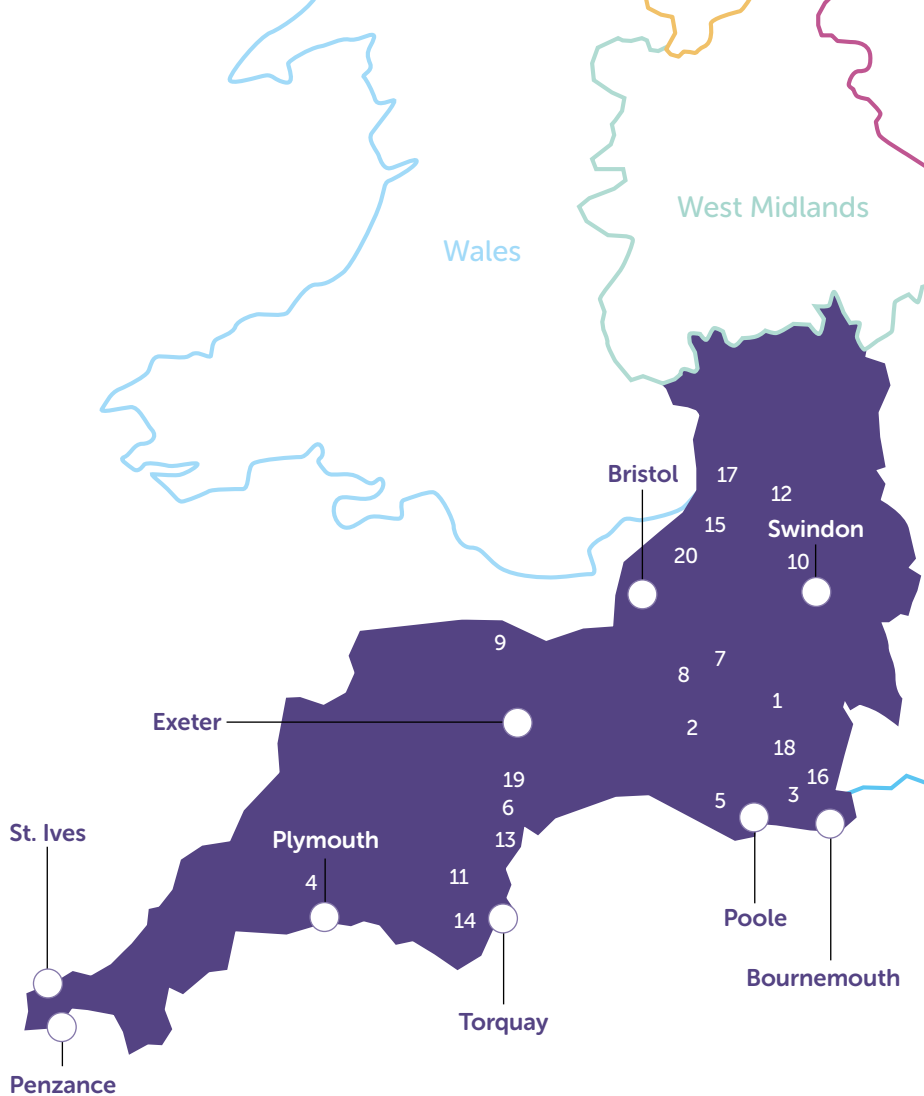
Tel: 01495 762609 (S) / 01978 340580 (N)

Email: priorycollegwales@priorygroup.com

www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk

Coleg Gwent, Blaendare Road,
Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 5YE





South West

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18. [South West Regional Assessment Centre](#)
19. [WESC Foundation - The Specialist Centre for Visual Impairment](#)
20. [William Morris College](#)

Aurora Boveridge College

Cranborne



Residential
and day



60
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Aurora Boveridge College delivers a vocational and academic curriculum for day and residential students, focused on personal progression.

What the college says....

We offer a person-centred curriculum for students with a range of complex challenges, enabling access to a range of vocational qualifications at Levels 1, 2 & 3 and academic qualifications including GCSE and A Level. Individual programmes include a comprehensive tutorial package, work experience and independent living skills. Clinical and therapeutic input is integral to our approach and embedded throughout.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01725 551247

Email: boveridgecollege@the-aurora-group.com

www.the-aurora-group.com/boveridgecollege

Cranborne, Wimborne,
Dorset BH21 5RT





Cambian Lufton College

Yeovil



Residential
and day



120
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



52 weeks
per year



Our team of highly skilled tutors and support staff deliver an outstanding personal, social and vocational experience to our young people.

