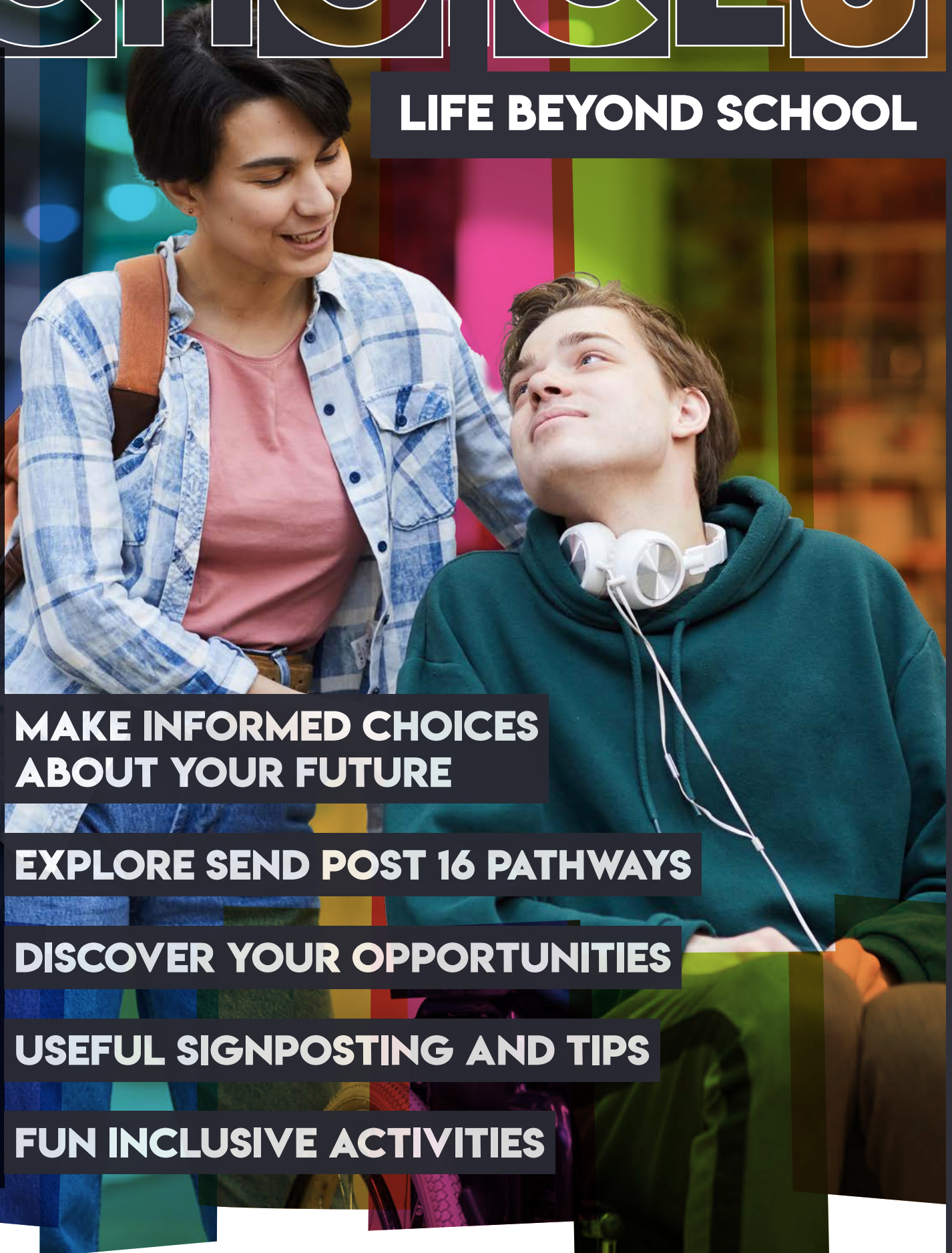


CHOICES

LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL



**MAKE INFORMED CHOICES
ABOUT YOUR FUTURE**

EXPLORE SEND POST 16 PATHWAYS

DISCOVER YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

USEFUL SIGNPOSTING AND TIPS

FUN INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES

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WELCOME TO **CHOICES**

HELPING TO SUPPORT OUR AMAZING SEND STUDENTS ACROSS WORCESTERSHIRE TO UNDERSTAND THEIR CAREERS CHOICES

WELCOME TO THE CHOICES BOOKLET - LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL. THIS BOOKLET WILL HELP YOU, THE STUDENT AND YOUR PARENTS/CARERS VIEW AND UNDERSTAND THE OPTIONS OF LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL.

DECIDING ON THE NEXT STEPS CAN BE VERY DAUNTING, WHAT OPTIONS ARE THERE? ARE THE OPTIONS APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR NEEDS? IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORT?

THE QUESTIONS ARE ENDLESS; THEREFORE, WE HAVE CREATED THIS BOOKLET TO SUPPORT AND SIGNPOST YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
INSPIRING WORCESTERSHIRE CAREERS HUB**
WWW.SKILLS4WORCESTERSHIRE.CO.UK



ABOUT US...

WHO ARE WE?

The Inspiring Worcestershire Careers Hub is part of a national initiative led by the Careers and Enterprise Company to support the delivery of high-quality careers education within educational establishments across Worcestershire.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Our aim is to ensure that through our work with educational establishments across Worcestershire that every young person receives the information, advice and guidance they need to ensure they are fully prepared to enter the world of work.

WHY DO WE DO IT?

If young people across Worcestershire fail to receive high-quality careers guidance it is highly likely they will not undertake a career pathway that is right for them.

Failure to provide young people with high-quality careers guidance will also have a negative impact on the future workforce available to Worcestershire employers.

If Worcestershire's economy is to continue to grow then it is vital that they have a pipeline of young people who hold the right skills, qualifications and experience that employers are looking for. Providing this pipeline of young people to employers will ensure that they are able to replace employees quickly and efficiently but also ensures that young people do not feel the need to travel outside of Worcestershire to secure employment.

HOW TO NAVIGATE THIS BOOKLET

THE BOOKLET HAS BEEN SPLIT INTO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

FURTHER EDUCATION

- > SIXTH FORMS
- > LOCAL COLLEGES
- > INDEPENDENT SPECIALIST COLLEGES
- > INDEPENDENT TRAINING PROVIDERS
- > **EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEERING**
 - > SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS
 - > GETTING EMPLOYED
 - > VOLUNTEERING
- > **INDEPENDENT LIVING AND LIFE SKILLS**
- > **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**
- > **COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SOCIAL CARE**

Appropriate pathways will be highlighted to the courses that are applicable, these will fall into the following categories:

PMLD Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties

SLD Severe Learning Difficulties

MLD Moderate Learning Difficulties

SEMH Social and Emotional Mental Health

Some of the sections have activities to complete in your own time along with links and websites that will be useful to follow. You will also find some good news stories, sharing comments and pictures from past students.

Finally, you will find useful contacts in each section that should also support the search for the next step that suits you best.

HOW TO NAVIGATE THIS BOOKLET

You will also find symbols as you move through this booklet - these will help you to navigate to the sections you may require faster.

