

Colleges Directory 2019 / 2020

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 on our website about Natspec – www.natspec.org.uk.



A handwritten signature in dark blue ink that reads "Clare Howard". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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.

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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/find-a-college/search and scroll to 'By Expertise'.

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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/families-and-students

and click 'What you need to know' from the drop-down list.

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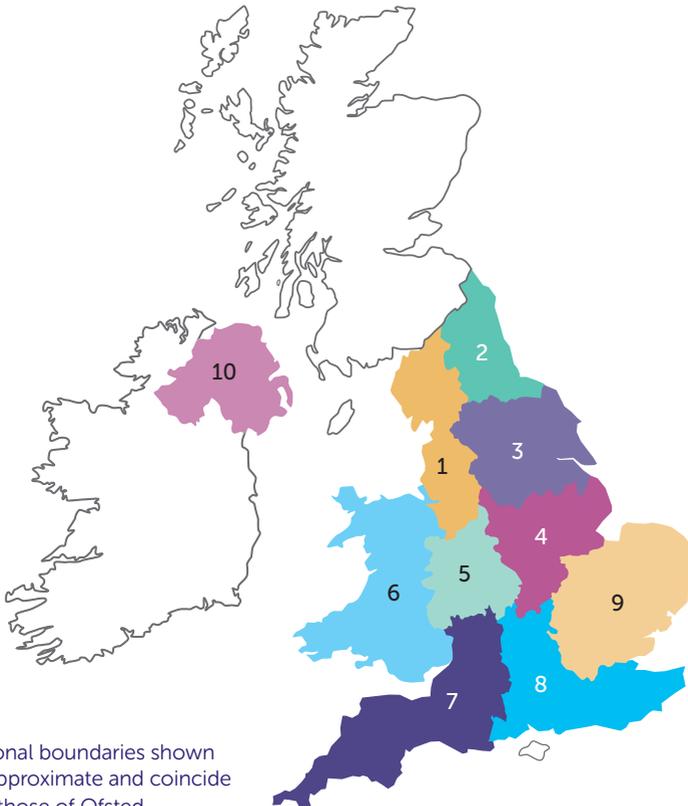
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Activate

Kirkby

activate
DISCOVER | CREATE | INSPIRE



Day
only



70
maximum



19 - 24
years

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



Start
September

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.



37 weeks
per year

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 - 52 weeks
full and
part-time



Specialist college supporting vocational training and the development of communication and independent living skills.

What the college says....

Arden College provides placements tailored to meet the individual needs of students with learning difficulties or disabilities and/or behavioural and social difficulties. Programmes aim to maximise student opportunity for future life by developing independent living skills and communication, and by offering vocational training and opportunities to develop social and community skills.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01704 534433

Email: douglasmcnair@priorygroup.com

www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk

40 Derby Road, Southport,
Merseyside PR9 0TZ



Beaumont College

Lancaster



Residential
and day



60 residential and
40 day at Lancaster
(see online for
other campuses)



18 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks per year
52 weeks a 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



50
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Birtenshaw College provides specialist further education for learners aged between 16 and 25 with special education needs and disabilities.

What the college says....

We support young adults with special educational needs and disability including those with physical impairment and/or complex health needs or those with learning disability and/or autistic spectrum conditions which may include speech, language and communication needs, multi-sensory impairment and/or behaviours that some may find challenging or associated mental health issues.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01204 602330

Email: enquiries@birtenshaw.org.uk

www.birtenshaw.org.uk

323 - 325 Crompton Way, Bolton,
BL2 2PE



Bridge College

Openshaw



Day
only



96 full-time
plus part-time
and blended
programmes



16 - 25
years

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



Start
September

What the college says....

We provide bespoke individualised learning programmes which meet the needs and aspirations of students with multiple learning disabilities, communication disorders, complex health needs and autism. We have high expectations of our students and work hard with them, their families and external partners to ensure that every student has the opportunity for further learning, community inclusion and better life outcomes.



37 weeks
per year

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0161 487 4293

Email: admin@bridgecollege.ac.uk

www.togethertrust.org.uk/education/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 disabilities and autism spectrum conditions. We provide a small, supportive and challenging environment to empower and enable learners to develop functional skills, independence, 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: wendy.maher@salford.gov.uk

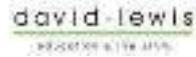
www.chatsworthfutures.org.uk

The Deans, Vicarage Road – off Partington Lane,
Swinton, Manchester M27 0WA



David Lewis College

Alderley Edge



Residential
and day



60
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 - 52 weeks
per year



Ofsted 'Outstanding' specialist college for students with moderate-complex learning difficulties, neurological conditions including epilepsy and autism.

What the college says....

We provide a holistic learning environment, independent living and vocational learning programmes for young people with a wide range of complex needs; moderate to profound learning disabilities, neurological conditions including epilepsy, autism and associated communication, sensory impairments, behavioural and health needs. Courses allow students to study on a day, weekly boarder or residential basis. Our multi-disciplinary approach provides on-site therapists, medical specialists, specially trained staff and excellent facilities.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01565 640000

Email: enquiries@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 are a leading provider of education, health and social care across the north-west.

What the college says....

For students who choose to study at Expanse Learning, we offer personalised programmes of learning which help to develop independent living and/or employability skills. This enables them to have choice, control and freedom over the next stage of their lives including where to live, where to work, being a part of the community and being as healthy as possible in adult life.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01942 877715

Email: info@expansegroup.co.uk

www.expanselearning.co.uk

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



Langdon College

Salford



Residential
and day



60 maximum
(30 at
Manchester
30 at Edgware)



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks per year
50 weeks
considered



College for Jewish students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, autistic spectrum conditions and communication disorders.

What the college says....

The only national independent residential and day specialist college for Jewish students aged 16-25 years with learning difficulties/disabilities and associated complex needs. Emphasis is placed on developing independence, communication skills, regulating their behaviour and gaining valuable work skills. Excellent local community links ensure individual's vocational, social and religious needs are met.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0161 7405900

Email: admin@langdoncollege.ac.uk

www.langdonuk.org/support-advice/education

9 Leicester Avenue, Salford,
Manchester M7 4HA





My Life Learning

Wigan



Day
only



25
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



My Life Learning is an education provider set within My Life Legacy, a community charity that works with individuals to explore their full potential. We work with individuals on life long learning.

What the college says....