What the college says....

Our learners leave Cambian Lufton College with skills that are important to them as they progress towards the next stage in their lives. We have an outstanding reputation for supporting young people to learn and achieve. We offer a total communication environment enabling our young people to reach their full potential.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01935 403120

Email: cambianeducation@cambianguroup.com
www.cambianguroup.com

Lufton, Yeovil,
Somerset BA22 8ST



Cambian Wing College

Bournemouth



Residential
and day



46
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



A college providing holistic education for students with Autistic Spectrum Condition and associated mental health conditions.

What the college says....

A specialist further education college for students with a diagnosis of ASC and associated mental health conditions. We provide robust therapeutic support alongside our students' academic/vocational programmes to enable them to gain the life skills, qualifications and employability qualities to ensure the greatest opportunity for successful outcomes.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01202 635630

Email: cambianeducation@cambianguroup.com
www.cambianguroup.com

126 Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth,
Dorset BH8 8TH



Eat That Frog 

Eat That Frog CIC

Torquay



Day
only



100
maximum



14 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



39 weeks
per year



We help young people move forward, gaining the confidence, skills and opportunities to reach their potential.

What the college says....

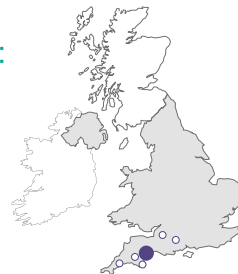
We deliver bespoke education one-to-one and via small groups, enabling learners with social, emotional and mental health barriers to build confidence, employability and social skills. Learners who haven't thrived in mainstream education benefit from dedicated tutors who help them develop at their own pace, with programmes designed to engage their interests, to ensure they progress and stay on-track to succeed.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01803 551551

Email: senco@eatthatfrog.ac.uk
www.eatthatfrog.ac.uk

91 Union Street, Torquay,
Devon TQ1 3DG



Employ My Ability College

Moreton



Day
only



43
maximum



16 - 25
years

Education and training college for young people aged 16 - 25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities.



Start
September

What the college says....

We offer a range of vocational qualifications alongside real, on-site work experience across our commercial sites enabling young people to follow a clear pathway into employment within the local community.



38 weeks
per year

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01929 405685

Email: paula@employmyability.org.uk
www.employmyability.org.uk

The Walled Garden, Moreton,
Dorset DT2 8RH





Exeter Royal Academy for Deaf Education

Exeter



Residential
and day



80
maximum



16 - 24
years



Start
throughout
the year



36 weeks
per year



We welcome deaf children and young people from across the UK.

What the college says....

Our vision is to see deaf people valued by themselves and their society, being confident, well educated, independent, able to communicate, and with good and appropriate employment and housing. Our principal aims are: acquiring a language, developing socially and emotionally, achieving independence & excelling educationally.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01392 267023

Email: admissions@exeterdeafacademy.ac.uk
www.exeterdeafacademy.ac.uk

50 Topsham Road, Exeter,
Devon EX2 4NF



Fairfield Farm College

Dilton Marsh



Residential
and day



120
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Fairfield Farm College is a specialist college for young people with learning disabilities with day and residential courses, short breaks and respite.

What the college says....

You can usually join the Vocational, Employability and Independence Training course when you are between 16 and 19 years old, you can also join when older providing you have completed your course before your 25th birthday.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01373 866066

Email: admissions@ffc.ac.uk

www.ffc.ac.uk

43 High Street, Dilton Marsh,
Westbury BA13 4DL





Farleigh Further Education College, Frome

Frome



Residential
and day



90
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



39 and 52
weeks per year



A college for young people with Asperger's syndrome, autism, social and communication difficulties and associated conditions.

What the college says....

We offer a broad, flexible curriculum of academic, vocational and/or employability programmes to meet the needs of all students, including those who have high academic potential. Residential accommodation is located within the local community and provides opportunities for developing independence and social skills so our students are effectively prepared for adulthood.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01373 456470

Email: farleighfecollegefrome@priorygroup.com
www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk

North Parade, Frome,
Somerset BA11 2AB



Foxes Academy

Minehead



Residential
only



84
maximum



17 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



The specialist college and training hotel for young people with learning disabilities.

What the college says....