The symbols are as follows:



**FURTHER
EDUCATION**



**EMPLOYMENT &
VOLUNTEERING**



**INDEPENDENT
LIVING & LIFE
SKILLS**



**PAID
PROVISION**



**HEALTH AND
WELLBEING**



**COMMUNITY
SUPPORT &
SOCIAL CARE**



**GOOD NEWS
STORIES AND
FEEDBACK**



RECREATIONAL



TOP TIPS



SIGNPOSTING



ACTIVITY

YOUR SEND LOCAL OFFER

A Local Offer gives young people with special educational needs or disabilities and their families information about what support services the local authority think will be available in their local area.

Your local offer will directly link to the council that your EHCP was created by. Ensure that you are looking at the correct area for your local offer; support will vary.

LOCAL OFFER WEBSITE LINKS:

[Worcestershire SEND local offer](#)

[Birmingham SEND Local Offer](#)

[Wolverhampton SEND Local Offer](#)

[Warwickshire SEND Local Offer](#)

[Gloucestershire SEND Local Offer](#)

[Solihull SEND Local Offer](#)

[Dudley SEND Local Offer](#)

DISCOVERING LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL

THINKING ABOUT YOUR NEXT STEPS AFTER SCHOOL CAN BE WORRYING AND CONFUSING WHEN YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL NEEDS.

We want to give you enough information to solve that confusion and take away some worries.

As you move through this Booklet it will highlight some options to choose from.

However, it is important to work out what your likes, dislikes and goals are first before deciding on a plan or next step.

Why not try these activities to help you work this out?

More info and activities found here [@My World of Work](#).

Or even try this Buzz quiz - <https://icould.com/buzz-quiz/>





FINDING YOUR INTERESTS

Your perfect hobby would be?

- A) Being with animals
- B) Team games/sports
- C) Board games and puzzles
- D) Performing/music
- E) Video games

My idea of fun is?

- A) Being outside
- B) Meeting friends and family
- C) Cooking
- D) Listening to music
- E) Doing school/ homework

My friends and family would say I'm?

- A) Adventurous
- B) Friendly
- C) Neat and tidy
- D) Musical
- E) Good with IT

What fun activity would you like to attend?

- A) Animal Farm
- B) Party
- C) Team building game
- D) Karaoke
- E) Computer games day

FINDING YOUR INTERESTS

How do you work?

- A) I like to work outside
- B) I like to work in a team
- C) I like to work out the problem first
- D) I like to come up with new ideas
- E) I like to Google it

I'm most likely to help my family with?

- A) Walking the Dog
- B) Group tasks
- C) Fixing things
- D) Selecting the music in the car
- E) Solving IT issues in the house

If you worked at your school, what job would it be?

- A) Gardener
- B) Teacher/ Teaching Assistant
- C) Office staff/ Receptionist
- D) Music/ Drama teacher
- E) IT support

My favourite subject at school was/is?

- A) PE or being outside
- B) Group projects
- C) Technology (making things)
- D) Drama/ Music
- E) Anything on the computer

Once you have finished selecting one letter for each question, count how many of each letter that you got. What letter do you have the most of?

Look on the chart to see your likes: Mostly

- A) You love to be outside and amongst nature. Have you thought about finding your next step that involves being outside?
- B) You have a passion for working with others or as part of a team. Great news, lots of careers or future choices can involve people. Try to see how many people will be in the next part of your journey?
- C) Wow, you are organised and productive. Your eye for finer detail will come in handy. Look for courses or opportunities that will allow you to use that logical thinking, planning and preparing tasks.
- D) It looks like you love all things musical and being in the spotlight is your thing. There are lots of options here or even hobbies. Keep shining!
- E) IT and anything on the computer are your thing! What a great skill. See if there are any options for you in this area?

If you have the same score for two letters look at how you can combine the two areas.



FURTHER EDUCATION

Young people are now required to remain in learning until they are 18 years old. Students with Education Health Support Plans (EHCP) are entitled to support in education until they are 25 years old, if they remain in education. The following information will show some options on how and where to stay engaged in education.

We have broken education down into smaller sections allowing you to dig a little deeper into the courses available.

These sections are:

- > Sixth Forms
- > Colleges
- > Independent Specialist Colleges
- > Independent Training Providers

Not all settings are applicable to all SEND needs, so ensure you follow the code highlighted at the start of the magazine to determine if it is an option for yourself.

APPLYING FOR YOUR NEXT STEPS



In the vast majority of cases students will be able to find a suitable course at an educational provider within their local area. Very occasionally, if a student has very complex needs, they may need to consider an Independent Specialist Placement (ISP) which may be further away. The student must have an EHCP to access one of these placements and the Local Authority will only consider funding an ISP once all local options have been exhausted. Please note that the Local Authority cannot agree to place a pupil at an ISP if there is an equivalent course/provision available locally.

For those young people requesting residential specialist college placements the Local Authority will require evidence demonstrating that the proposal for a placement has been made as a result of appropriate assessment and guidance involving collaboration between relevant agencies, including adult social care and health. (caption taken directly from Worcestershire County Council's website)



FURTHER EDUCATION

APPLYING FOR YOUR NEXT STEPS CONTINUED

Further education, training providers and sixth form colleges offer a wide range of courses for young people, at all levels of achievement. Colleges offer supported courses for students with special needs at a range of levels. These can be accessed from age 16 (after Year 11) and remain available for students if they leave school sixth form after Years 12, 13 or 14.

Courses include vocational work-related learning and general courses which can include preparation for adult life, such as life skills, work skills and independence skills. There are progression routes from one course level to another, provided the student has achieved the entry requirements for the next level course including the appropriate level of English and Maths.

The usual progression steps are:

Pre-Entry Level

Entry Level 1,2,3

Level 1 (GCSE 1-3)

Level 2 (GCSE 4 and above)

Level 3 ('A' level)



Courses at colleges and training providers help students gain qualifications and develop work skills, to help give them the best chance of gaining a job. There are courses with work experience options and other courses which are mainly work based learning such as supported internships, traineeships and apprenticeships.

Local colleges advertise their open days in local press and on their websites.

The Education Health and Care plan can remain in place for full-time courses or training at college or with training providers. Colleges and training providers are required to make reasonable adjustments for learning and personal support, to enable students with support needs to access learning.



FURTHER EDUCATION

SIXTH FORMS

Many of the schools in Worcestershire have Sixth Forms so you can remain in school after year 11, in some schools this is up to year 14 (up to 19 years old).

The following is a list of local schools that welcome Post-16 (after year 11) students with EHCP plans. Simply search for the school in your chosen internet browsers for more information. It is always advisable to call the school/setting to find out if there are places available along with liaising with your local authority SEND Caseworker.

Here is a list of Worcestershire SEND Specialist Sixth Forms:

WORCESTERSHIRE LOCAL AUTHORITY SEN SCHOOLS WITH SIXTH FORMS

Chadsgrove School

Vale of Evesham School (Academy)

Regency High School (Academy)

Pitcheroak School

Wyre Forest School

Rigby Hall School

SPECIALIST SCHOOLS WITH SIXTH FORMS / POST-16 PROVISION

Cambian New Elizabethan School

Norton College

Our Place

The Bridge School (Malvern)

POST - 19 SCHOOL-BASED PROVISION

Chadsgrove Post-19

Victoria School - Post-19 (called Victoria College)

Northfield Birmingham



FURTHER EDUCATION

LOCAL COLLEGES

Colleges offer a broad range of course choices and access to learning opportunities and facilities that are not available through school. Changing to a college may bring challenges but can also have some great benefits such as a wider range of courses, further supported education, tailored learning to your chosen topic area and many more benefits. A benefit from learning locally can be progressive outcomes and links to local employment or volunteering.