We have facilities and a working farm for animal care and greenhouses for horticulture, along with our enrichment programme that includes a media suite, pop-up kitchen, independent living chalets, workshop and accessible toilets and washroom. We also have strong links with the equine centre that shares the site and students can access learning opportunities here as part of their learning.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01257 472900

Email: info@my-life.org.uk

www.my-life.org.uk

Thompson House, Standish,
Wigan, WN6 OPP



Royal College Manchester

Stockport



Residential
and day



80
maximum



16 - 25
years



Mainly
September



38 weeks
per year
Up to 52 weeks
for residential



Innovative independent specialist college for young adults with complex learning and communication disabilities.

What the college says....

All our students come to the college with limited functional communication, and with the support of our specialist teaching staff, on-site therapy team, trained support staff and assistive technologist, we make sure they learn effective and meaningful communication strategies.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0161 610 0100

Email: admissions@seashelltrust.org.uk

www.seashelltrust.org.uk

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





Wargrave House LEAP College Newton-le-Willows



Residential
and day



16
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



LEAP provides a unique, specialist residential college for young people with autistic spectrum disorder.

What the college says....

The bright and modern facility provides up to six residential and a further 10 day places for young people on the autism spectrum who have associated learning difficulties.

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



Works 4 U Support Services

Stalybridge



Day
only



44
maximum



14 - 24
years



Start
throughout
the year



39 weeks
per year



Works 4 U is a special post-16 institution 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 SK15 1EB



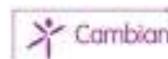


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Cambian Dilston College

Northumberland



Residential
and day



60
maximum



16 - 25
years



Mainly
September
but flexible



38 - 52 weeks
per year



Specialist further education college for young people with learning difficulties/disabilities, autism and complex needs.

What the college says...

Life skills programmes and specialised accommodation encourage increased independence and promote successful transitions to adult life.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01434 632692

Email: lee.mcdonough@cambianguroup.com

www.cambianguroup.com

Dilston Hall, Corbridge,
Northumberland NE45 5RJ





ESPA College

North East



Residential
and day



100
maximum



16 - 25
years



Mainly
September
and throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



For young people with autism spectrum, Asperger's syndrome and associated difficulties.

What the college says....

ESPA College is based in Sunderland, Middlesbrough and Newcastle and provides residential and day education. We are committed to providing a high quality, autism-specific educational experience to enable learners to maximise their potential for future life, wellbeing and work. We offer a range of teaching strategies to meet the unique needs of learners with autism.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0191 5102611 / 0191 5165080

Email: admission@espa.org.uk

www.espa.org.uk

2a Hylton Park Road, Sunderland,
SR5 3HD



Hedleys College

Newcastle-upon-Tyne



Residential
and day



130
maximum



16 - 25
years



September
(Full-time)

All year
(Part-time)



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 learning difficulties and disabilities who require specialist individual programmes to develop their communication, independence and employability skills to make a successful transition into adulthood.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0191 212 7853

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

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



Thornbeck College – North East Autism Society County Durham



Day
only



40
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Independent specialist college offering learning for living and work, increasing social and economic inclusion.

What the college says....

Thornbeck College offers personalised learning programmes for learners with autism and neurodiversity, including varying levels of challenging behaviour. Learners follow programmes that promote their social and economic inclusion. The college offers a responsive and flexible curriculum which allows learning to be personalised within a broad and diverse learning offer.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01325 328 088

Email: college@ne-as.org.uk

www.ne-as.org.uk

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



What our students say...

"I don't see myself as different. I like being part of the team here."



"I love playing sport and have just started playing hockey which is great."





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Camphill Wakefield

Chapelthorpe



Residential
and day



60 maximum
(25 residential
35 day)



16 - 25
years



Mainly
September
and throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Providing engaging environments for young people with learning difficulties 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 full termly and weekly boarding as well as day provision, alongside respite options for current students.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01924 255281

Email: enquiries@pennine.ac.uk

www.pennine.ac.uk

Wood Lane, Chapelthorpe,
Wakefield WF4 3JL





Communication Specialist College – Doncaster

Doncaster



Residential
and day



200
maximum



16 - 60
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 programmes of study in vocational areas are delivered in real work environments. We have a multidisciplinary approach with on-site therapists and specialist staff. Students develop social and independence skills in college and the community. Students are guided into their future lives with skills to reach their goals and aspirations.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01302 386700

Email: sharon.rhodes@cscd.ac.uk

www.cscdoncaster.co.uk

Leger Way, Doncaster,
South Yorkshire DN2 6AY



Freeman College

Sheffield



Residential
and day



65
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



36 - 52 weeks
per year



An independent specialist college educating young people with complex behaviour and learning difficulties including autism.

What the college says...

Freeman is a one-of-a-kind provision that successfully delivers a holistic practical and therapeutic curriculum in a real-life and mature environment. Every student has a bespoke pathway preparing them for the next stages in their own lives. We use craft-based sessions to help students build confidence, self-esteem, independence, decision-making, work-readiness and employment skills.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0114 2525941

Email: admissions@rmt.org

www.rmt.org

88 Arundel Street, Sheffield,
S1 2NG





Henshaws Specialist College

Harrogate & Bradford



Residential
and day



47 residential
50 day



16 - 25
years



Start
September,
January, April



37 weeks
per year
52 weeks
available



We empower young disabled people to progress and learn to live more independently.

What the college says....

Our bespoke study programmes promote independence, employability, personal and social skills. We have a dedicated autism team, specialist provision for students with profound and multiple learning difficulties and a growing supported internship programme. Specialist therapy, education and sensory support services, including assistive technologies are integral to maximising the progress our students can achieve.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01423 886451

Email: admissions@henshaws.ac.uk

www.henshaws.ac.uk

Bogs Lane, Harrogate,
HG1 4ED



Hesley Group Specialist Colleges

Doncaster



Residential
and day



16
maximum



18 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



52 weeks
per year



Education and care for young adults with complex needs, including behaviour that may challenge and a learning disability, often in association with autism.

What the college says....

Our mission is to support transition into adult life, focusing on specific needs, capabilities and aspirations: promoting greater independence, developing life skills, 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

Fullerton House College/Wilsic Hall College,
Hesley Hall, Tickhill DN11 9HH





Linkage College

Grimsby



Residential
and day



Numbers
depending
upon campus



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



36 weeks
per year
52 weeks
available



Specialist independent college for students post-16, with moderate through to complex learning difficulties and disabilities.

What the college says....

