



Preparing for Adulthood Next Steps



Building on the Success of Saxon Hill

**Specialist Provisions and Colleges
Information for Parents**

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At Saxon Hill we are committed to supporting all our pupils to successfully transition from school which for most will be when they have completed Year 14.

In this booklet, we have collated information about available providers of education and support to enable you to make an informed choice about what would be the best, appropriate option for your child.



We would advise all families to visit or contact some settings, look for further information on setting websites and talk to your child's teacher about what options to consider if you feel unsure. At each annual review from Year 9, we will also have focused discussions about next steps to ensure that at each stage, you have the right information and support.

Please contact school if you need any further information about the transition process.

Please note that this information has been gathered to help you with a starting point to know what is available. There are other settings that may also be appropriate. These are not our recommendations.

Any decisions about placement will be made by the local authority. We will invite all SEND key workers and other key professionals to all Year 14 reviews to support a partnership approach to decision making

Burton and South Derbyshire College



Location: Burton on Trent

Contact Number: 01283 494400

Contact Email: enquiries@bsdc.ac.uk

Website: <https://www.bsdc.ac.uk>

Provision: day college provision (up to 5 days per week)

Hours: variable between 9-4:30pm

About this provision:

“We believe that education is important for everyone and we offer a range of courses to support learners with disabilities and/or learning difficulties, as well as those who have few or no qualifications.

Our foundation learning courses will help to prepare you for other courses in the College and/or employment by developing your skills and confidence, so you feel ready to take the next step. You will learn in a safe and friendly environment and will be supported every step of the way by your tutors and other students on the course.

You will focus on key areas of employability such as presentation skills, effective communication, interview skills, working as part of a team and safe learning in the workplace. You will gain skills in independent living, working with the community, personal and social development and achieving individual learning and social targets.

We are committed to ensuring all of our learners feel valued and supported in reaching their goals, be that further education, employment, supported living or supported internships.

We also cater for young adults with complex learning difficulties and/or disabilities with Education and Health Care Plans. Our courses are designed to provide a progression route from school or residential college.”



Skills Tank at Care First



Location: Head Office – Great Barr

Contact Number: 0121 308 6555

Contact Email: wayneh@carefirstltd.co.uk

Website: <https://skillstank.co.uk>

Provision: 48 weeks of the year

Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30-3:30pm

About this provision:

“A yearlong provision delivering fun, practical and easy to learn sessions that have helped improve wellbeing through life and social skills, improve safety in the community by involving students in the community and giving students greater life choices through practical hands-on sessions rather than academic learning.”

This year long provision, now in its 21st year, is backed by a partnership, with Birmingham Metropolitan College. It’s grown to help adults 16+ with more substantial needs (Skills Tank) through its partnership with Birmingham City Council, Staffordshire County Council and the NHS.

Skills Tank from Care First delivers carefully designed person centred practical and fun education in bite sized chunks via its supportive caring staff. We continually draw on the many years of hands on experience we’ve had working with adults with learning difficulties, learning disabilities, behaviour that challenges, mental health, autism, brain injuries, complex needs and physical disabilities to help them enjoy happier, calmer and more fulfilled lives.”



Catherine Care

Location: Great Wyrley and Cannock

Contact Number: 01543 271000

Contact Email: enquiries@catherinecare.com

Website: <https://catherinecare.com>

Provision: Community access, day opportunities and residential care

Hours: variable



About this provision:

“At Catherine Care, we offer a wide range of services for adults with learning difficulties to help them live life to the fullest.

- *Day activities and opportunities*
- *Community access and participation*
- *Shared supported housing and independent living*
- *Residential care*

We put together full, flexible and personal packages of support. These help us meet individual needs and help people stretch and grow towards their goals.

Our well-trained staff and specialist sites in Cannock and Great Wyrley in the West Midlands offer the care, activities, and opportunities that we know make a positive difference to people with learning difficulties, at every stage of their adult lives.

Run by people who understand the challenges and joy of sharing a life with someone with additional needs, we’re proud to have grown from a small, family idea into a thriving, busy community.”