HEART OF
**WORCESTERSHIRE
COLLEGE**

Heart of Worcestershire college is the largest further education college in Worcestershire; with campuses in Bromsgrove, Redditch, Worcester and Malvern.

HOW College is an inclusive college which sees learners as individuals with their own particular needs and strengths.

Debbie Morris

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Worcester: 01905 743456

Redditch/Bromsgrove: 01527572882

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logo to visit
the college
website

Below is a list of some of the available courses:

- > Life and Independent Living skills 1 **SLD**
- > Life and Independent Living Skills 2 **MLD**
- > Skills for Work 1 **MLD SEMH**
- > Skills for work 2 **MLD SEMH**
- > Support into employment **MLD SEMH**

[HOW prospectuses](#)
[HOW Courses](#)



FURTHER EDUCATION

LOCAL COLLEGES CONTINUED



**KIDDERMINSTER
COLLEGE**

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logos to visit
the colleges
websites



**SOUTH & CITY COLLEGE
BIRMINGHAM**

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Generic Email

enquiries@kidderminster.ac.uk

Phone:

Reception: 01562 820811

Learner Services: 01562 512003

Mandy Smith

SENCO Email:

Mandy.smith@sccb.ac.uk

Phone:

0121 694 5000

Kidderminster College will support you to achieve the course you wish to take. A tailored support system will be put into place, with a high staff level and excellent resources allowing you to achieve and progress.

[Kidderminster College Local Offer](#)

[Kidderminster College Student Support Link](#)

Kidderminster College has many entry level courses to choose from. Click the [here](#) to find out more.

However, here is one that might be of interest to get you started:

> [Access to further Education Diploma](#)

MLD SEMH

Kidderminster College offer alternative entry level courses. However, student numbers on these courses determine if they will run or not.

South and City College Birmingham is a vocational college which offers students part time, full time and Apprenticeship courses from level 1 to higher education in a range of subjects.

We offer a wide range of course options to help students to lead more independent lives and to improve their employment and training opportunities.

[SCCB Foundation Learning](#)

[SCCB Supported Learning](#)

[Additional Learning](#)

[FAQs](#)

MLD SEMH



FURTHER EDUCATION

LOCAL COLLEGES CONTINUED



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Additional.support@solihull.ac.uk

Louise Badham**Email:** info@wcg.ac.uk**Phone:** 0300 456 0047

Stratford-upon-Avon College College welcomes applications from those with additional needs, and our support team are fully trained to give you all the encouragement that you need to get the most out of your learning experience. If you are disabled or have any special needs, then our team of support staff are here to help you.

At Stratford upon Avon college we are running foundation learning programmes for Entry 3-Level 1 full-time and a range of PT ALD courses.

All courses can be found on the website.
[Foundation Learning Courses](#)
[Have a look at the Foundation course video](#)

The Adult ALD part-time provision is suitable for 19 plus learners with **MLD** **SLD** **SEMH**

Entry 3 and Level 1 provision suitable for 16-18 and 19 plus for learners with EHCP.
MLD **SEMH**

All learners are assessed on an individual basis and we work alongside the additional support team to assess their needs.

WCG is a group of colleges that, combined, make up one of the largest further and higher education colleges in the UK.

Each individual college has its own unique identity which means that together they can deliver a broad range of study programmes to help develop the wider skills bases on which our local economies depend.

Additionally, our variety of facilities which are open to the public allows us to serve our local communities and give our students more opportunities to be enriched by their college experience.

[Course Guide](#)
[Supported Learning Virtual Tour](#)
[Pershore College virtual Tour](#)

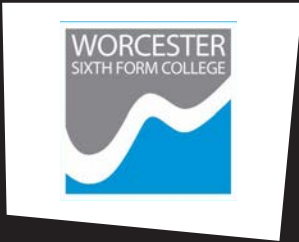
ENTRY LEVEL 1- supported learning:

- > Foundation Skills Programme (Catering) **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Foundation Skills Programme (Building Services) **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Skillbuilder **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Foundation Skills Programme (Land-based) **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Ready for Adulthood **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Supported Internship **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**



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LOCAL COLLEGES CONTINUED



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Worcester Sixth Form College unfortunately does not have any specific entry level courses. However, at Worcester Sixth Form College we welcome students with additional support needs. Over the years we have developed specialised support areas for Asperger's Syndrome, dyslexia, sensory impairment and medical conditions.

[Worcester Sixth Form College Local Offer](#)

[Worcester Sixth Form College Learning Support website](#)

[Worcester Sixth Form College Prospectus](#)





FURTHER EDUCATION

INDEPENDENT SPECIALIST COLLEGE PROVISIONS

An Independent Specialist College could be a consideration if a local college or training provider is not able to meet your needs. Independent Specialist Colleges can offer individualised learning and support for some learners with high and complex support needs.

It is important to look at all of the options available and discuss specialist college options with school teachers, careers advisers, social worker and SEN caseworkers. Usually applications to these college should be considered 18 months to 2 years in advance of leaving school. This can be discussed through the EHCP annual reviews.

West Midlands Independent Specialist College Provisions:

1. Chadsgrove Educational Trust Specialist College
2. Condover College
3. Derwen College
4. Glasshouse and Argent College
5. Heart of Birmingham Vocational College
6. Hereward College
7. The Hive College
8. Homefield College (satellite location)
9. National Star College (satellite location)
10. New College Worcester
11. Newfriars College
12. Queen Alexandra College
13. Regent College
14. Royal National College for the Blind
15. Strathmore College
16. Sense College (satellite location)
17. Trinity Specialist College

Click the logo to visit the website



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES PLEASE SEE NATSPEC DIRECTORY



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INDEPENDENT SPECIALIST COLLEGE PROVISIONS



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Derwen College works with young people with learning difficulties and disabilities, providing inspirational learning, development and care to enable the achievement of aspirations which transforms lives.

Learn more [here](#).

Virtual Open Day

> Hospitality & Housekeeping

PMLD **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**

> Horticulture **PMLD** **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**

> Retail **PMLD** **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**

> Performing Arts

PMLD **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**

> Work Skills **PMLD** **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**

National Star is a specialist day and residential college for young people, aged 16 to 25 years old, with complex disabilities.

The college accommodates 104 residential students and up to 60-day students. Students from Worcestershire schools currently attend National Star and have done for a number of years, both as day and residential students. National Star is an outstanding Ofsted provider. The college has a multi-disciplinary teamwork approach, with therapies and life-skills embedded into not only the curriculum, but weekend and evening activities within residence and in the community.

PMLD **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**

[National Star Virtual tour](#)

[National Star Prospectus](#)



FURTHER EDUCATION

INDEPENDENT SPECIALIST COLLEGE PROVISIONS



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QAC is a national residential college and charity based in Birmingham that supports a diverse range of student abilities and needs.

The college offers an innovative, holistic approach to learning and support. We welcome students who come to our college from all over the country – as well as many who are local to us.