We are an Ofsted 'Outstanding' residential college. Vocational training takes place in Foxes Hotel, which is open to the public, meaning students gain skills to achieve high levels of employment. Independent living and employability training takes place in the classroom and community, enabling our students to live independently when they leave.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01643 708529

Email: admissions@foxesacademy.ac.uk

www.foxesacademy.ac.uk

Foxes Fields, Selbourne Place,
Minehead, Somerset TA24 5TY





Horizons College

Swindon



Day
only



70
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



39 weeks
per year



Horizons College is an exciting specialist provision for young adults aged 16 - 25 who have learning difficulties and/or complex needs.

What the college says....

We aim to provide a holistic programme of study for young people through challenging, relevant and engaging learning experiences which support individual progression and preparation for adulthood. It is specifically aimed at learners with a range of learning and physical disabilities including those with complex medical and therapeutic needs and/or sensory processing difficulties.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01793 481493

Email: admin@horizonscollege.ac.uk
www.horizonscollege.ac.uk

Stratton Road, Swindon,
Wiltshire SN1 2PN



Lifeworks College

Dartington



Day
only



20
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



36 weeks
per year



A specialist Further Education college for young people with learning disabilities.

What the college says....

The Lifeworks Specialist College of Further Education is a bridge between school and adult life. Lifeworks College is welcoming and lively, offering an innovative programme of personal, social and vocational education. Our individualised courses support equality of opportunity by building on the foundations of learning students acquired whilst at school.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01803 865075

Email: collegeadmin@lifeworks-uk.org

www.lifeworkscollege.org

Lescaze Building, Shinnars Bridge,
Dartington, Devon TQ9 6JD





National Star College

Cheltenham



Residential
and day



200
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 and 52
weeks per year



Personalised learning for young people with disabilities, enabling them to achieve greater independence.

What the college says....

Learners are at the heart of all we do. An Ofsted and CQC 'outstanding' college in Cheltenham, Hereford and Wales offering exceptional education, care and therapy for young people with complex disabilities. The college was described as 'inspiring' when named 'Specialist Provider of the Year' at the TES FE Awards 2019.

South
West

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01242 527631

Email: admissions@nationalstar.org
www.nationalstar.org

National Star, Ullenwood,
Cheltenham GL53 9QU



Oakwood Court College

Dawlish



Residential
and day



67
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Oakwood Court College is a specialist independent college where young people achieve amazing things, supported by dedicated caring staff.

What the college says....

Preparing for the next steps is really what college life is all about. Our varied curriculum and enrichment opportunities are designed to ensure that everyone realises their potential. We have a therapeutically informed approach to learning, complemented by specialist input from our Speech & Language Therapists and counselling.

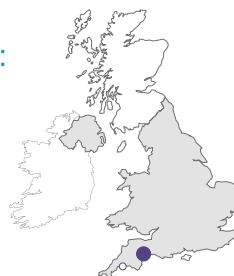
To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01626 864066

Email: admin@oakwoodcourt.ac.uk

www.oakwoodcourt.ac.uk

7/9 Oak Park Villas, Dawlish,
Devon EX7 0DE





ROC College

Totnes



Residential
and day



70
maximum



14 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



A community-based college that builds bespoke programmes of learning for students.

What the college says....

ROC College offers personalised learning pathways and bespoke programmes of learning which take into account an individual's preferred learning style and environment. Individual needs are identified through Person Centred Plans (PCP) and the provision of Information Advice and Guidance (IAG).

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01803 868550

Email: rebecca.quantrill@unitedresponse.org.uk
www.unitedresponse.org.uk

The Boatshed, Teamer Quay Road,
Totnes, Devon TQ9 5AL



Ruskin Mill College

Horsley



Residential
and day



60
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



36 - 52 weeks
per year



An independent specialist college offering a holistic approach to education for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities.

What the college says....

Ruskin Mill College offers person-centred learning by role modelling positive relationships in the fields of arts, crafts, commerce, agriculture, nutrition, living skills and the environment. The Trust's unique method, Practical Skills and Therapeutic Education uses a craft and land curriculum to stimulate the development of executive functions, throughout day and residential programmes.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01453 837500

Email: admissions@rmt.org

www.rmt.org/ruskinmillcollege

The Fisheries, Horsley Mill, Horsley,
Gloucestershire GL6 0PL





Sheiling College

Ringwood



Residential
and day



42
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Specialist college for young adults with severe, moderate or complex special educational needs including autistic spectrum disorders.

What the college says....

