



POST 16 SEND INFORMATION

Many young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities are able to go into mainstream post 16 education and / or training, such as 6th form, college, apprenticeships or traineeships, as many colleges have specialist support which enables your child to thrive in their surroundings.

Should your child be able to enter mainstream post 16 education and / or training, please refer to the Warwickshire Post 16 and Coventry Post 16 guidance information.

However, we understand that some young people with SEND may need a more specialist provision post 16 and we hope that the links below can help you with your research for finding the best possible provision for your child.

PROVISIONS

**Warwickshire College Group - <https://wcg.ac.uk/page/28/supported-learning>
Covers Leamington Spa, Warwick Trident, Rugby, Moreton Morrell, Evesham and Pershore.**

The College Group offers a “Supported Learning Programme” which are suitable for learners with learning difficulties or disabilities. “Each programme is tailored to individual students' needs and helps to develop a mixture of interests and skills in a supportive environment.”

“Learners on the Foundation Skills Programme are offered personalised learning opportunities. These help them gain credit at Entry Level and Level 1, on a learning journey leading to a range of appropriate destinations such as Level 2 qualifications, supported employment or independent living.

These programmes include our supported internships, where young people are able to work with supportive employers to gain valuable employment skills before heading out into the world of work. “

**Hereward College - www.hereward.ac.uk
Bramston Crescent, Tile Hill, Coventry, CV4 9SW
02476 461 231**

Hereward College has experienced staff who support both day and residential students “with a whole range of needs which include autism, physical difficulties, profound and multiple learning difficulties and complex needs.” They have a number of courses tailored to suit the student and “learners are encouraged to develop their employability skills through work experience, enterprise projects, taster sessions and placements along with the skills needed for independent living.”

**Derwen College - www.derwen.ac.uk
Gobowen, Nr Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3JA
01691 661 234**

Derwen College is a “specialist college for young adults with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). {They} provide inspirational learning, development and care to enable the achievement of aspirations which transform lives.”



The college welcomes both day and residential students and has 3 sites in Gobowen, Craven Arms, Telford and Walford.

Students have a choice of many pathway areas such as Hospitality and Housekeeping, Performing Arts, Retail, Horticulture and also learn Work Skills, Functional Skills and Independence.

**Queen Alexandra College {QAC} – www.qac.ac.uk
Court Oak Road, Harborne, Birmingham, B17 9TG
0121 428 5050**

QAC is a “national residential college that supports a diverse range of student abilities and needs.”

The curriculum is intended to “maximise adult life, independence and work opportunities for all students.”

As well as the main programme, learners also receive a personal learning experience which is developed with the learner and will include Functional Skills Math's and English, access to supported services, physiotherapy, rehabilitation and travel training, speech and language therapy, healthcare support, occupational therapy and sensory support, dyslexia support, assistive technology / VI support, Braille tuition and PHSE.

**Homefield College – <https://www.homefieldcollege.ac.uk/>
217 Loughborough Road, Mountsorrel, LE12 7AR
01509 815 696**

“Homefield is a charity which provides education, training, care and support to people aged 16+ who have a learning disability and / or difficulty, with particular emphasis on people on the Autistic Spectrum and people with communication difficulties.”

Courses on offer include catering, craft enterprise, construction, digital media, hair and beauty, horticulture, motor vehicle, woodland and conservation.

Homefield offers a variety of qualifications and the opportunity to do a work placement with a number of employers. The college is located within the villages of Mountsorrel and Sileby, between Leicester and Loughborough, and accessing the community and its facilities are key aspects of all students' learning at Homefield.

**Circles Network - <https://circlesnetwork.org.uk>
Head Office, The Penthouse, Coventry Road, Cawston, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 9JP
01788 816 671**

Circles Network offers 4 main segments of activity which represent a number of projects and services in the areas of;

- Advocacy
- Community Support
- The Academy for Inspiring Inclusion



- Animal Assisted Learning in the Equine programmes.

They support young people through various projects depending on what support they are looking for. As they work in a person-centred approach, they offer a bespoke package for each student.

They work in partnership with an equine project in delivering equine facilitated learning which involves the student working with their herd of horses and ponies.

The academy offers a range of academic skills and knowledge through the use of ASDAN courses as well as supporting the student's own academic wishes through tutoring in specific courses if needed.

They have a large site and offer outdoor learning and mindfulness.

National Star College - <https://www.nationalstar.org>

**National Star, Ullenwood, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL53 9QU
01242 527631**

National Star College support people with disabilities in being able to “realise their potential as equal and active citizens in control of their lives.”

They offer world class learning, training, specialist services and work in the wider community. They also offer personalised learning packages, health and therapy sessions, including aquatic therapy, dramatherapy, medical services, music therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, assistive equipment and emotional health and wellbeing.

They also offer accommodation to their students.

Condoover College - <https://www.condoovercollege.co.uk>

**Longbow House, Harlescott Lane, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 3GZ
01743 872 250**

This is a small independent specialist college and residential home in the heart of Shropshire.