Linkage College is an inspiring place where young people who have any form of learning difficulty, come to study. Personalised study programmes bring learning to life in real working and living environments. Specialist support ensures students can achieve their goals, to enable them to make their aspirations possible and their goals a reality.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01472 372 303/310

Email: transition@linkage.org.uk

www.linkage.org.uk

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



What our students say...

"Staff are always supportive and caring, and they help me to be the best I can be."



"Before coming here I hadn't had the chance to do what I want to do."



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Homefield College

Sileby



Residential
and day



6 residential
70 day



16 - 25 years
25+ years
(social service)



Mainly
September
but flexible



36 weeks per year
51 weeks available



A range of facilities to support young people with autistic spectrum conditions, communication difficulties, learning disabilities and learning difficulties.

What the college says....

Learning is very much community-based, with a range of vocational enterprises including our own shops and cafe. Facilities include: residential education placements, daytime education placements, supported living, long-term residential care, part-time courses and residential experience.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01509 815696

Email: Clare.walker@homefieldcollege.ac.uk

www.homefieldcollege.ac.uk

42 St Mary's Road, Sileby,
Leicestershire LE12 7TL





Landmarks College

Eckington



Day
only



80
maximum



14+
years



Mainly
September
but flexible



36 weeks
per year



Specialist college for people with learning difficulties/disabilities. Excellent learning environment with embedded specialist therapy.

What the college says....

We offer highly specialist education and support for learners who have a variety of additional needs. As a result each learner follows a unique programme of study, aimed at preparing them for life beyond college. Landmarks has a proud reputation of supporting learners onto positive outcomes (relative to their aspirations), be that; employment, higher education and/or including, day services.

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



Portland College

Mansfield



Residential
and day



250
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.

What the college says...

We are a charitable, independent specialist college, offering residential and day programmes to citizens and learners with disabilities. We provide education and support for young adults with conditions such as autism, physical and learning disabilities, Prada-Willi and acquired brain injuries. We provide person-centred education, identifying the potential of each learner to grow in confidence, using an extended curriculum focusing on employability and independent living skills.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01623 499114

Email: admissions@portland.ac.uk

www.portland.ac.uk

Nottingham Road, Mansfield,
Nottinghamshire NG18 4TJ





RNIB College Loughborough

Loughborough



Residential
and day



No
maximum



16 - 25
years



Mainly
September
but throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Supporting students with a wide range of disabilities to achieve their goals.

What the college says....

We offer specialist support to young people and adults with vision impairment and additional disabilities. We're a small, friendly day and residential college where each staff member wants to empower you to achieve your full potential. You can either learn through our enterprise-based programme or study for a mainstream course at Loughborough College, located next door.

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 provision



18 full-time (part-time available)



18 - 25 years



Start September but flexible



36 weeks per year



Transition 2 offers bespoke learning programmes to young adults with severe learning disabilities and/or autism to achieve genuine life outcomes.

What the college says...

We believe that 'one size fits one' so all our full-time learning programmes on offer are bespoke and person-centred. With our expertise in SEND education, health and social care, learners are supported to release their potential and strengthen their circle of support, to achieve genuine life outcomes in their local community.

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





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Condover College

Shrewsbury



Residential
and day



35
maximum



18 – 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



We provide education for students with severe, profound and multiple learning difficulties and autism.

What the college says...

We offer high quality individual learning programmes incorporating: independence, work and community engagement, employability opportunities, health and wellbeing, functional skills, communication and personal and social development. We also offer an Employability Pathway leading to a Supported Internship.

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





Residential
and day



200
maximum



16+
years



Mainly
September
but flexible



37 weeks
per year



Vocational and independence programmes building employability skills through real work experience.

What the college says...

An Ofsted 'Outstanding' college delivering work-ready and independence skills to students across our large main campus and at our three satellite centres. We focus on individual outcomes for students with a wide range of learning difficulties, disabilities and behaviours of concern. Students are provided with maximum work experience opportunities through our extensive commercial operations and business partnerships.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01691 661234

Email: enquiries@derwen.ac.uk

www.derwen.ac.uk

Whittington Road, Gobowen,
Oswestry SY11 3JA



Glasshouse and Argent College

Stourbridge/Birmingham



Residential
and day



80
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



36 or 52 weeks
per year



Independent specialist college for young adults with learning and behavioural difficulties.

What the college says....

An independent specialist college for young adults with learning difficulties and behavioural issues. As part of Ruskin Mill Trust, our students receive Practical Skills Therapeutic Education – a craft and land-based curriculum. We aim to teach our young people valuable, transferable, essential and functional life skills and independence, which allows them to access further education, supported living accommodation, and/or work.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01453837502

Email: admissions@rmt.org

www.rmt.org

Wollaston Road, Amblecote,
Stourbridge DY8 4HF





Heart of Birmingham Vocational College

Birmingham



Day
only



60
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



Providing valuable, life-long learning enabling our students to fulfil their aspirations.

What the college says....

Heart of Birmingham Vocational College (previously Calthorpe Vocational Centre) launched in September 2014. It is a full-time day provision that provides individualised learning experiences that develop key employability and supported living skills for students with moderate/severe special educational needs and autism spectrum disorder needs.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0121 359 1714

Email: info@hbvc.ac.uk

www.hbvc.ac.uk

19a Cato Street, Nechells,
Birmingham B7 4TS



Hereward College

Coventry



Residential
and day



300
maximum



14+
years



Start
September



36 weeks
per year



A national college for young people with disabilities and additional needs.

What the college says....

Hereward offers specialist facilities for day and residential learners with complex disabilities and learning difficulties. We aim to prepare our learners for the next stage of their lives, providing outstanding employability skills and greater control over their future. Our focus is on developing independent individuals who can make more of their own decisions about work, education, health and living.

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



70
maximum



19 - 25
years

We provide opportunities to gain employment, volunteering roles and access to communities.



Start
September

What the college says....

LIVE @ The Hive study programmes provide academic and vocational tuition to facilitate transition into employment and improve independent living skills.
STRIVE @ The Hive offers an individual curriculum centred on students with profound and multiple learning difficulties and their families own community.
THRIVE @ The Hive offers an individual curriculum centred on students gaining volunteering roles within their community.



38 weeks
per year

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



A residential school and college for students who are blind or partially-sighted.

What the college says....