CJB Care

Location: Burton

Contact Number: 01283 530 416

Contact Email: info@cjbcare.co.uk

Website: www.cjbcare.co.uk

Provision: Day opportunities, respite and fulltime accommodation

Hours: variable



About this provision:

“CJB Care is dedicated to the enrichment of people’s lives under our care. Our belief that every life should always be healthy and fulfilled, drives us to be better. Everyone in our organisation is passionate about individuals and their needs – It’s what makes us unique.

Our services are tailored to provide a high quality, individualistic service, which enables every person to have the maximum choice and control over how they spend their day. Those we support will be surrounded by a safe and warm environment that promotes independence, participation and integration using an approach that places the individual first.

Leigh house offers 5 bedrooms, a spacious lounge, kitchen and a dining room. The house also has a sensory/activity areas. There are three bathrooms which can cater for individuals with physical disabilities. Outside there is a large garden and a large drive. The home is situated in Burton on Trent, close to the town centre, public transport and usual community facilities. The home has a wheelchair accessible vehicle that is used for transport to activities.”



Derwen College

Location: Oswestry, Shropshire

Contact Number: 01691 661234

Contact Email: enquiries@derwen.ac.uk

Website: <https://www.derwen.ac.uk>

Provision: Day and residential placements

Hours: 5 days a week (day placements)



About this provision:

“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.

Derwen College offers residential and day placements to students aged 16-25 with learning difficulties and disabilities. With two satellite sites in Shropshire and the main campus in Gobowen, near Oswestry, students have many opportunities to experience real work settings.

Students at Derwen College have a choice of pathway areas for their learning programme: Hospitality and Housekeeping, Horticulture, Retail, Performing Arts and Work Skills.

Having a unique opportunity to work in our restaurant, cafe, print shop or garden centre, students learn work skills needed for the world beyond college.

Outside work, residential students live in the on-site student accommodation, working with staff and other students to learn independence and social skills. Leisure activities are on offer in the evenings and at weekends. There are many clubs, sports activities and trips that happen every week at Derwen College.”



Friends 2 Friends

Location: Lichfield

Contact Number: 07800576645

Contact Email: f2friendscharity@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.friends2friends.org>

Provision: Support services (signposting and groups)

Hours: variable depending upon service



About this provision:

“A relaxing, friendly environment in which adults with learning disabilities can come to if they need any help or advice with problems they may have, big or small.

Encourages users to participate in training to learn skills and help in gaining employment, living independently and confidence building.

The age group for friends 2 friends is 18 +

F2F is a member led charity that supports adults with learning disabilities and others. . Since opening members have put on community events, gained qualifications, worked with local companies to improve the services they offer, supported Civic events, run a community breakfast club, moved into independent living and employment; one member has even done a skydive!

Our members run other groups open to the community e.g. Drama, living healthy group and Street dance.

F2F will help with form filling, signposting to other organisations and any other help needed.”



Futures@SSC

Location: Rodbaston and Tamworth

Contact Number: 01785 710575

Contact Email: futures@southstaffs.ac.uk

Website: www.southstaffs.ac.uk/courses/slidd/

Provision: day college provision (up to 5 days per week)

Hours: variable between 9am and 4:30pm



About this provision:

“Futures@SSC is designed to help people with complex learning needs achieve their full potential. This purpose-built facility opened its doors in 2015 and enables young people aged 16-25 with complex learning needs to access specialist education and training within Staffordshire.

Home to a sensory space, independent skills suite, preparation for work area and giant interactive tablet computer, the centre was designed to cater for learners with a range of complex learning needs including Autism spectrum disorders, Down’s Syndrome, William’s Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome and sensory impairments. Learners benefit from individualised study programmes that are tailored to their specific needs, developing their personal and social development through a range of vocational opportunities.

We have expert staff with extensive knowledge and experience to guide learners in their journey to prepare them for adulthood, whilst working closely with parents, carers and other agencies.”



Hereward College

Location: Coventry

Contact Number: 02476426173

Contact Email: admissions@hereward.ac.uk

Website: www.hereward.ac.uk

Provision: Distance learning, day placements, residential and employment support

Hours: variable depending upon placement

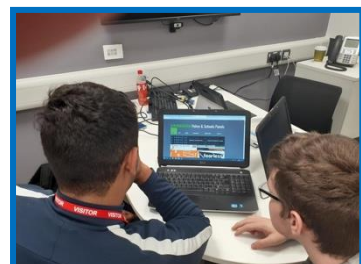


About this provision:

“Hereward College provides study programmes, learning experiences, and award winning work placement opportunities for young people (age 16-25) with complex disabilities and learning difficulties. We specialise in supporting day and residential learners who have a range of needs including autism, physical difficulties, profound and multiple learning difficulties, and complex disabilities.