A stunning, sustainable and eco-friendly 40 acre site close to the New Forest and Dorset coastline; the natural surroundings of our college provide a rich, enabling and therapeutic learning environment. Learning transferable vocational skills through a multi-disciplinary approach of education, care, therapy and work experience, our students succeed on their pathways to adulthood.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01425 477488

Email: college@thesheilingringwood.co.uk
www.thesheilingringwood.co.uk

The Sheiling Ringwood, Horton Road
Ashley, Hampshire BH24 2EB



St Rose's and St Martin's

Stroud



Residential
and day



35
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Specialist education for those with physical, learning, sensory and communication difficulties and complex medical needs.

What the college says....

St Rose's and St Martin's provide education, therapy, day and residential care for young people with a wide range of needs. Our person-centred approach ensures we help young people to achieve their potential as they approach adulthood. We offer a range of accredited and non-accredited courses on-site and off-site and work in partnership with local providers.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01453 763793

Email: admin@stroses.org.uk

www.stroses.org.uk

Stratford Lawn, Stroud,
Gloucestershire GL5 4AP





South West Regional Assessment Centre

Wimborne



Day
only



100
maximum



16 - 25
years

Preparing young adults for adulthood.



Start
throughout
the year



46 weeks
per year

What the college says....

Based upon personal family experience, we help to prepare people for adulthood by focusing RARPA units based on Employability, Health, Social Engagement and Independence. There are three main programmes: Preparing for Life, Preparing for Work and Get into Work dependent on each student's readiness for entry to employment.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01202 848099

Email: referrals@swrac.ac.uk

www.swrac.ac.uk

Merley House, Merley House Lane,
Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3AA



WESC Foundation



The Specialist Centre for Visual Impairment Exeter



Residential
and day



50
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 or 52
weeks per year



Specialist college supporting students with visual impairment and other Learning Difficulties and additional/complex needs.

What the college says....

Students have access to learning and enrichment opportunities across over 20 acres at two sites in the heart of Devon. Access to on-site swimming and hydrotherapy pools, horticulture, mobility training and work experience are all part of the learning mix. Education in small classes is complemented by a range of therapies and health support, all delivered by in-house staff.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01392 454200

Email: rellis@wescfoundation.ac.uk

www.wescfoundation.ac.uk

Topsham Road, Exeter
EX2 6HA



William Morris College

Stonehouse



Residential
and day



35
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



39 or 52
weeks per year



William Morris College is an independent specialist college providing further education to students with complex needs.

What the college says....

We offer a curriculum that is designed around individual learner's needs and provides them with a range of opportunities to develop skills; build resilience; assist in transition towards employment and maximise their independence. We provide both formal and informal learning opportunities, which encourage learners to prepare for life beyond college.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01453 824025

Email: admissions@william-morris.org.uk
www.learning-disability.org.uk

Chipmans Platt, Eastington, Stonehouse,
Gloucestershire GL10 3SH



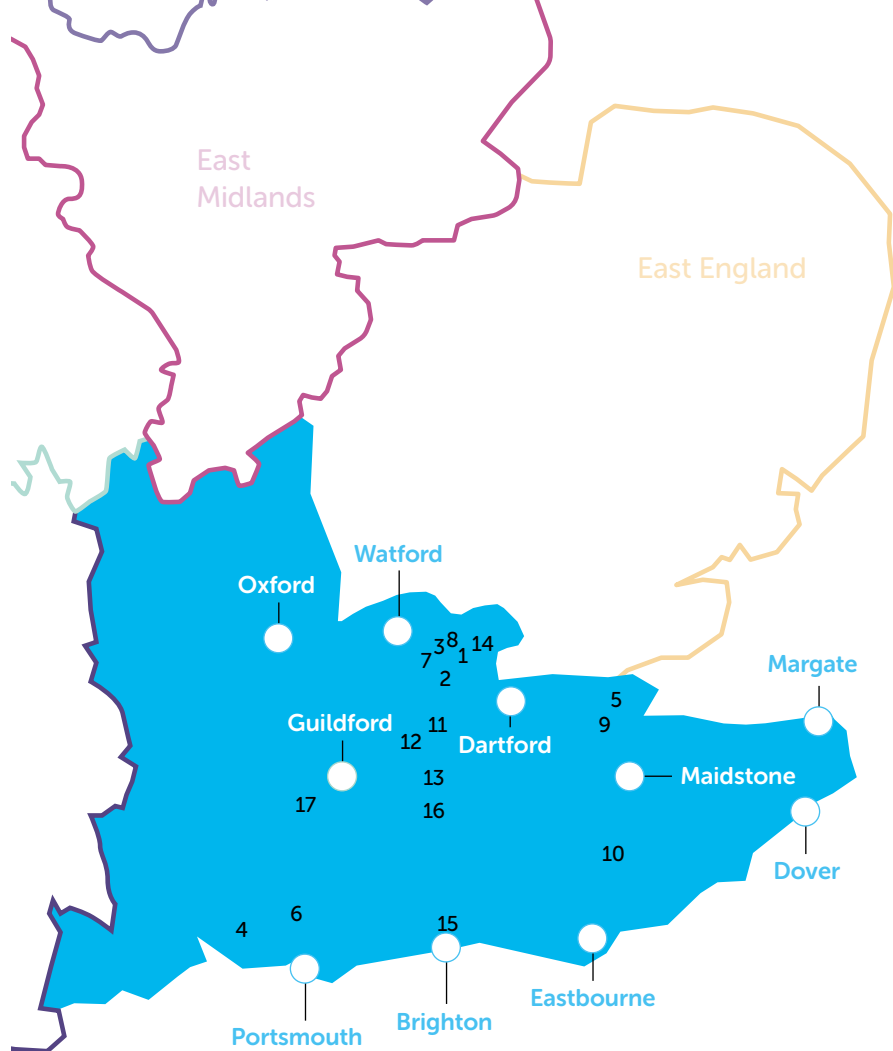
What our students say...