We're here for young people who are blind or partially-sighted. Every student has an individually tailored programme to meet their needs in three key areas: academic achievement, independent living skills and extra curricular activities. These play a crucial role in the development of confidence and self-esteem and preparation for life.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01905 763933

Email: lphillips@ncw.co.uk

www.ncw.co.uk

Whittington Road, Worcester,
WR5 2JX



Queen Alexandra College

Birmingham



Residential
and day



275
maximum



16+
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



Queen Alexandra College supports people with a wide range of disabilities including visual impairment and autism.

What the college says....

The college has a friendly, family atmosphere and offers a wide range of programmes. Your course will be tailored to suit your individual needs. Class sizes are small and support levels high. Staff will help you to become more independent and confident during your time with us and will also prepare you for life after college.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0121 428 5050

Email: enquiries@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



A small, independent specialist day college for people who have severe and complex learning difficulties.

What the college says....

Regent College provides a safe and supportive environment for people who have severe and complex learning difficulties with associated challenging behaviour. It 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



120
maximum



16 - 65
years



Start September
but flexible
(see online for
adult start dates)



Up to 35 weeks
per year



A specialist residential further education college for people with visual impairments.

What the college says....

The Royal National College for the Blind (RNC) is the UK's leading specialist college for people aged 16+ who are visually impaired. With over 140 years' experience, the college stands firm in its original aim to enable each and every student to achieve their potential and engage fully in their community.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01432 376 621

Email: info@rnc.ac.uk

www.rnc.ac.uk

Venns Lane, Hereford,
HR1 1DT



Strathmore College

Stoke-on-Trent



Residential
and day



12 residential
45 day



16 - 25
years



Mainly
September
but flexible



38 - 52 weeks
per year



An independent, specialist college providing individualised courses for young people with a range of disabilities.

What the college says....

Learners' needs range from mild to severe learning difficulties/disabilities and learners with an autistic spectrum condition, emotional and social behaviour issues, Down's syndrome and speech and language difficulties, coupled with other health related mental or physical difficulties. Learning takes place in realistic and meaningful, practical work-based activities, linked with external employers.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01782 647380

Email: strathmorecollege@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



30
maximum



18 - 25
years



Start
September



36 weeks
per year



Trinity specialist college is a further education day placement for young people with learning disabilities, challenging behaviours and/or autistic spectrum condition.

What the college says....

The college caters for 20 students at 'The Lindridge', which is a converted and much extended farmhouse located in a beautiful rural setting surrounded by farmland, and has a further 10 places based approximately 10 minutes away by Sutton Park.

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...

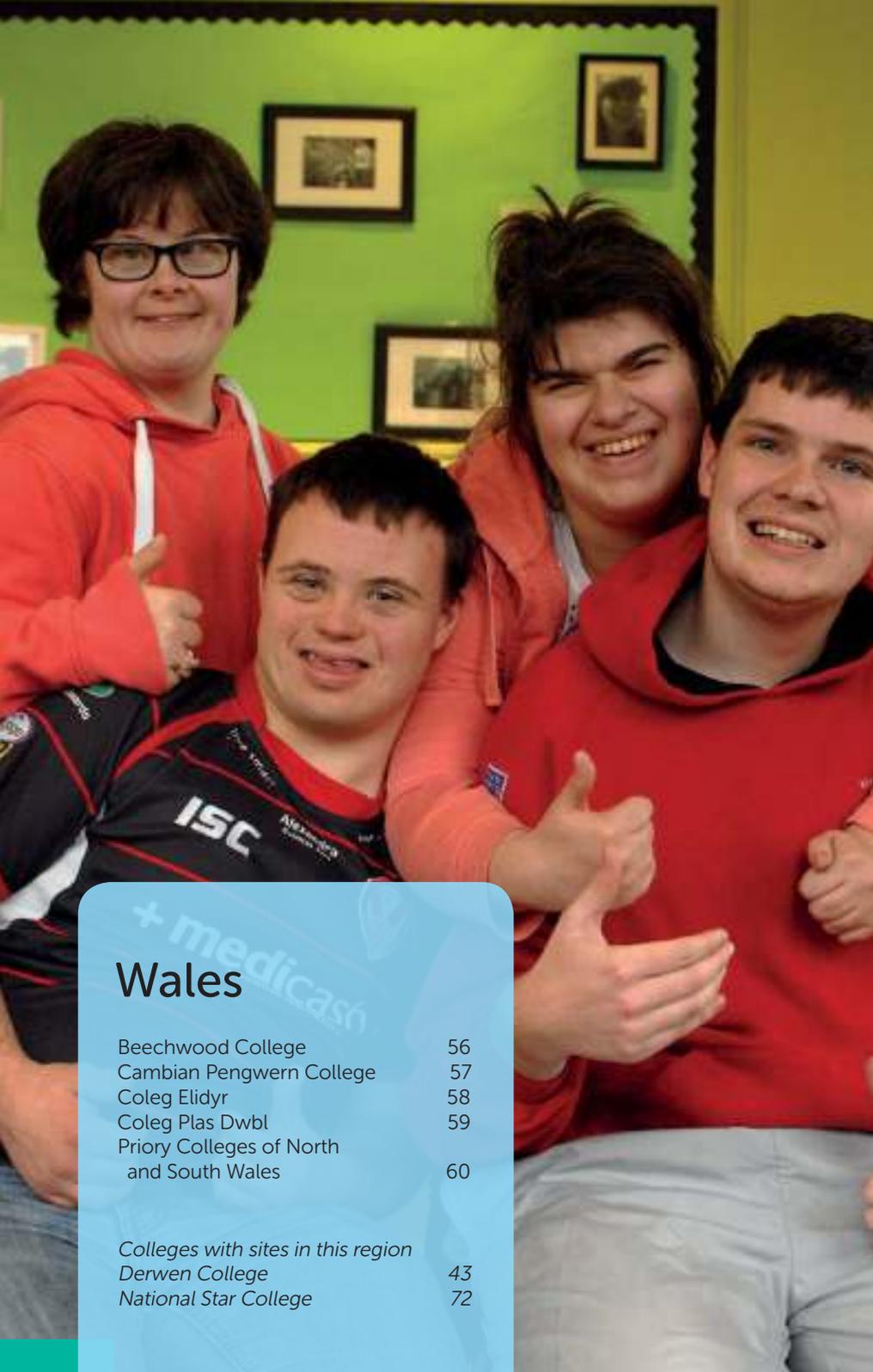
"I liked Go Ape it felt like being a monkey on the climbing ropes, it was great fun. I even tried the very high ropes."

"Go Ape was like being Tarzan, it made me feel fantastic."