[QAC Your Guide](#)

[QAC Prospectus](#)

- > Preparation for Life (PFL) **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Learning, Employment and Progression (LEAP) **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Vocational programmes **MLD** **SEMH**
- > STRIDES **MLD** **SEMH**
(Supporting, Transition, Resilience, Independence, Developing Employability Skills)





FURTHER EDUCATION

INDEPENDENT TRAINING PROVIDERS

Independent training providers offer further education in a range of different training centre locations across the county. They offer courses in a range of vocational subjects and work preparation such as traineeships, apprenticeships and supported internships. Individual training providers often focus on a particular type of course or vocational/work option and offer an alternative to college for further education to help young people progress in learning and progress to employment.

Each Training provider offers something slightly different, so ensure you research your options finding the most suitable match for you.



FURTHER EDUCATION

INDEPENDENT TRAINING PROVIDERS

WORCESTERSHIRE '2CT' 2 COUNTIES TRAINING:

2 Counties Training is part of Worcestershire County Council, they offer Traineeships and Study programmes for 16-18-year olds, 19-24 with an Educational Health Care Plan. The programmes are delivered by different providers based across the county and include functional skills in English and Maths, work skills and work experience with a focus on helping young people to become work ready.

Contact each provider or
Katie Birch for more information:

Katie Birch

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Website: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/
/16to24trainingworcestershire/](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/16to24trainingworcestershire/)

The following 6 providers can be found through 2 Counties Training:

2CT-HORIZONS TRAINING

At Horizons we believe everyone has the ability and the right to learn and develop themselves. We have a Beauty Salon, Catering Kitchens, Café and Construction Workshops. We make learning fun and enjoyable and our aim is to help people work towards a brighter future.

MLD **SEMH**

Phone: 01432 356687

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Website: www.horizontraining.org.uk

2CT- GLP TRAINING

GLP Training support young people 16-18 (19-24 with an EHCP) on their journey into working life. We offer a central Worcester training centre with classrooms and practical learning bays to hone your practical skills supported by experienced and friendly professionals. Offers Traineeships and study programmes with the addition of a level 1 construction multi-skills course. **MLD** **SEMH**

Phone: 01905 670884

Email: info@glptraining.co.uk

Website: www.glptraining.co.uk

2CT- XL SKILLS TRAINING

Our Traineeships and study programmes are specifically tailored to help you develop your employability, enhance your skills and prepare you for the world of work. Our friendly and approachable staff are on hand to support you at every stage of the process and we offer a comfortable learning environment at our own facility in the heart of Redditch Town Centre. **MLD** **SEMH**

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FURTHER EDUCATION

INDEPENDENT TRAINING PROVIDERS

2CT- EDUCATIONWISE

- > Level 2 Certificate in Active Leisure, Sport and Physical activities
- > Work experience within the sector
- > Level 2 Certificate in coaching Multi skills development in sport
- > Functional skills Maths
- > Functional skills English
- > Level 1 in Work Skills
- > **MLD** **SEMH**

Paul

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Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DB9bnRBieGU>

2CT- PS EDUCATION

We deliver full-time study programmes and Traineeship programmes with an element of blended learning.

The qualifications for these courses are Customer Services, Work-skills and functional skills and an element of work-based learning when possible.

- > **MLD** **SEMH**

Jody on

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2CT - WHITEHEAD-ROSS EDUCATION AND CONSULTING

Traineeships for 16-18-year olds, up to 25 years old with an EHCP.

You will spend two days per week on a work placement and 1 day per week in the classroom completing functional skills in Maths and English.

- > **MLD** **SEMH**

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INDEPENDENT TRAINING PROVIDERS



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Email:

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We work as one of the top alternative education providers in Gloucestershire, bringing an ever-growing range of vocational training, as well as the fundamentals of Math and English, to a setting that is supportive, flexible and learner-centered.

Our courses are aimed at **MLD** **SEMH**

[Bridge Training Prospectus](#)

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Phone:

01902 716 100

Nova Training provides a variety of learning provisions across the West Midlands. This independent training provider will tailor its learning to the needs of the student, catering for ages 14-24 with an EHCP.

- > Employability Skills **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Traineeships **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Headstart Study programme **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Apprenticeships **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > GCSE English **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Functional Skills- Higher Needs **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Supported internships **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**



FURTHER EDUCATION

INDEPENDENT TRAINING PROVIDERS



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BRIDGE SCHOOL MALVERN

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Bridge School, Malvern is a small independent school offering a creative and flexible curriculum in a nurturing environment.

- > Manufacturing **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Retail **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Catering **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Functional Skills **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Life Skills **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**

[Bridge School Brochure](#)

THE WORCESTERSHIRE APPRENTICESHIP HUB

LOOKING FOR A GREAT WAY TO START YOUR CAREER?

WANT TO LEARN ON THE JOB, GAIN EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS WHILST ALSO EARNING MONEY?

THE ANSWER MAY BE AN APPRENTICESHIP...

HOW WE CAN HELP...

- One to one advice and guidance
- Explaining all about how apprenticeships work
- Help in producing a CV
- Support in searching for vacancies and completing the online application
- Applying for vacancies and setting up alerts
- Preparing for the interview
- Understanding the role of the training provider and employer
- Other options if you can't get an apprenticeship just yet

GET IN TOUCH...

 worcsapprenticeships.org.uk

 @worcsapprentice

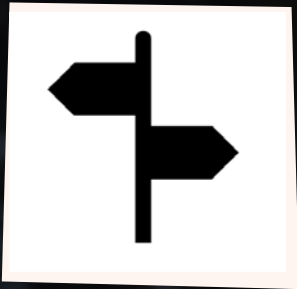
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 0300 666 3 666





FURTHER EDUCATION



SIGNPOSTING FOR FURTHER EDUCATION

FOLLOW THE LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

- > [Worcestershire training providers association](#)
- > [Worcestershire Alternative Education providers](#)
- > [Worcestershire SENDIASS Team](#)



TOP TIPS...

- > Do your research
- > Make sure you can get to the location
- > Ensure that they know what your needs are so they can fully support you
- > Ask for help when you need it
- > A pre-visit to the site is always helpful



GOOD NEWS STORY!



At Rigby Hall Special School, we pride ourselves on the opportunities we are able to give our students, despite the pressures of the last 12 months due to the global pandemic. In September 2020 we proudly opened our Life Skills Village giving our students the ability to develop work skills in a range of vocations including mechanics, hair and beauty and construction here on site. The students have continued to develop their employability skills whilst exploring their strengths and ambitions for the future. Below is just one example of how the careers programme has benefitted our students.

My Name is Zach and I am in Post 16 at Rigby Hall. I decided to stay on in Post 16 so that I could learn to be a bit more independent and learn more functional skills. In my time at Rigby Hall I have improved my confidence and now I feel ready for my future. After I leave Post 16 I would like to go to college to study IT and computing. I would also like to learn how to live on my own. I think I have learnt lots about 'work' in sixth form, I enjoyed working in our community café and learnt how to communicate and be professional. I really enjoyed working in the new Life Skills Village, we have been setting up our own gym business, I also had the chance to use the construction pod to complete a commission project.



GOOD NEWS!

NEXT STEPS CHECKLIST



Use this tick list to ensure you have all the information and are properly prepared for your next steps.



Have you thought about how you are travelling to college?

tick



Do you know if any of your friends are going to the same place?

tick



Do you know the times of each day? And how many days a week you will go to college?



Is there funding available to support you?



Do you know the term dates of the course?



Does the course cater for your needs?



Will there be food provided during your day?



Do you need to take anything with you?

[Contact For Families with Disabled Children](#)



EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

If employment and volunteering is an option for you, then you could also think about the following information.