They have programmes to support learners aged 18+ who have “moderate to severe learning disabilities, profound and multiple learning difficulties and additional complex needs.”

They also provide education, care and support including accommodation and short breaks.

Heart of Birmingham Vocational College - <https://hbvc.ac.uk>

**328-332 Bromford Lane, Birmingham, B8 2SD
0121 809 0666**

They are an independent specialist college for learners aged between 16 and 25 with special educational needs and/or autism.



Learners will “gain experience and new skills to help {them} become more independent and to prepare {them} for employment.

Chadsgrove Educational Trust Specialist College -

<https://www.chadsgrovespecialistcollege.org.uk/>

**Meadow Road, Catshill, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 0JL
01527 871 511**

Chadsgrove Educational Trust Specialist College are the only specialist 19-25 provision in the Worcestershire area and they are “uniquely positioned to provide exceptional education and support in this area.”

Ruskin Mill - <https://www.rmt.org>

**Ruskin Mill Trust Head Office, Old Bristol Road, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, GL6 0LA
01453 837 500**

Ruskin Mill Trust has a number of different sites and has been providing specialist independent education to children and young people with complex needs for over 30 years. This includes learning difficulties, autistic spectrum conditions and disabilities.

They offer both day care and residential.

Foxes Academy - <https://foxesacademy.ac.uk>

**Unit 13, Twigworth Court Business Centre, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester, GL2 9PG
01643 708 529**

Foxes Academy is for young people who have learning disabilities and an Education, Health and Care Plan. They support young people who aspire to work in the hospitality industry and are sufficiently physically fit to undertake catering and hospitality tasks.

The course at Foxes Academy must demonstrate academic progression for the young person. This means that applicants need to be working below Level 1.

New Directions – Rugby – www.newdirectionsrugby.org.uk

**Head Office, 27 Bilton Road, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV22 7AN
01788 573 318**

New Directions support individuals with learning disabilities and autism aged 16+. They also offer numerous services such as, supported living, day opportunities, respite, residential services, transition support, employment support, short breaks and dementia support.



Home from Home Care – www.homefromhomecare.com

0800 587 0372

Home from Home Care offers “specialist residential services with meaningful pathways to greater independence”. It supports adults from the age of 18+ with “learning disabilities and high acuity needs, including autism, epilepsy, complex health and mental health.”

They offer support and bespoke care packages around the individual's needs.

HFT - <https://www.hft.org.uk>

5/6 Brook Office Park, Folly Brook Road, Emersons Green, Bristol, BS16 7FL

0117 906 1700

HFT is “a national charity which provides services for people with learning disabilities. They provide anything from a couple of hours up to 24 hours a day and their staff support people to live the best life possible.

Heart of England Mencap - <https://www.heartofenglandmencap.org.uk>

5 Church Green, Atherstone on Stour, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 8NE

01789 298 709

Heart of England Mencap are a registered charity supporting people with learning disabilities across Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

They offer a “wide range of support, enabling individuals to live independently within their own home or with support that is tailored to meet their needs.”

The “range of services includes supporting people within their own home or one of our homes, or during day activities. We encourage our customers to further enrich their lives through education, life skills, leisure and a range of social activities.”

They also “offer valuable respite and short break services too, enabling individuals to have some time away from home - perhaps just as a respite visit, a short holiday, or as a first step in learning how to live a more independent life.”

Entrust Care Partnership - <https://entrustcarepartnership.org.uk>

Fairview House, 26 Vicarage Lane, Harbury, Warwickshire, CV33 9HB

01926 612 748

Entrust Care Partnership meets the needs of “disabled children, young people, adults and their families and carers through the provision of short break activities, support, training, advice and brokerage”. All services are tailored and bespoke to the individual.

Equine Learning - <https://www.equinelearning.org.uk>

Equine Learning CIC, Wootton Park, Alcester Road, Wootton Waven. B95 6HJ

01564 642101



The vision of “Equine Learning” is “to be a 'Community Equestrian Centre' where anyone can benefit from {their} therapeutic programmes and mainstream activities.”

They specialise in working with young people with Autism, and also work with a wide range of people with their horses which includes;

- people with learning difficulties
- sensory impairments
- emotional & behavioural difficulties
- Depression
- eating disorders
- physical impairments
- young carers
- people with mental health difficulties
- And excluded young people.

FURTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

SENDAR - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/contactussendar>

Saltisford Office Park, Answell Way, Warwick, CV34 4UL

BURSARIES - [16 to 19 Bursary Fund guide 2021 to 2022 academic year - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-bursary-fund-guide-2021-to-2022-academic-year)

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help students overcome the specific financial barriers to participation they face so they can remain in education.

There are 2 types of 16 to 19 bursaries:

- bursaries for defined vulnerable groups
- discretionary bursaries which institutions award using policies they set, in line with these funding rules

For more information, please see the website link above.