"I am developing all of the time. It has really helped me to increase my independence; travelling, cooking – I have the confidence to try new things. My work experience and training has helped me to gain retail skills."





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Sully



Residential
and day



57 residential
Limited day
placements



16+
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 - 52 weeks
per year



Specialist further education college with residential care for young people with autism and associated difficulties.

What the college says....

The college offers accredited and non-accredited courses across a broad curriculum. We offer on-site clinical therapy to students (subject to funding): speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, dietetics, physiotherapy and clinical psychology.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 02920 532210

Email: info@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
throughout
the year



38 - 52 weeks
per year



Specialist further education college
for young people with a learning
disability and complex needs.

What the college says....

Cambian Pengwern College's person-centred approach ensures that learners have individualised study programmes, developed to effectively match their needs, personal choices and future aspirations.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0800 138 1184

Email: rebecca.dinneen@cambiagroup.com

www.cambiagroup.com

Sarn Lane, Rhuddlan,
Denbighshire LL18 5UH



Coleg Elidyr

Llandovery



Residential
and day



53
maximum



18 - 30
years



Start
throughout
the year



37 weeks
(education)
41 weeks
(trainee)



Coleg Elidyr delivers skills for work and life in a beautiful Welsh rural environment.

What the college says....

The only further education college in Wales to have achieved formal accreditation by the National Autistic Society, Coleg Elidyr provides a unique therapeutic living and learning environment. Person-centred and destination-led planning are at the core of our 24 hour curriculum. A 'total communication' environment ensures every student is given every opportunity to build skills for work and life. Up to 52 weeks extended provision available.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01550 760400

Email: admissions@colegelidyr.ac.uk

www.colegelidyr.ac.uk

Rhandirmwyn, Llandovery,
SA20 0NL





Coleg Plas Dwbl

Clynderwen



Residential
and day



30
maximum



16 - 30
years



Start
throughout
the year



36 - 52 weeks
per year



Independent specialist college and long-term adult residential care and community engagement for adults with learning difficulties and disabilities.

What the college says....

Coleg Plas Dwbl offers young people its unique Practical Skills Therapeutic Education method; learning through meaningful real life activities and accredited courses. The college provides a range of nutritional, therapeutic and medical support and a rich and varied, bespoke curriculum offers opportunities to develop communication, social and living skills.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01453 837502

Email: admissions@rmt.org

www.rmt.org

Mynachlog-ddu, Clynderwen,
Pembrokeshire SA66 7SE



Priory Colleges of North and South Wales

Wrexham and Pontypool



Day
only



40
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



Independent specialist college with general further education access for Asperger's syndrome, autistic spectrum and associated conditions.

What the college says...

Priory Colleges work in partnership with both Coleg Cambria and Coleg Gwent supporting learners on the autistic spectrum access mainstream courses with Priory support. Both colleges have an 'in-house' provision building independence with therapeutic input. We address their academic, social and emotional needs in a safe and supportive learning environment.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01978 340580 (North)

or 01495 762609 (South)

www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk

Location addresses can be found at:

www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk/find-a-location/





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Cranborne



Residential
and day



60
maximum



16 - 25 years
residential
14 - 16 years day



Start
throughout
the year



Up to 52 weeks
per year



For students with communication, social and emotional challenges promoting academic, vocational and independence skills.

What the college says....

We provide person-centred study programmes leading to employment, further and higher education and independent living. Our learners may have a diagnosis of Asperger's syndrome, higher functioning autism, anxiety disorders and/or social, emotional mental health conditions. Offering both residential and day placements we support young people to overcome their personal barriers to learning and prepare for adulthood.

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
throughout
the year



38 - 52 weeks
per year



Specialist further education college
for young people with a learning
disability and complex needs.

What the college says....

Cambian Lufton College is a specialist provider of further education, offering day and up to 52-week residential placements. The college's person-centred approach ensures that learners have personalised study programmes and moving-on curriculum, developed to effectively match their needs, personal decisions and future aspirations.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0800 138 1184

Email: beth.purdy@cambianguroup.com

www.cambianguroup.com

Lufton, Yeovil,

Somerset BA22 8ST



Cambian Wing College

Bournemouth



Residential
and day



46
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



Independent specialist college providing holistic education for students with Asperger's syndrome and challenging behaviour.

What the college says....

A specialist further education college for learners with a diagnosis of high-functioning autism and associated mental health conditions. Our learners display challenging behaviour which affects their ability to achieve their potential and our role is to provide a holistic experience where each learner is given the opportunity to access education in a therapeutic environment.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01202 635630

Email: louise.renshaw@cambianguroup.com

www.cambianguroup.com

126 Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth,
Dorset BH8 8TH





Eat That Frog CIC

Torquay



Day
only



45
maximum



14 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



39 weeks
per year



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

What the college says....

Eat That Frog help those who may not be comfortable in traditional learning environments or have missed opportunities due to educational, social or emotional circumstances. We work closely with local authorities and learners to agree a bespoke package to suit individual needs at our centres across South Devon. EHCP students benefit from 1:1 tutor support and non-EHCP learners thrive in our small groups of three or four.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01803 551551

Email: info@eatthatfrog.ac.uk

www.eatthatfrog.ac.uk

91 Union Street, Torquay,
Devon TQ1 3DG



Exeter Royal Academy for Deaf Education

Exeter



Residential
and day



80
maximum



16 - 24
years



Start
September
but flexible



36 weeks
per year



Education and care in a bilingual, BSL and English environment. The curriculum is tailored to each individual student.

What the college says...

The Deaf Academy's residential and day further education college aims to ensure all our Deaf students achieve their full potential and develop self-confidence, self-esteem and independence. Our broad curriculum is tailored to meet individual student needs and aspirations.

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



80
maximum



16 - 24
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year
52 weeks
available



Employability, vocational and independence training for young people with learning disabilities, including autistic spectrum disorders.

What the college says....

Set on a 26-acre farm, Fairfield provides personalised study programmes preparing learners for adulthood. Learners undertake vocational and employability skills training in animal care, equine, horticulture and enterprise. They are able to develop these skills in the shop, cafe, kitchen and reception. Fairfield focuses on real employability skills for young people.

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



85
maximum



16 - 25
years

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



Start
September

What the college says....

We offer a broad, flexible curriculum of academic, vocational and/or employability skills to meet the needs of all students, including those who have high academic potential. After a recent multi-million pound investment, we now have sector-leading residential accommodation within the local community, including semi-independent living flats which provide opportunities for developing independence and social skills, so that our students are effectively prepared for adulthood.



