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Gain the skills you need with our **Foundation Programmes**

We offer a wide range of Foundation Programmes aimed at students who either have learning difficulties or may not have achieved at school due to personal circumstances or support needs. Our courses prepare students for employment, training or courses in further education, as well as providing students with an introduction to College life, valuable life skills and a greater independence.

Vocational Studies (Level 1 and Entry 3)

Our Vocational Studies courses are designed to give students an introduction to a variety of work sectors and develop a wide range of skills as a result. Students will develop further confidence in their studies, allowing them to gain a better sense of direction for their future career. After this course, students can progress onto a higher level qualification.

Entry Level 3 Programmes

Who is it for?

Students who have a grade profile of Fs and Gs, or no formal qualifications.

Our Entry Level 3 programmes offer you the chance to make a new start in education. At the start of the course, you will be assigned a Personal Tutor who will help you to create a flexible personal learning and progression plan. You will study English, Maths and one vocational option, choosing from:

- Business/ICT/Engineering
- Catering/Hospitality
- Childcare/Health and Social Care
- Hair/Beauty
- Sport/Public Services

Level 1 Programmes

Who is it for?

Students who have a grade profile of Ds and Es.

The Level 1 programme is often a launch programme for other courses. In order to achieve your potential, you will be supported and guided throughout your studies, which will help you to decide what to do when the course finishes. This is a pivotal year for many students, since it gives you chance to reflect on your past educational choices and set off on a new path to success. You will study English, Maths and one vocational option.

At Level 1, you can study from one of the following:

- Business/ICT
- Hairdressing
- Beauty Therapy
- Childcare/Health and Social Care
- Catering
- Engineering
- Sport/Public Services

The majority of our students progress onto higher level programmes at the College (Level 2 Vocational programmes or Apprenticeships).

The programmes offered at Level 2 are:

- Business
- ICT
- Children and Young People's Workforce
- Health and Social Care
- Food Preparation and Cooking
- Food and Drink Service
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Sport
- Public Services
- Beauty Therapy/Nail Services
- Hairdressing/Barbering

Choices

Who is it for?

Students with mild learning difficulties.

Our Choices programmes are designed to be flexible. At the start of your course, you will have an interview with your Personal Tutor and receive a personal learning and progression plan. Your Entry Choices programme could include the following:

Vocational Insight

Experience a taster of different vocational areas. This might include catering, art and media, administration or ICT.

Career Planning and Work Skills

Learn how to prepare for an interview, the basics of employment and other important professional skills which will allow you to have a successful career.

Study Skills

Gain important skills to allow you to be an effective and successful learner in education and the workplace.

English and Maths

Gradually gain confidence in English and Maths, achieving a recognised qualification in these subjects.

Trips and Visits

Participate in a number of educational visits which will help with your ability to work with others.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Studies

This will help you understand your own rights and responsibilities, health and safety, and personal health and fitness.

Skill, Bridge 1 and Bridge 2

Depending on the level chosen, these courses are for people who have profound and complex learning difficulties and/or disabilities/mild learning difficulties. They are full-time courses of up to two years and are designed to help with the basic skills of everyday living.

Core skills include:

- Communication
- Working with others
- Improving own learning
- Problem solving
- Using number skills
- Using ICT

Also included are skills aimed at helping you towards independence, such as:

- Cookery
- Personal care
- Mobility
- Self-advocacy
- Social and life skills
- Home skills

In addition, you will gain leisure skills such as:

- Arts and crafts
- Music
- Leisure studies
- Accessing community facilities

Full-time ESOL Programme

The ESOL programme is focused on improving students' reading, writing and speaking and listening skills, whilst studying a very interactive course. Students will undertake recognised English and Maths qualifications, together with an ESOL Speaking and Listening qualification. Students will also gain confidence with their personal, social development and work skills.