There is plenty of provision in the local community to guide, coach and support you through the journey. If you have a career/job in mind it is worth seeing if there is an educational course that will support you to the next step. These can be found in the previous section of the magazine.

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS

A supported internship is a type of study programme specifically aimed at young people aged 16 to 24 with a EHCP who wish to move into employment. Supported internships can bridge the gap between education and the world of work or volunteering. These courses can help you get ahead as you move into adulthood.

To find out more information click [here](#)

Click the logos to visit the colleges websites



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Mencap programme is for young people with mild learning disabilities who have an Education and Healthcare Plan (EHCP) aged between 16 – 24 years of age.

On this programme we teach clients functional skills in Maths and English and Employability skills in our classroom activity sessions. We teach Entry Level 1, 2 and 3 up to Level 2.

Find out more [here](#).

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- > [Interns and Outcomes Booklet](#)
- > [Supported Internship Booklet](#)



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SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS



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Heart of Worcestershire college also deliver supported internships and access to employment course.

HOW College is an inclusive college which sees learners as individuals with their own particular needs and strengths.

You can find out more [here](#), below is a list of some of the available courses:

- > Life and Independent Living skills 1 **SLD**
- > Life and Independent Living Skills 2 **MLD**
- > Skills for Work 1 **MLD SEMH**
- > Skills for work 2 **MLD SEMH**
- > Support into employment **MLD SEMH**

[HOW prospectuses](#)

[HOW Courses](#)

A Traineeship is a flexible education and training programme with work experience that unlocks the great potential of young people, ages 16 to 24!

This programme prepares them for their future careers by helping them to become 'work ready'.

The Point- Kidderminster College
Traineeships **MLD SEMH**

> [Traineeships](#)



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SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS



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Nova Training provides a variety of learning provisions across the West Midlands. This independent training provider will tailor its learning to the needs of the student, catering for age 14-24 with a EHCP. These courses also include traineeships and supported internships.

- > Traineeships **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**
- > Supported internships **SLD** **MLD** **SEMH**

[More information](#)

QAC is a national residential college and charity based in Birmingham that supports a diverse range of student abilities and needs.

The college offers an innovative, holistic approach to learning and support. We welcome students who come to our college from all over the country – as well as many who are local to us.

[QAC Your Guide](#)

[QAC Prospectus](#)

STRIDES **MLD** **SEMH**
(Supporting, Transition, Resilience, Independence, Developing Employability Skills)



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SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS



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BIRMINGHAM**

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**Building Better Opportunities
Worcestershire**



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South and City College Birmingham is a vocational college which offers students part time, full-time and Apprenticeship courses from level 1 to higher education in a range of subjects.

We offer a wide range of course options to help students to lead more independent lives and to improve their employment and training opportunities.

> Pre-supported internships

SLD MLD SEMH

> Preparing for Volunteering

SLD MLD SEMH

> Preparation for Employment

SLD MLD SEMH

> Supported Internship Booklet coming soon on our website.

Building Better Opportunities (BBO) is a funded programme designed to help local people move closer to or into employment, improve lives and secure the future prosperity of Worcestershire. BBO will assign you your very own job coach, to find training and opportunities supporting you into the world of work.

[BBO information for Worcestershire](#)

[Find your Local Job Coach](#)

The referral process is easy, ask through the job center *if applicable or email/Call Vestia.



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Department
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As you turn 16 your DLA (Disability Living Allowance) will change. Follow the link or contact Clare for more information to ensure your funding entitlements continue.

www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/disability



TRAVEL ASSISTANTS

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Finding your way to college or work can also present itself as a challenge. Don't let this be a barrier, [follow the link to find out how your local Council can support you.](#)

Post-16 travel assistance is not automatically offered to all students who have an EHCP. There is an eligibility criteria, including closest college that meets need, and for further information on this you can either speak to Linda Hemming at Worcestershire County Council, your SEN caseworker or look at the SEN Transport Policy. It is important that you take the information into consideration when looking for a college placement.

All students, regardless of need, have to pay a post -16 parental contribution towards travel assistance. The amount currently stands at £547.00 per year, although this could change, and is payable for 2 years. You will get options on how to pay this.

The travel assistance that you are offered will not automatically be a taxi. There are other options that may be offered to you and these could be a Direct Travel Payment, bus pass or train pass.



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SIGNPOSTING FOR EMPLOYMENT

- > [Routes into Work Guide](#)
- > [Looking for work if you're disabled](#)
- > [Worcestershire Help to find work \(SEND\)](#)
- > [Scope Employment Support](#)
- > [Government list of Disability Friendly Employers](#)
- > [Disability Job Site](#)
- > [Careers with Disabilities](#)
- > [Princes Trust](#)

USEFUL TOOLS

- > [Getting a Job guide by the Foundation for people with learning disabilities](#)
- > [Learning Disabilities website](#)
- > [Routes into Work Guide from Preparingforadulthood.org.uk](#)



TOP TIPS FOR EMPLOYMENT

- > Be on time or even better be early
- > Be polite and respectful
- > Be helpful to others without forgetting to do your own jobs
- > Don't use your mobile phone unless it is an emergency or on a break
- > Know your working times for the week ahead
- > Bring lunch or money if you have a lunch break
- > Ask questions
- > Make friends, a happy working environment is a productive working environment
- > Ensure you inform your manager of any additional support you need
- > Find a safe place to store your belongings throughout the day
- > Be proactive
- > Ensure you know what is expected of you in the job



EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering can be a wonderful way for you to experience new environments and try new skills without the pressure of a paid position.

Volunteering can help you build up your skills developing you to be work ready. It is also a great way to work out what career you may wish to work in. You may also meet new people and make new friends within your local community.

WHY VOLUNTEERING?

- > Volunteering can connect you with other people
- > Volunteering builds self-confidence and self esteem
- > Volunteering can be important for physical and mental health
- > Volunteering gives you purpose
- > Volunteering helps others and gives back
- > Volunteering can give you a more positive outlook on your life
- > Volunteering can help you find a job and build skills

HOW TO FIND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES?

Finding opportunities in your local area may take a little bit of investigation. Firstly, if you are still in an education setting speak with your Key worker or Careers leader/advisor for help.

Secondly, write a list of local places you would like to volunteer at, things that you have an interest in or place you have a skill that would match. Approach these places (with parent/guardian support) to see if they have any opportunities for you.

Thirdly, you can follow the links in the signposting sections for contacts for volunteering in Worcestershire.



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VOLUNTEERING



SIGNPOSTING FOR VOLUNTEERING

- > [Worcestershire Community Volunteering](#)
- > [Scope Volunteering](#)
- > [Evesham Volunteer Centre](#)



TOP TIPS FOR VOLUNTEERING

- > Look for something that you are interested in
- > Make sure you can travel to the location
- > Ensure they know what your needs are so they can fully support you
- > Ask questions
- > Be prepared for the day ahead
- > A pre-visit to the site is always helpful

A high percentage of charity shop workforce is voluntary, this is a great place to start. <https://www.charityretail.org.uk/find-a-charity-shop/>



GOOD NEWS STORIES!

James- Ex Pupil from Chadsgrove School

James is now working in a Charity shop on the tills 3 days a week, his confidence and maturity has flourished. His mum said how, since becoming an adult, professionals like to speak to him directly and as a result of this and working in a shop his confidence has rocketed.