38 and 52 weeks
per year

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01373 456470

Email: farleighfcollegefrome@priorygroup.com

www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk

North Parade, Frome,
Somerset BA11 2AB





Foxes Academy

Minehead



Residential
only



84
maximum



16 - 25
years

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



Start
September

What the college says....

Foxes Academy is an Ofsted 'Outstanding' residential college. Our vocational training takes place in a hotel that is open to the public, meaning learners gain skills to achieve high levels of employment. Our Independent Living training takes place within our community enabling young people to live independently.



38 weeks
per year

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01643 708529

Email: admissions@foxesacademy.ac.uk

www.foxesacademy.ac.uk

Foxes Field, Selbourne Place,
Somerset TA24 5TY



Horizons College (UET)

Swindon



Day
only



70
maximum



16 - 25
years

Horizons College is an exciting and unique provision for young adults with moderate, severe or profound multiple learning difficulties.



Start
September

What the college says...

Horizons College is a specialist facility for young adults who have moderate, severe or profound multiple learning difficulties and/or complex needs. Offering learning pathways to enable meaningful community participation, increased application of work skills and the opportunity for voluntary or paid work. We believe in empowering learners to shape their future.



39 weeks
per year

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01793 481493

Email: uet-admin@uetcollege.ac.uk

www.horizonscollege.ac.uk

Stratton Road, Swindon,
Wiltshire SN1 2PN





Lifeworks College

Dartington



Day
only



8
maximum



16 – 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Lifeworks College is a welcoming, lively, learner-centred specialist college for young people with a range of learning disabilities.

What the college says....

We offer an innovative programme of personal, social and vocational education, including supported internships. We use nationally accredited courses that are flexible, individualised and designed to support students in gaining skills that will enable them to progress and lead productive, independent lives.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01803 865075

Email: nikkiforsyth@lifeworks-uk.org

www.lifeworks-uk.org

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



National Star College

Cheltenham



Residential
and day



175
maximum



16 - 25
years



Mainly
September
but flexible



37 - 52 weeks
per year



Providing personalised learning and transition services for people with a broad range of disabilities.

What the college says....

An 'Outstanding' specialist college (CQC 2017, Ofsted 2018) providing personalised programmes. Supporting students with a broad range of disabilities including complex health requirements and learning disabilities. We are a vibrant organisation offering life skills, vocational and work skills programmes on a full-time, part-time, day and residential basis. Our outstanding facilities include sensory, therapeutic, supported work environments and we have excellent established community partnerships.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01242 527631

Email: admissions@natstar.ac.uk

www.nationalstar.org

Ullenwood, Cheltenham

GL53 9QU





Oakwood Court College

Dawlish



Residential
and day



65 maximum
(50 at Dawlish
15 at Torpoint)



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



37 - 52 weeks
per year



Developing independence for young people with learning difficulties, autistic spectrum condition and complex behaviour.

What the college says....

Oakwood Court is a day and residential specialist college for learners with special educational needs/ disabilities and associated complex behaviours. Our skilled tutors and learning support assistants are passionate about developing young people's knowledge, skills and abilities, working alongside the in-house therapy team. Whilst at Oakwood all learn the skills to prepare them for adulthood.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01626 864066

Email: enquiries@oakwoodcourt.ac.uk

www.oakwoodcourt.ac.uk

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



Priory College Swindon

Swindon



Residential
and day



50
maximum



16+
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



A specialist college for students aged 16+ with Asperger's syndrome, autism, social and communication difficulties and comorbid conditions.

What the college says...

Priory College Swindon offers 38-week residential and day placements. Our support helps students who have previously been unable to cope with the demands of mainstream environments to develop the skills that allow them to fulfil their potential in education and life.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01793 719500

Email: markburton@priorygroup.com

www.priorygroup.com

Fairview House, 43 Bath Road,
Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 4AS





ROC College

Totnes



Residential
and day



12
maximum



16 – 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Non-campus learning towards
independent living and paid
employment.

What the college says....

ROC College provides part and full-time programmes. We work with the student and the family to build a curriculum that aims to achieve outcomes for the future. Delivery takes place in the community providing an opportunity to access the right environments for the student to achieve and grow whilst contributing to their local community.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 07525 986765

Email: therese.timberlake@unitedresponse.org.uk

www.unitedresponse.org.uk/roc-wellbeing

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



Ruskin Mill College

Horsley



Residential
and day



100
maximum



16 - 25
years



Throughout
the year



36 - 52
weeks per year



An independent specialist college educating young people with complex behaviour and learning difficulties, including autism.

What the college says...

Set in 140 acres, Ruskin Mill College offers young people its unique Practical Skills Therapeutic Education method; learning through meaningful real life activities and accredited courses. The college provides a range of nutritional, therapeutic and medical support, and a rich, varied and bespoke curriculum offers opportunities to develop communication, social and living skills.

To find out more, contact this college on

Tel: 01453 837502

Email: admissions@rmt.org

www.rmt.org

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





Sheiling College

Ringwood



Residential
and day



42
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Specialist college for young adults with severe learning difficulties, moderate learning difficulties and/or autistic spectrum disorders.

What the college says....

Set in 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 for young adults with severe and moderate special educational needs, including autistic spectrum disorders.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01425 477488

Email: admissions@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
September



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 (post-16) and St Martin's (post-19) provide education, therapy and day and residential care for young people with a wide range of needs. We have a person-centred approach to ensure we help young people to achieve their potential as they approach adulthood. We offer a wide range of accredited and non-accredited courses on and off site and work in partnership with other local providers.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01453 763793

Email: admin@stroses.org.uk or
st.martins@stroses.org.uk

www.stroses.org.uk

Stratford Lawn, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 4AP





Stratford Lodge

Salisbury



Residential
only



9
maximum



16 - 19
years



Throughout
the year



38 weeks
per year



Specialist services in Asperger's syndrome and associated disorders.

What the college says....

We offer further education to students unable to access mainstream education. Our aim is to enable students to gain nationally recognised qualifications. At the same time we encourage them to become more independent. Our location in Salisbury, allows us ready access to a cathedral city, where essential living skills can be developed – travel training, community awareness, work experience and sport and leisure activities.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 0800 288 9779

Email: education@cambiagroup.com

www.cambiagroup.com

4 Park Lane, Salisbury,
Wiltshire SP1 3NP



WESC Foundation

The Specialist Centre for Visual Impairment Exeter



Residential
and day



150
maximum



11 - 25
years



Start
anytime



38 weeks or
52 weeks
per year



We provide high-quality education and care for students with visual impairment.