"At break time, I often make the tea and wash up the cups. I do this now at home sometimes too."



"My work experience led onto paid employment and I feel very happy and lucky to be a part of the team there."





London & South East

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Ambitious College

South Tottenham



Day
only



100
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



39 weeks
per year



Ambitious College is an independent specialist day college dedicated to supporting young people with autism aged 16 - 25.

What the college says....

We offer a highly personalised curriculum and positively support our learners to acquire new skills and take part in everyday life. We are located within two mainstream further education college campuses: the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London (CONEL), and West Thames College, West London. Our educational approach focuses on the individual at all times.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 020 3870 8775 / 020 3873 2201

Email: admissions@ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk

www.ambitiouscollege.org.uk

Pears Campus at The College of Haringey,
Enfield and North East London, Clyde Road,
South Tottenham, London N15 4FY





BeyondAutism

London



Day
only



30
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Post-19 offers opportunities to young adults with autism – preparing them for adulthood with a skillset that enables them to have choice.

What the college says....

By providing just enough support we are preparing our students for their lives after education. We believe that adults with autism should: have a voice, be involved in decision making and be able to contribute to society as active citizens. Through an individualised personal curriculum, our students follow a programme of study that best prepares them for adulthood.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 020 3696 9805

Email: admissions@beyondautism.org.uk
www.beyondautism-post19.org.uk

Hammersmith Hub, 214-216 Goldhawk Rd,
London W12 9NX



Dorton College of Futher Education

Bromley



Day
only



30
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



An independent specialist day college supporting students with vision impairment (VI), some with additional needs.

What the college says....

RSBC Dorton College works in partnership with several local high-performing mainstream colleges, providing a range of personalised learning programmes from Entry Level 1 to Level 3. Integral to this is teaching skills for living independently and resilience in preparation for adulthood. Students are supported by experienced staff with specialist VI support skills.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 020 3198 0225

Email: dortoncollege@rsbc.org.uk

www.rscbc.org.uk

RSBC, 36 Bromley High Street, Bromley,
London BR1 1EA





The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy

Christchurch



Residential
and day



38
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Specialist college where learning develops communication, literacy, numeracy, and independence through a horse-based curriculum.

What the college says....

Students follow individual programmes to meet their specific needs, aspirations and outcomes whilst increasing independence in preparation for adult life beyond college. The curriculum is based around preparing for life and work, including employability skills through working with the horses, independent living skills, English, maths, IT and communication skills.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01425 673297

Email: admissions@fcrt.ac.uk

www.fortune.ac.uk

Avon Tyrrell, Bransgore, Christchurch,
Dorset BH23 8EE



Forward2Employment

Chatham



Day
only



30
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



39 weeks
per year

Forward2Employment provide a year-long supported internship for young adults, with an EHCP who want to get into paid employment.

What the college says....