Mencap- Patricks Story:

Follow the video link to watch Patrick success story. Patrick completed Mencap's Supported employment programme.





Interviewing an Adult

Student Activity (SEND)



Whether you know exactly what job you want to do and how to get there, or whether you aren't sure just yet, researching the job roles within different industry sectors will help you.

Having conversations with adults is a great way to help you prepare for the world of work.

Why not try this activity and interview an adult?

You could start with a teacher, a family member or even ask someone you know who is doing a similar job to the one you would eventually like to undertake.

Use the free text boxes to write down the answers to the questions.



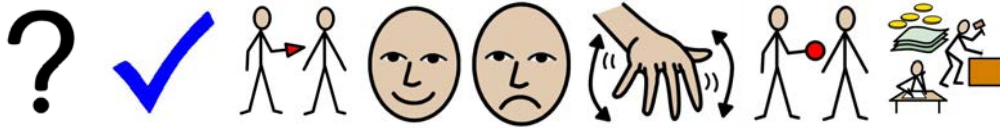
Our challenge to you today is for you to **INTERVIEW AN ADULT** about their experiences of the world of work and their journey to get where they are today.

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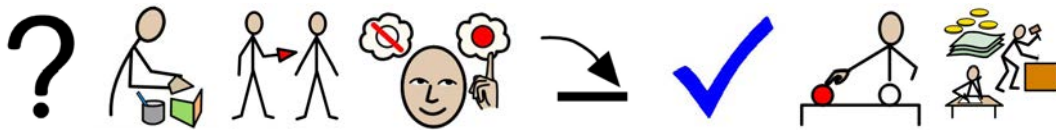
Use the free text boxes to write down the answers to the questions



What job do you currently do?



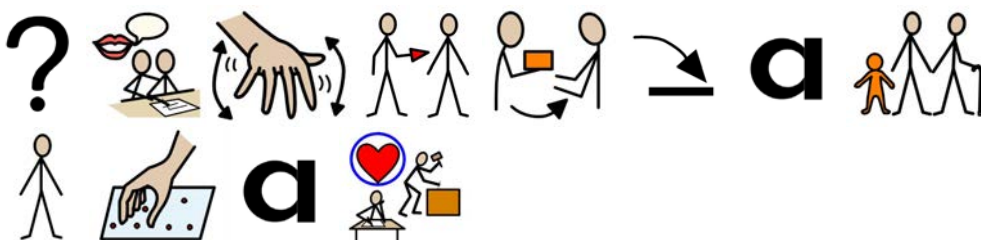
What do you like / dislike about your job?



What made you decide to do that job?



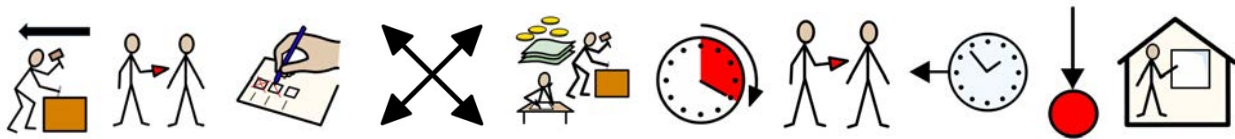
What was the best one?



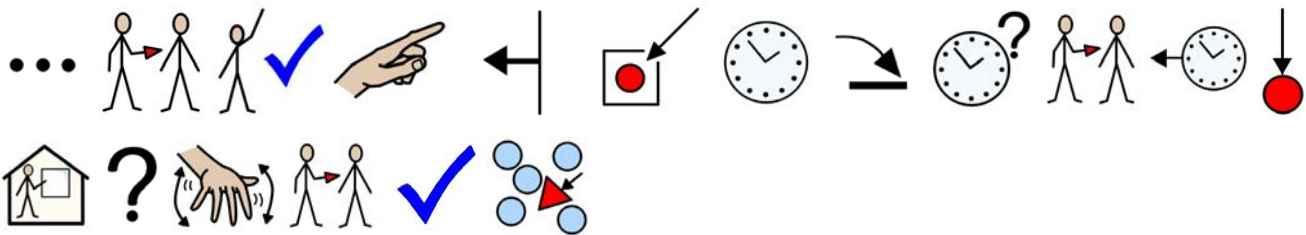
What advice would you give a young person on choosing a career?



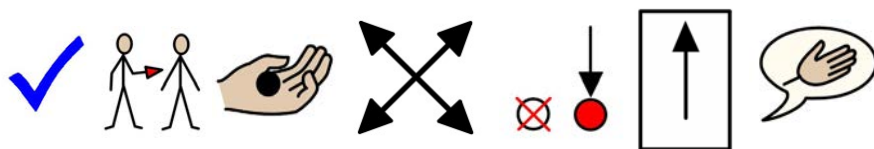
What are the most important skills you need in your job role?



Did you complete any work experience while you were at school?



If you could go back in time to when you were at school what would you do differently?



Do you have any other top tips?



INDEPENDENT LIVING AND LIFE SKILLS

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As you grow older you will be wishing to become more independent where you can. This short section will signpost and guide you to some ways you can start doing just that.

It is important not to rush this transition and take guidance from those around you.

LIFE SKILLS

Preparing for adulthood can be daunting however, if it is broken down into chunks or sections it can become more achievable.

Break it into the following sections:

- About the home
- Money management
- Talking to others and socialising
- Education/ work / volunteering

Follow the **Scope** link for more information:

<https://www.scope.org.uk/advice-and-support/teaching-child-life-skills-living-independently/>

Barclays life skills website is also a great

tool to work with: <https://barclayslifeskills.com/>

MONEY MANAGEMENT

It is important to understand and manage your money, again this can be something you and your parents/guardians worry about, if you follow the links below you will find wonderful support and guidance on how to keep your money safe, budget and afford the things you want.

Dosh has a great easy read website to help you manage your money

Watch this [Dosh video](#) for more information.

Try these activities from [Practical Money Skills](#)

[NatWest My money website](#)

[Kiddie Matter Life skills website and downloadable checklists](#)

Why not try this [life skills check list](#)



INDEPENDENT LIVING & LIFE SKILLS



SIGNPOSTING FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING AND LIFE SKILLS:



TOP TIPS

- > Be organised
- > Keep yourself and accommodation clean and tidy
- > Ask for help when you need it
- > Know who your support staff are
- > Follow the money management tips and advice
- > Don't put yourself in unsafe situations
- > Always have your phone on you in case of emergencies
- > Learn your address if possible
- > Get to know the local area with support

- > [Encouraging Independence](#)
- > [Preparing for Adulthood Worcestershire](#)
- > [Supported Living in Worcestershire video](#)
- > [Supported Living Worcestershire information](#)
- > [Worcestershire preparation for Adulthood – No Place Like Home Guide](#)
- > [Worcestershire Preparation for Adulthood](#)

Email:

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- > [Worcestershire Care Choices Booklet](#)
- > [National Preparation for Adulthood Website](#)



GOOD NEWS STORY!

Claire's Story:

Follow the video link to watch Claire's story into supported living.



INDEPENDENT LIVING & LIFE SKILLS

LIFE BINGO



Join in this simple game of bingo to see how independent you are, find out more ways to support yourself into independency from the previous section.



Do you know your address?

tick



Do you use a calendar?

tick



Are you travel trained?



Do you make some of your own food and drinks?



Do you use a mobile phone or telephone?