What the college says....

Young people and adults at WESC Foundation will experience the widest possible range of services in education, care, therapies and mobility, provided at this highly specialist day and residential centre for visual impairment.

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

Stroud



Residential
and day



35
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start dates
flexible



37 weeks or
52 weeks
per year



Residential and day provision for young people with moderate to severe learning difficulties including communication.

What the college says....

We support the development of young people through a personalised curriculum and where appropriate, the creation of enterprise and work-based learning. We promote independent living skills for people with learning difficulties. A holistic approach to care and education assists learners in their transition into adulthood, developing communication and employability skills.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01453 824025

Email: admissions@wmcc.ac.uk

www.wmcc.ac.uk

Chipmas Platt, Eastington, Stroud,
Gloucestershire GL52 3NX



What our students say...

"The thought of going to Oxford is daunting but I'm looking forward to meeting lots of like-minded people."



"We enjoy being part of the student forum because we help all the students to be heard. We attend Health & Safety meetings and organise events like Red Nose day and our end of year Summer Ball."





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Langdon College 16

Ambitious College

Tottenham



Day
only



46 across two
campuses



16 - 25
years



Start
September



40 weeks
per year



Ambitious College is London's only registered day college for young people aged 16-25 with complex autism.

What the college says...

We offer young people specialist education and support and provide the vocational and community-based opportunities they need to make a successful transition to an active life in their community. We are a co-located college (Tottenham and Isleworth) which enables us to extend our curriculum to offer a range opportunities.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 020 3870 8775

Email: admissions@ambitiouscollege.org.uk

www.ambitiouscollege.org.uk

Pears Campus at The College of Haringey,
Enfield and North East London,
Town Hall Approach Road, London N15 4RX





The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy

Christchurch



Residential
only



38
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



Teaching communication, numeracy, literacy and independent living skills through horse motivated learning.

What the college says....

The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy is for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities who have a desire to learn in an equine environment. Horse motivated young people work together and find friendships in an environment where they feel comfortable.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01425 673297

Email: admissions@fcrt.ac.uk

www.fortunecentre.org

Avon Tyrrell, Bransgore, Christchurch,
Dorset BH23 8EE



Minstead Trust

Lyndhurst



Residential
and day



80 day
10 residential
and respite stays



18+
years



Start
throughout
the year



49 - 52 weeks
per year



Training people with learning disabilities in a beautiful, spacious rural setting in the New Forest.

What the college says....

Minstead Trust offers training for greater independence for people with learning disabilities, helping them develop and achieve work skills, life skills and better health and wellbeing. Our focus is on practical learning through doing and achieving levels of independence appropriate to their abilities.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 023 8081 2297

Email: lucio.defeo@minsteadtrust.org.uk

www.minsteadtrust.org.uk

Minstead Lodge, Minstead, Lyndhurst,
Hampshire SO43 7FT





The Mount Camphill Community

Wadhurst



Residential
and day



30
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Independent specialist college for young adults with learning disabilities offering a curriculum in practical skills.

What the college says....

The Mount Camphill Community 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

Nash College
Learning Through Living - Making the Transition



Residential
and day



90
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September



38 weeks
per year



A springboard into adult life for young people with severe/profound/multiple learning and physical disabilities including high medical needs and/or autistic spectrum disorder including challenging behaviour.

What the college says....

Students follow individual programmes tailored to their unique needs and post-college aspirations. Educators work with a wide range of in-house services including speech therapy, occupational therapy, nursing and psychology.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 020 8325 4844

Email: transitions@nash.livability.org.uk

www.nashcollege.org.uk

Croydon Road, Hayes, Bromley,
Kent BR2 7AG





Orchard Hill College

Sutton



Day
only



210 full-time
120 part-time



16 - 25+
years



Start
September



36 weeks
per year

Orchard Hill College is an Ofsted 'Outstanding' provider of specialist education. We have seven vibrant centres across London and Surrey.

What the college says....

An 'Outstanding' specialist college offering life-changing learning opportunities to school leavers and adults. We have six vibrant centres delivering a range of programmes to meet the needs of our students. Programmes support and empower students to achieve their aspirations and goals, whilst developing skills to become more independent members of their community.

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 for young disabled adults with a passion for the arts and a desire to live independently.

What the college says...

We offer a curriculum that develops students' communication, social interaction and independence skills through the arts in order to prepare them for adulthood. We have excellent facilities including a theatre, art studio and multi-media suites. We also offer supported housing 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





RSBC Dorton College of Further Education

London



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 developing confidence 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.rsbc.org.uk/what-we-do/

RSBC, 52 - 58 Arcola Street,
London E8 2DJ



St John's School & College

Brighton



Residential
and day



100
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 - 52 weeks
per year



A specialist college welcoming learners with complex learning disabilities and autistic spectrum conditions.

What the college says....

Situated in the vibrant and diverse city of Brighton, we provide a varied curriculum with a strong focus on practical work-based learning, numeracy and literacy, creative and performing arts and key life skills. This curriculum is strongly supported by our in-house residential care and wellbeing services, where independence is encouraged and promoted every step of the way.

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 Mary's School & College

Bexhill-on-Sea



Residential
and day



30
maximum



19 - 25
years



Contact the
college



38 weeks
per year



Specialist, integrated, education, therapy and care enabling optimum independence in living and employment settings.

What the college says....

Students at St Mary's have communication and learning difficulties and complex needs. The course creates individual pathways to develop independence, employability, sociability and access to the community in preparation for a fulfilling adult life. The expert team of specialist staff allows 19+ to follow an integrated vocational, therapy, care and waking day curriculum.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01424 730740

Email: admin@stmarysbexhill.org

www.stmarysbexhill.org

Sarson House, 132 Dorset Road,
Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN40 2HT



St Piers College, Young Epilepsy

Lingfield



Residential
and day



150
maximum



19 - 25
years



Start
September
but flexible



38 weeks
per year



Expertise in SEND including autism spectrum disorder, epilepsy and other associated neurological conditions and special needs, including moderate, severe and profound multiple learning difficulties and complex behaviours and health.

What the college says....

The college focuses on the development of individual learner aspirations, independent living, vocational and employability skills and personal skills such as assertiveness, self-confidence and self-esteem.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01342 832243

Email: education@youngepilepsy.org.uk
college.youngepilepsy.org.uk

St Piers Lane, Lingfield,
Surrey RH7 6PW





Treloar College

Alton



Residential
and day



96
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
September



39 weeks
per year



A wide range of flexible course options for students with complex physical disabilities.