The study programme at Hereward College is outcome focussed, designed to meet individual needs and support progression. Learners can choose from a range of subject areas and qualifications that are supported by work experience, enterprise projects, taster sessions, and placements related to their study as well as developing the skills needed for independent living.

A pathway approach to learning ensures that all levels are catered for, from Pre-Entry up to Level 3. There is also a Learning for Life sensory group specifically aimed at students with profound and multiple learning difficulties. An individualised and targeted programme of study is available which provides intensive support for learners with more complex needs.”



Home 2 Home With Care

Location: Swadlincote

Contact Number: 01283 310734

Contact Email: liz@home2homewithcare.co.uk

Website: www.home2homewithcare.co.uk

Provision: Respite, short breaks and supported living

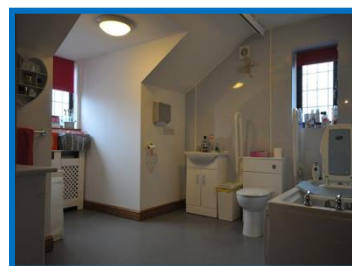
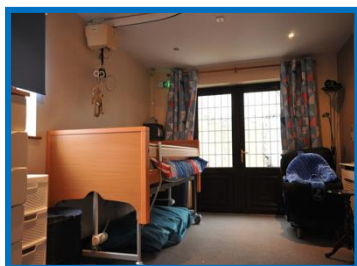
Hours: variable



About this provision:

“Home 2 Home with Care are passionate about supporting you to continue living as independently as possible in your own home. That’s why we provide a range of home care services – also referred to as Domiciliary care services – that can be entirely tailored to your unique needs, including companionship and full time live –in care. We understand everybody’s needs are different, so the service we provide will be tailored to your specific requirement to allow our service users to lead more fulfilling lives, whatever their health and social care needs are. We are committed to supporting people safely to retain their skills and independence as far as possible, whilst enjoying well-being and a good quality of life.”

Home2Home offers a spacious 5 bedroom house, 3 are for residential and 2 for respite. Our caring home comprises of 2 large bathroom that can cater for individuals with physical disabilities. We also have a large communal living area and a modern kitchen. At the front of the house there is private parking for residential and visitors. We have accessible paths leading around the house to a enclosed private garden. We provide a beautiful summer house for individuals to relax and enjoy. We all so have a fully equipped sensory room designed with special lighting, music and soft play objects this can be used as a therapy room with individuals with limited communication skills. We offer a safe environment that allows the person to explore and interact without risk. The home also has its own wheelchair accessible vehicle that is used to transport to activities..”



Liberty Staffordshire CIC

Location: In and around Staffordshire

Contact Number: 0777 2749661

Contact Email: maggi@liberty-staffordshire.co.uk

Website: www.libertystaffordshire.co.uk

Provision: Youth clubs, day provision and targeted projects

Hours: variable

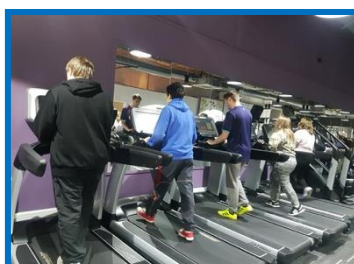


About this provision:

“Liberty Staffordshire CIC was founded in 2015 by Maggi Huckfield and Natalie Pearce. Both are professional youth workers with over 25 years experience in the field of youth and community work. The drive to establish Liberty was born out of a passion to offer young people with SEND equal opportunities to experience life from a starting point as a Young Person. Liberty strive to develop programmes which enable these young people similar or the same experiences as any other young person.

Over the past 5 years Liberty have established a working relationship with the University of Derby, offering professional work placements and paid employment to students on the Community and Youth work programmes. This has resulted in developing a professional staff team of Youth and Community workers, Professional SEND teachers and HLTA and professional coaches in related sports.