Do you communicate with others well?



Can you tell the time and time keep?



Can you operate technology?



Do you look after your own money?



Can you prepare yourself or know what to take with you day to day when going out?



Do you have any responsibilities, like looking after a pet?



Do you know what to do at the shops?



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

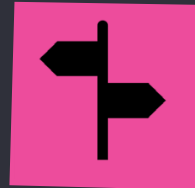
In preparation for adulthood and thinking about your next steps it is important that you also think about your health. If you move on to college, supported work placement, volunteering etc. You will need to keep your physical and mental health in check to ensure you enjoy, complete and achieve in the activities.

There is a lot of support around you, so always ask for help if you need it. See the links below and information for more ways you can keep yourself healthy and happy.

HOW TO KEEP YOURSELF HEALTHY

There are many ways to keep yourself healthy in body and mind. Follow the link to find out some more information.

[The school run - Keeping yourself healthy](#)



SIGNPOSTING FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING:

Your local county council has a lot in place for you, see these following links for more:

- > Worcestershire - [Preparing for adulthood](#)
- > Worcestershire - [Health and Wellbeing](#)
- > Worcestershire - [Health Services for Children with SEND](#)
- > [Send Personal Health Budget](#)
- > [Growing up, Sex and relationships from Contact Family](#)



GOOD NEWS STORY!

Read Gemma Coates Inspiring story from Chadsgrove school:





HEALTH AND WELLBEING

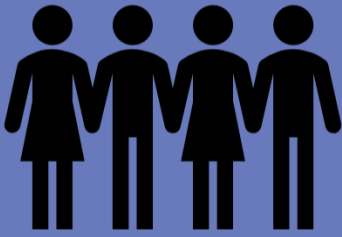


MY HEALTH WHEEL

See how many pieces of the wheel you already do?

Add them up out of 8. Try to add a piece of the wheel each week.





COMMUNITY SUPPORT & SOCIAL CARE

Life would be a little empty without friends and family around you, so as you move forward through your journey it is important to keep a strong network of friends and family. Getting involved with your local community through groups, volunteering and activities is a great way of making and building relationships.

There are lots of local groups so please use the signposting for more information. However, here are a few options.

Some of these settings provide day activities which can be accessed through adult care funding and individual budgets. These budgets are agreed for eligible young people through adult care assessments undertaken by social services.



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Click the logo to visit the website

Amber supports adults with learning and physical disabilities, with specialisms in autism and behaviours which challenge. We are uniquely able to offer a single support system linking Social Enterprise and Day Support to Supported Living and Outreach Respite Support.

[Amber Support services brochure](#)

Amber Eco - Supporting adults with learning and physical disabilities to live the life they want to live, we offer Horticultural Therapy where 'gardening makes us feel renewed inside'

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Amber Workshops - Every Wednesday Morning from 10.00 am to 12:30 pm. Therapeutic art projects **SLD MLD SEMH PMLD**

Amber Activity Centre (Bromsgrove) - At Amber Active we provide a range of active sport activities that anyone is able to join in with. Clients decide what sports they would like to do and we make it happen. **SLD MLD SEMH PMLD**

Amber Workshops - Amber Spotlight uses inclusive, relaxed, fun and creative sessions in both music and drama to help clients develop musicality skills, acting skills, self-esteem, confidence and much more. **SLD MLD SEMH PMLD**

Amber Glam - Amber Glam sessions are designed to encourage the learning of new skills, but to also leave us feeling at our best! **SLD MLD SEMH PMLD**



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Various art and craft sessions throughout the week which aim to promote health and wellbeing for all members of society through the visual arts.

Our services are designed for young adults in transition; adults with learning and physical disabilities who would like to develop their skills and to be involved in production, to their ability level. We support people to develop socially and emotionally whilst learning new skills.

Spokes - Cycle repair MLD SEMH

Repairs and renovates old bikes for resale to the public. Each trainee is supported to work at their own ability level to get involved with rebuilding bikes.

Go Green - Recycling SLD MLD SEMH

Involves can crushing, recycling a range of different materials to avoid them going to landfill. Also offers opportunities to work in light manufacturing, putting together components for small external contracts.

Twigs and Wood works SLD MLD SEMH

Provides the opportunities to learn workplace skills in horticulture, growing plants and vegetables.

Pots SLD MLD SEMH

Offers the opportunity to make a range of items from clay and other mediums. Arts and Craft sessions are available.



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KIDDERMINSTER RESOURCE CENTRE

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Kidderminster Resource Centre is a Worcestershire Local Authority Post-18 adult day care centre provision based in Kidderminster. The centre is able to provide day care for adults with a range of disabilities and support needs. Usually the day placements are funded through social care Adult Care Assessments and individual budgets.

Arts & Crafts **MLD** **SEMH**

The Arts and Crafts project (Thursday's) is run by a member of staff who has over 10 years' experience, supported by a volunteer. Here individuals can be creative by making numerous items for themselves or for us to sell when we run our craft stalls throughout the year.

Woodwork **MLD** **SEMH**

Our Woodwork project (Wednesday's) runs from the workshop on the farm, it is run by a member of staff who has personal experience of people with challenging behaviours and is supported by a volunteer.

Farm Experience **MLD** **SEMH**

Farm Experience day is held on a Friday and is exactly what it says an "experience", this project is run by a member of staff whose family farm we operate from and he is also a support worker for other organisations.

Ground Care **MLD** **SEMH**

Ground Care runs Monday - Thursday carrying out grounds maintenance work across Worcestershire, parts of the West Midlands and Shropshire. Individuals will be trained to use commercial petrol driven equipment as well as getting the opportunity to work in some lovely settings in a team atmosphere.



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My STEPS is focused on developing your personal skills, this may be with independent living, cooking, using money, shopping, laundry, cleaning or communication, problem solving, teamwork, independence, confidence building, healthy living and fitness. First taster session free.

My STEPS runs from Monday - Thursday and you can attend as many days a week as you like.

MLD **SLD** **SEMH** **PMLD**

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We provide support and opportunities for people with learning difficulties, disabilities and mental health needs.

Through our service provision we offer a range of positive and meaningful activities within an environment where the individual is at the centre of everything they do.

Day Opportunities

Monday to Friday

9.15am to 3.15pm

Full and half day sessions available

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'Rock 'n Pop' School

@Kidderminster Youth House

Once a month - Saturdays

10.00am to 12.00pm

SLD **MLD** **SEMH** **PMLD**

'Reach for the Stars' DISCO 'Bewdley Cricket Club

Once a month - Wednesday evenings

6.00pm to 8.30pm

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Reddi Support is a day service for people with learning disabilities.

We offer fun activities in a supportive learning environment, promoting independence and inclusion within the community.

Day opportunities

Independent living, enterprise, social and recreational activities – weekdays as well as evening and weekend support, social events and nights out and weekend breaks/short holidays.

SLD **MLD** **SEMH**

Maggie Allen

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Spectrum Days provides specialist support to people with PMLD (Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties) from birth, through life with Purpose, Meaning, Living Dignity.

Day Opportunities are our core activity and take place at home, in the community or at Days (our premises) Home and Away. Due to their dependency a person with PMLD can never be left for any period of time. This can make the daily management of the family extremely difficult. The home service alleviates some of these difficulties. It can be accessed at any point. Spectrum Days is a safe, stimulating, accessible environment, with an extensive range of appropriate resources, such as specially adapted games and equipment.