The programme offered by Forward2Employment is a work based internship programme supporting young adults to achieve high quality, paid and sustained employment at the end of the internship. Supported internships are for young adults in Medway and Kent who have a statement of SEND, or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01634 683990

Email: forward2employment@fortistrust.co.uk
www.forward2employment.co.uk

Unit 30, The Joiners Shop,
The Historic Dockyard, Chatham ME4 4TZ





Great Oaks College

Hounslow



Day
only



100
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



37 weeks
per year



Education for people aged 19 - 25 with moderate, severe or profound and multiple learning difficulties, including ASD students.

What the college says....

Great Oaks College provides extended educational opportunities to young adults who have severe learning difficulties. Programmes are designed to prepare students for active lives, increasing the opportunities available to them through increased independence. We believe that all of our students are capable of making outstanding progress and becoming active members of their community.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 020 3962 9009

Email: office@greatoakscollege.com
www.greatoakscollege.com

Gresham Road, Hounslow, Middlesex,
London TW3 4BX



The John Dewey Specialist College

London



Day
only



30
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



We provide an engaging multisensory learning environment where students are encouraged to achieve their potential.

What the college says....

Individualised programmes are available to every student, based on assessment of their skills on entry and their aspirations for the future. Each programme is framed within challenging group projects that support the development of early vocational and independence skills as well as promoting teamwork, social and communication skills.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 020 8881 7739

Email: admin@area51ed.org.uk
www.area51ed.org.uk

1 Mallard Place, Coburg Road
London N22 6TS





Leighton College – Elfrida Rathbone Camden London



Day
only



20
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



36 weeks
per year



At Leighton College we pride ourselves on being small enough to care, but big enough to make a difference.

What the college says....

Our vision is for young people with learning disabilities to have the opportunities to fulfil their full potential. We deliver two Ascentis accredited courses: Personal Development and Employability and enrol a maximum of 20 students a year. Applications are open to young people aged 16 - 25 with mild to moderate learning disabilities. We are based in Kentish Town, North London.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 020 7424 1601

Email: sousan@elfridacamden.org.uk

www.elfridacamden.org.uk/leighton-college/

7 Dowdney Close,
London NW5 2BP



LINK19 College

Gravesend



Day
only



60
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



A specialist college for learners aged 19 - 25 which offers study programmes that provide individualised learning experiences.

What the college says....

LINK19 College is a specialist institution for learners with an EHCP which offers full-time study programmes providing individualised learning experiences. These programmes develop key employability and life skills for learners with a range of significant learning needs and associated conditions. Learners are likely to require a flexible level of support to meet their assessed needs.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01322 629733

Email: enquiries@link19college.ac.uk

www.link19college.ac.uk

LINK Centre, Block H, North Kent College,
Lower Higham Road, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2JJ





The Mount Camphill Community

Wadhurst



Residential
and day



25
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



The Mount independent specialist college is part of a Camphill Community which provides engaged learning in a holistic environment.

What the college says....

The college successfully supports young people with a range of learning disabilities within a vibrant, yet peaceful, rural environment. The curriculum includes crafts, arts, work experience, life skills, movement, drama, maths and English. The supportive community setting offers shared living which encourages students to work towards their potential in all aspects of their lives.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01892 782025

Email: admissions@mountcamphill.org
www.mountcamphill.org

Faircrouch Lane, Wadhurst,
East Sussex TN5 6PT



Nash College

Bromley



Day
only



70
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Nash College is a springboard into adult life for young people with severe/profound/multiple learning and physical disabilities.

What the college says....

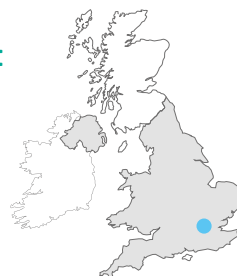
Students follow full-time or part-time individual programmes tailored to their unique needs and post-college aspirations. This includes students with autistic spectrum disorder including challenging behaviours. Our educators work with a range of in-house services including speech therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, music therapy and nursing.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 020 8315 4844

Email: transitions@nash.livability.org.uk
www.nashcollege.org.uk

Croydon Road, Hayes, Bromley,
Kent BR2 7AG





Orchard Hill College

Sutton



Day
only



440
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
dependent
on course



36 weeks
per year



Orchard Hill College is an Outstanding specialist college offering life-changing learning opportunities to students.

What the college says....