We work with young people and young adults who live with physical or learning disabilities offering social and emotional development opportunities in and around Staffordshire.”



National Star College

Location: Cheltenham

Contact Number: 01242 527631

Contact Email: enquiries@nationalstar.org

Website: www.nationalstar.org

Provision: Full and part-time, residential and day courses

Hours: dependent upon programme



About this provision:

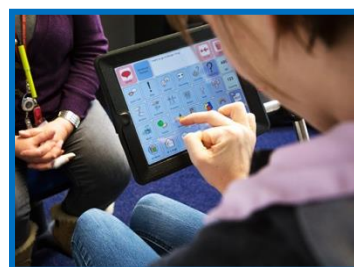
“At National Star, we’re driven by our vision for a world in which people with disabilities are able to realise their potential as equal and active citizens in control of their lives. This sits at the heart of everything we do, from the personalised and world-class learning we provide via National Star College to training, specialist services and our work in the wider community. All of this is underpinned by both our passion to enrich people’s lives and by our moral and statutory responsibilities.

We offer full and part-time, residential and day courses at our main site in Ullenwood, Cheltenham. You can also stay with us in college holidays.

We offer day courses across the UK – working in partnership with general further education colleges, schools and employers.

We will work with you to build an individual programme based on your interests, aspirations and requirements. tutors, personal learning coordinators, facilitators and therapy staff will work together to enable you to achieve your goals.

We also provide a range of college accommodation for students across three locations: Ullenwood, Cheltenham and Gloucester. A huge amount of consideration goes into matching students to the most appropriate environment for them, and takes into account both their personal and social needs.”



New Directions

Location: Rugby

Contact Number: 01788 573318

Contact Email: admin@newdirectionsrugby.org.uk

Website: www.newdirectionsrugby.org.uk

Provision: short breaks, independent living skills, residential support, leisure groups and day activities

Hours: variable



About this provision:

“New Directions is an inspiring, vibrant, local charity that supports people with learning disabilities and their families and carers to lead a full and valued life and works in a real partnership with them.

We support each individual in a person centred way with flexible, responsive, tailored plans designed to empower people to reach their potential and achieve their goals and wishes. We are regulated and registered by the Care Quality Commission and we offer the highest quality of service.

Services range from supporting a person in their own home and in other community settings to providing our own range of accommodation options. We offer short breaks, independent living skills training, residential support, day activities, leisure groups and support with managing personal budgets, transport services, volunteering, finding work or a place to live.

Our work is grounded in the belief that everyone has the right to a good and full life, living in a home that they like, with a network of family and friends, to be involved in activities, volunteering or work within their community that is important to them.”



Newfriars College

Location: Stoke-on-Trent

Number: 01782 987180

Contact Email: morag.dunster@newfriarscollege.org.uk

Website: www.newfriarscollege.org.uk

Provision: Day placements

Hours: variable



About this provision:

“Newfriars provides an outstanding education for pupils aged 16-19, and also for those aged 19-21 in partnership with Stoke-on-Trent College.

We provide a highly differentiated programme of study for pupils with a range of physical, learning, medical and sensory needs.

The Academy offers access for all and we provide the best resources and specialist facilities for all our young people. Ours is a safe, caring and friendly community with an emphasis on academic success alongside personal and social development. The curriculum is tailored and personalised to the interests and abilities of each individual person.

Our dynamic and highly skilled staff team support all students towards their next steps and their transition from school to the outside world.

Our pupils are proud to go to the Academy, enjoying the college atmosphere and responsibilities for organising themselves and being more independent. They particularly enjoy their contributions through the enterprise and charity work they do.”



Portland College

Location: Mansfield

Contact Number: 01623 499111

Contact Email: college@portland.ac.uk

Website: www.portland.ac.uk

Admissions Email: admissions@portland.ac.uk

Provision: Day and residential placements



About this provision:

“Portland College is a vibrant national college for people with a wide range of disabilities. The Portland College offer includes Further Education, as well as Employment Support and Personal Care.

We strive to develop every learner’s unimagined potential with a personalised programme. For those learners attending the Portland College campus in Sherwood Forest, such a programme can include work experience and volunteering. The personal curriculum is underpinned by a broad range of accredited qualifications in independence, literacy, numeracy, sport, arts, business studies, computing, small animal care and horticulture.