We provide a range of activities bespoke to the individual, with therapeutic routines built into the day.

7am to 7pm

SLD **MLD** **SEMH**



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Day service for young adults which is not just a safe place for them to go, but one that provides for their medical, physical and emotional wellbeing whilst continuing to enhance their still-developing skills and life experiences. These special people, like everyone else, need a purpose in life, something which provides meaning and a community within which they can flourish and grow.

PMLD **SLD**

Jim Hilderley

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Wildgoose Rural Training was established in 2000, to support adults with learning and physical disabilities. Enabling them to learn practical and social skills through working with the land and animals. Treating them as individuals and giving them the opportunity to gain skills through activities such as:

- > Animal Care -Looking after our animals.
- > Horticulture, Agriculture and Conservation- Growing fruit and veg, gardening and managing the Nature Reserve.
- > Woodwork, Cookery, Mechanics, Arts-Craft, Well-Being and Workstream

Experienced tutors who bring out the absolute best of each student.

Transitional visits can be arranged to support and reduce the anxiety of moving on.

Get to know us a little more through our Webpage and links.

<https://youtu.be/y-bxwxY0XYQ>

<https://youtu.be/VCNrASBh0Hk>

<https://youtu.be/WldxpxbVDyI>

SLD **MLD** **SEMH** **PMLD**



COMMUNITY SUPPORT & SOCIAL CARE



SIGNPOSTING FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SOCIAL CARE:

- > [Worcestershire- Groups and activities](#)
- > [Worcestershire Day opportunities](#)
- > [Worcestershire- Short Breaks and group activities](#)
- > [Worcestershire- Specialist Short Breaks](#)
- > [Worcestershire Day Services](#)

FUNDING YOUR SOCIAL CARE

DLA is the benefit to which children with disabilities may be entitled. For those age 16 years and over DLA stops and is replaced with PIP.

These guides explain these benefits further:

<https://www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children/rates>

<https://www.gov.uk/dla-disability-living-allowance-benefit>

If someone has a child aged 16-18 and they believe they are eligible for support from the Young Adults Team, they should contact the Family Front Door on 01905 822666. If they are over 18 then they should contact the Access Centre on 01905 768053.

If they are assessed as being eligible for support from the YAT team they will receive a social work assessment which will enable them to access care and support which may include a direct payment. Direct payments are cash payments (rather than directly provided services), which are paid to a young person (age 18 and over), a parent or carer or to a nominated third party. These payments must be used to meet outcomes identified in a care plan or Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan. By receiving direct payments, you are responsible for arranging, managing and paying for the services yourself.





COMMUNITY SUPPORT & SOCIAL CARE



GOOD NEWS STORIES!



Parents Feedback



Our son has attended for several years and continues to benefit from the wonderful provision at Wildgoose. Jim is a very wise leader and he and his team are caring, considerate, kind and very imaginative in the way they adapt their curriculum to meet the diverse needs of their service users. The staff go out of their way to make sure that everyone attending the care farm feels welcome, safe and secure and that each individual gain valuable skills and experience tailored to their specific needs, while at the same time having fun. The staff takes time and great care getting to know every service user as an individual and work hard to create a bond with families and carers. It is a tribute to Jim and his team that WGRT has become a very supportive, extended family for all its service users and their families and carers.





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GOOD NEWS STORIES!



Covid 19 Good News Story from Reach:

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'Reach' day provision is offering some alternative activities during this third lockdown in order to keep individuals engaged, socially connected and safe during the service's temporary closure. Opportunities include daily socially distanced walks, litter picking and home deliveries of 'Activity Packs' containing cookery recipes and craft projects for those who are shielding. Outdoor activities have enabled individuals to safely meet with their friends whilst keeping fit, healthy and enjoying some fun in the fresh air! These opportunities have proved most vital in supporting our individuals with their health and mental wellbeing throughout this most challenging time and provided a much needed social 'lifeline' for many individuals.

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Ben Rochfort who attends 'Reach' 4 days a week and enjoys all the opportunities on offer from crafts and work experience to 'Rock 'n Pop' School' said;

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It's great to see my friends. I like litter picking and keeping the parks clean and tidy.

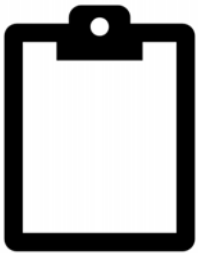
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PICKING THE RIGHT COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR YOU



Choosing the right social care or community group for you can be a difficult decision as there are so many options to choose from.

This simple exercise should help you think things through.



WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS IN YOUR AREA?



IS IT A HOBBY OR SOMETHING YOU LIKE TO DO?



WHAT TIME DO THE GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES HAPPEN?



DOES IT MAKE YOU SMILE WHEN YOU TAKE PART?



WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK AND HOW REGULAR ARE THE GROUPS AND MEETINGS?



DO YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS THERE?



WOULD YOU NEED SUPPORT WITH TRANSPORT?



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FURTHER SUPPORT CAN ALSO BE GAINED THROUGH WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SENDIASS, IPSEA AND YAT:



SENDIASS is a local County Council service to support you with any SEND information, advice and support.

Herefordshire

Phone: 01432 260955

Email: sendias@herefordshire.gov.uk

Worcestershire

Phone: 01905 768153

Email: sendiass@worcestershire.gov.uk

Click the logo to visit website



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Telephone: 01799 582030

Email: info@ipsea.org.uk



The Young Adults Team within adult social care work with young adults who:

- > are aged between 16 and 25 years old
- > live in a Worcestershire postcode
- > have an additional need
- > require support with transition planning

If you are eligible for support from the YAT, they can offer you a wide range of support in organising financial support, support employment services and your next steps.

You can find out more [here](#)

Education Health Care Plan EHCP Team

Heather Darby - 01605 844376

Email: hdarby@worcestershire.gov.uk

Justin Stevens - 01905 845917

Email: jstevens3@worcestershire.gov.uk

SEN Services - Vicky Jarrod

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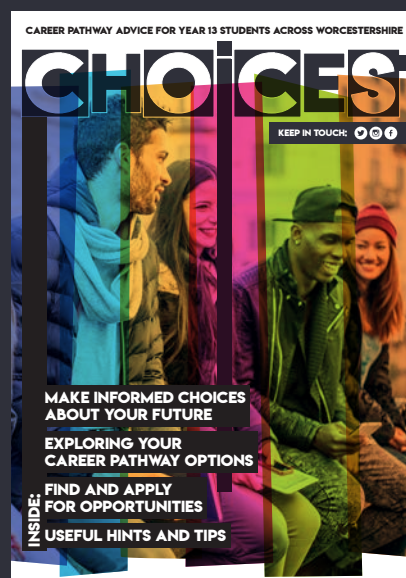
SEND Worcestershire Local Offer

localoffer@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk

CHOICES TRANSITION BOOKLETS

The Inspiring Worcestershire Careers Hub delivery team have created a series of transition support documents which you may wish your son / daughter to work through in order to help prepare them for life beyond school.

These useful documents should provide your son / daughter with all of the key information advice and guidance they may need and will allow them the opportunity to work through a number of useful activities / tasks each term throughout the school academic year.



These documents are free to use and can be downloaded from the Skills 4 Worcestershire Website. Please follow the link below to access these documents:

www.skills4worcestershire.co.uk

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