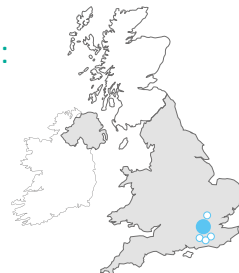
The college offers specialist education programmes for students aged 16 and over in six main centres across London and Surrey. The learning environment is inspiring, educational, creative and individualised. The college offers a range of exciting vocational programmes from animal care and catering to digital media and many more.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0345 402 0453

Email: enquiries@orchardhill.ac.uk
www.orchardhill.ac.uk

Quadrant House - 8th Floor, The Quadrant,
Sutton, Surrey SM2 5AS



The Orpheus Centre

Godstone



Residential
and day



50
maximum



18 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



A specialist college where students with a passion for the arts and a desire to live independently can achieve their goals.

What the college says....

Our students have a range of physical disabilities, learning difficulties and autism. We offer a study programme focused on preparing for adulthood, a supported housing scheme and a domiciliary care service.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01883 744664

Email: studentrecruitment@orpheus.org.uk
www.orpheus.org.uk

North Park Lane, Godstone,
Surrey RH9 8ND





Phoenix Autism Trust

Bow



Day
only



16
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



A small college providing for students with autism spectrum conditions.

What the college says....

Phoenix Autism Trust provides specialist 19 - 25 further education provision to enable students with complex autism access to further education in their local communities. The Trust enables and increases student knowledge, skills and confidence to allow successful transition into adulthood and to live, work and contribute as part of their community.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 020 8980 4740

Email: info@phoenixcollege.london
www.trust.phoenixtowerhamlets.club

Paton Close, Bow,
London E3 2QE



St John's School & College

Brighton

ST JOHN'S



Residential
and day



100
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



A specialist college providing quality education for young adults with a range of disabilities and autistic spectrum conditions.

What the college says....

We provide a rich curriculum with a strong focus on practical work-based learning, creative and performing arts and key life skills. Multi-disciplinary support extends into the residential provision maximising personal and functional skill development. Students benefit from high-quality learning environments, local business partnerships and easy access to community facilities.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01273 244000

Email: admissions@st-johns.co.uk

www.st-johns.co.uk

17 Walpole Road,
Brighton BN2 0AF





St Piers College, Young Epilepsy Lingfield



Residential
and day



110
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



We are an innovative and creative college where young adults with special educational needs and disabilities can reach their full potential.

What the college says....

We put students at the heart of the learning experience, providing an environment where everyone can progress and gain new skills. We work with our learners to identify what gives their lives meaning and then help them become the very best version of themselves.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01342 831348

Email: education@stpiers.org
www.stpiers.org.uk

St Piers Lane, Lingfield,
Surrey RH7 6PW



Treloar College

Alton



Residential
and day



98
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



52 weeks
per year



Treloar College provides outstanding education, care, therapy and independence training to physically disabled young people.

What the college says....

We prepare students for life after they leave and equip them with the confidence, independence skills and the academic or vocational qualifications they require. There are on-site nurses and a GP service as well as occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and physiotherapists. There are also visual impairment and assistive technology specialists on-site.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01420 547747

Email: admissions@treloar.org.uk
www.treloar.org.uk

Powell Drive, Holybourne, Alton,
Hampshire GU34 4GL





What our students say...

"I have made many friends at college who I enjoy being with because they understand me and my feelings."



"You are allowed to be disabled here and allowed to be yourself and express yourself."





East England

1. Sense College
2. St Elizabeth's College

Sense College

Hampton



Day
only



100
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Preparing young people with sensory impairments and complex communication needs for adulthood.

What the college says....

Sense College has developed a bespoke curriculum which can be personalised to support learners' progression into adulthood whatever their chosen pathway. Learners will develop the knowledge and skills required to take their next steps in learning, independent living, employment and community participation. The curriculum aims to provide a holistic learning experience.

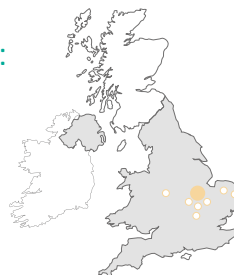
To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01733 425053

Email: college.enquiries@sense.org.uk

www.sense.org.uk

Upper Floor, 50 Forder Way, Cygnet Park,
Hampton, Peterborough PE7 8FD





St Elizabeth's College

Much Hadham



Residential
and day



45
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



37 weeks
per year



We are an independent specialist college providing further education for young adults with learning difficulties and complex needs.

What the college says....