What the college says....

Treloar's provides outstanding education, care, therapy, medical support and independence training to young people with complex physical disabilities. Our aim is to enable all learners to achieve their long-term goals. This could include: living a more independent life; providing a meaningful contribution to society; and, for some, the prospect of higher education and/or employment.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01420 547400

Email: admissions@treloar.org.uk

www.treloar.org.uk

Powell Drive, Holybourne, Alton
Hampshire GU34 4GL



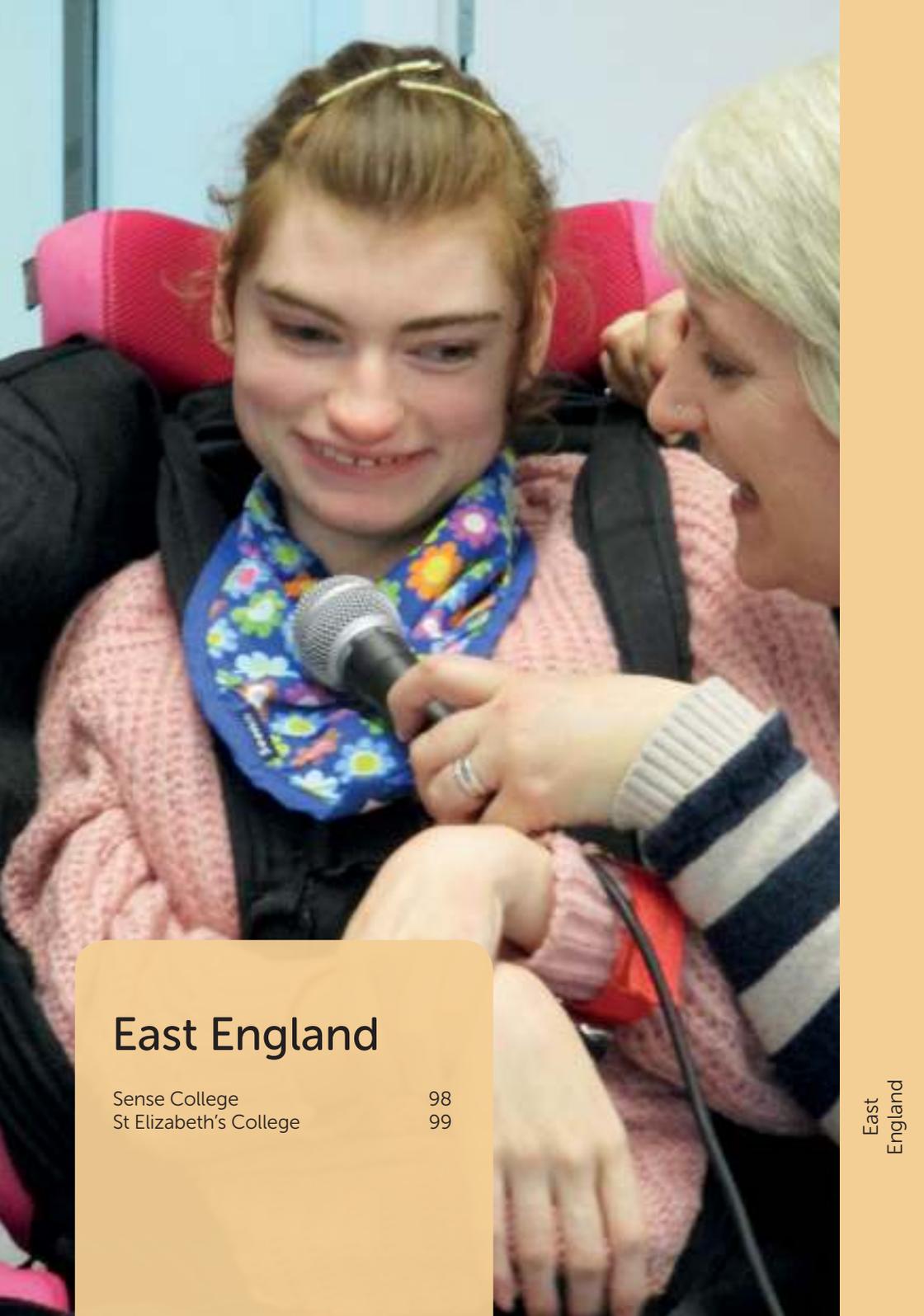
What our students say...

"I like working in the shop, I like to help the customers and chat with them. I have learned how to weigh the fruit."



"I love volunteering at my local museum where I 'meet and greet' people. I think the museum is great and I'm happy to be a part of my local community."





East England

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Sense College

Hampton



Day
only



60
maximum



16 - 25
years



Start
throughout
the year



38 and 45
weeks per year



An independent specialist college operating in the East of England, East Midlands, Outer London and Birmingham for learners with communication, sensory and social difficulties and autistic spectrum disorder.

What the college says...

We support learners in their local communities and our innovative education curriculum provides study programmes and pathways into adulthood. Highly qualified staff focus on improving independence and supporting individuals to identify and reach their chosen next steps whether it be employment, further education or in the community.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 01733 425053

Email: college.enquiries@sense.org.uk
www.sense.org.uk/content/sense-college

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





St Elizabeth's College

Much Hadham



Residential
and day



35
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 844349

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

Perry Green, Much Hadham,
Hertfordshire SG10 6EW



What our students say...

"I enjoy the activities and work experience. I learn about cooking, independence on buses and trains."



"It's a very special place – we do fun things and I love my friends here."



Thomas Doran Parkanaur Trust – Parkanaur College

Co. Tyrone



Residential
only



24
maximum



18+
years



Start
any time



52 weeks
per year



Northern Ireland's only specialist,
residential college for adults with
learning and physical disabilities.

What the college says....

The college facilitates transition between school or the sheltered home environment, to employment and independent living. A range of courses provide access to nationally recognized qualifications, vocational training and work experience: OCN levels 1, 2 and 3 in General Administration, Horticulture, Catering and Hospitality, Assembled and Upholstered Furniture Production.

To find out more, contact this college on:

Tel: 028 8776 1272 / 028 8776 1336
Email: studentco@parkanaurcollege.org
www.parkanaurcollege.org
57 Parkanaur Road, Dungannon,
Co. Tyrone BT70 3AA



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