With such a wide range of qualifications available - from pre-entry level to level 3, we will tailor a programme to suit your individual disability or needs.

Depending on your interests you will access one of our three vocational study programmes which focus on a wide variety of subjects, within that programme you will then be streamed on an individualised route depending on your assessed level.

Functional skills Maths, English and ICT are embedded within a learner’s study programmes through bespoke individualised approaches and targets as well as through discreet group sessions.”



Queen Alexandra College (QAC)

Location: Harborne, Birmingham

Contact Number: 0121 428 5050

Contact Email: info@qac.ac.uk

Website: www.qac.ac.uk

Provision: Day and residential placements, supported Internships

Hours: variable depending upon programme



About this provision:

“Queen Alexandra College (QAC) is a Specialist College based in Birmingham.

The College has been at its current location since 1903. Our original purpose was to provide education for young people who were blind or visually impaired. Today, in addition to supporting people who have a visual impairment, we now offer support and guidance for students on the Autistic Spectrum (including individuals with Asperger’s syndrome), those with moderate to severe learning difficulties, students with physical disabilities and those with other needs. Ultimately, we have a great mix of students which adds to the wonderful atmosphere here in College.

The reason why so many students choose QAC is because it offers a great variety of academic and employment focused courses. This combination with excellent learning and leisure facilities and friendly staff is a winner.

During their time at QAC learners are able to develop their academic as well as their social skills, make new friends and enjoy being independent and responsible for their own decisions and actions.”



Transition2

Location: Derby

Contact Number: 01332 370978

Contact Email: info@transition2.co.uk

Website: www.transition2.co.uk

Provision: Day and residential placements

Hours: variable depending upon programme



About this provision:

“Transition 2 (T2) opened its doors in September 2012 with the aim of providing bespoke and genuine transition programmes that allow young learning disabled people to segue into meaningful opportunities in adult life.

Colleagues at Transition2 are committed to supporting young adults aged 18 to 25 with Severe Learning Difficulties, Learning Disabilities and/or Autism as they move on to opportunities in adult life, helping them to release their potential and achieve purposeful life outcomes in their local community. By continuing their education within the familiarity of their local community, learners are able to consolidate their skills and build upon prior achievements to become increasingly assured and confident when facing familiar or new activities.

At this important stage of transition to adult life, we think it is crucial to strengthen partnerships across education, health, social care and the community, believing that together we can achieve more.”



Trinity Specialist College

Location: Sutton Coldfield

Contact Number: 0121 378 3242

Contact Email: info@trinityspecialistcollege.co.uk

Website: <https://trinityspecialistcollege.co.uk>

Provision: 36 weeks per year - day placements

Hours: variable

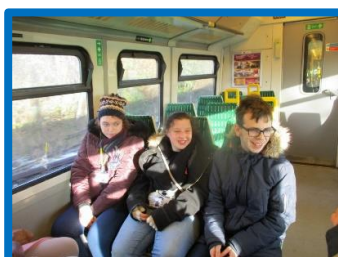


About this provision:

“Trinity Specialist College is a Post 19 Further Education College and day placement centre providing up to a 36-week provision for students with learning differences and behaviours that challenge, disabilities and Autism.

The College was opened in 2011. It was started and is run by two sets of working parents who had struggled to find appropriate provision for their own young adults with disabilities. The building is light, spacious and airy with three large classrooms, each accommodating up to eight students. There is space for group sessions, individual workstations, ICT work stations, relaxation areas and ‘safe spaces’ where students are encouraged to self-manage their anxieties.

Trinity Specialist College is small and friendly and currently caters for 39 students at ‘The Lindridge’, which is a converted and much extended farmhouse located in a beautiful rural setting surrounded by farmland and 10 students that are located at a satellite setting. There are wet rooms for personal care, a large garden with picnic benches and sporting facilities, a sensory cabin, an additional classroom cabin and a domestic kitchen and laundry where students can develop their independence skills.



We hope that you have found this document useful. All of the information we have shared has been gathered from the provisions' own online published information and therefore it should be accurate and up to date.

School will review and amend all information we share on an annual basis and this will include more provisions if we have received information of others to add.

Saxon Hill Academy – January 2021