St. Elizabeth's is an Ofsted 'Good' provider (November 2017). The bespoke curriculum enables learners to develop skills for adulthood through vocational, work related learning experiences and the development of independent living skills. We offer a holistic approach for learners' complex health, therapy and care needs.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01279 844419

Email: admissions@stelizabeths.org.uk
www.stelizabeths.org.uk

Perry Green, Much Hadham,
Hertfordshire SG10 6EW



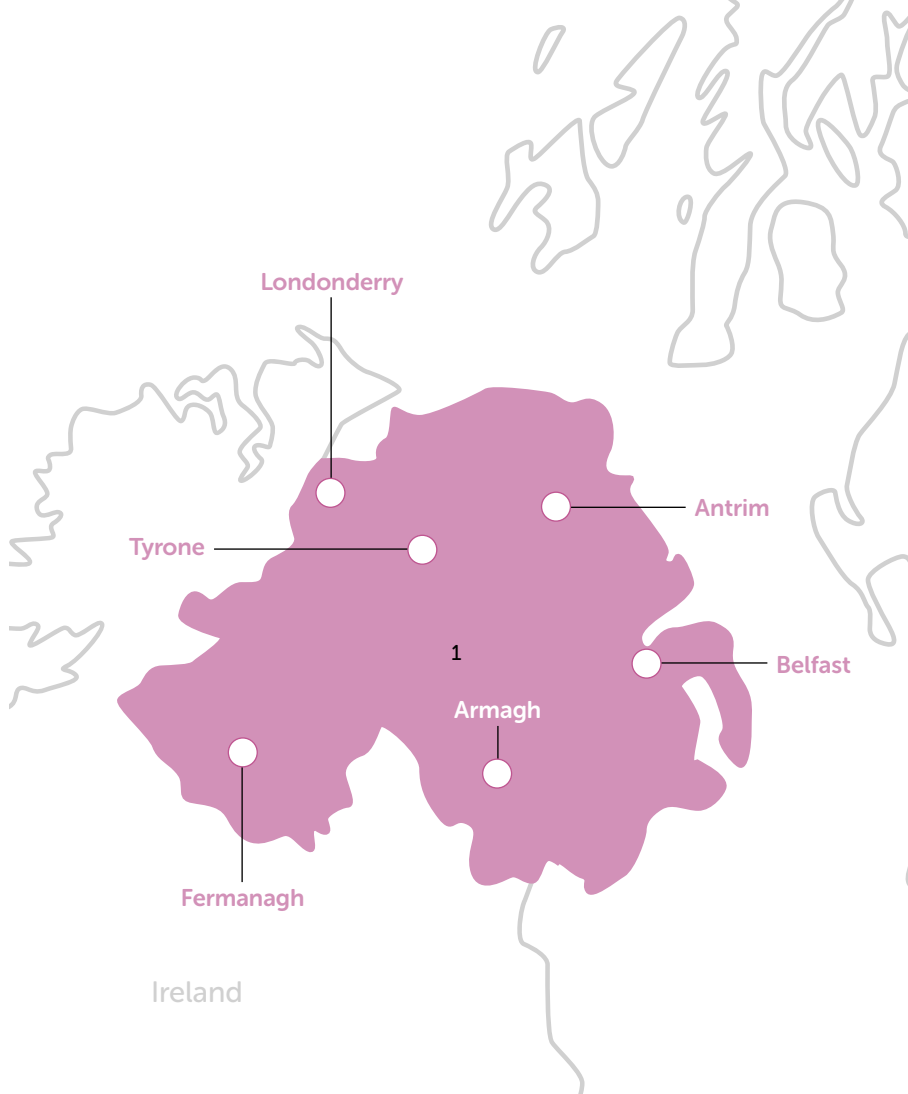
What our students say...

"The college is working with me so I can achieve my life aspirations and I now feel so positive about what's ahead for me."



"I have become more confident in an interview and can confidently talk about my work skills."





Northern Ireland

1. Thomas Doran Parkanaur Trust – Parkanaur College

Thomas Doran Parkanaur Trust – Parkanaur College

Dungannon



Residential
and day



24
maximum



18 - 65
years



Start
throughout
the year



52 weeks
per year



Parkanaur College is an independent, specialist further education College for students with intellectual and physical disabilities.

What the college says....

Parkanaur College is fully committed to providing a quality service within a residential setting enabling trainees with a range of learning difficulties and disabilities to achieve their potential educationally, vocationally and socially.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 028 8776 1272

Email: caremanager@parkanaurcollege.org

www.parkanaurcollege.org

57 Parkanaur Road,
Dungannon BT70 3AA





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