

Preparation for Work

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 1 | **Campus: Leek** | **Subject Type: Science & Maths**

Course Overview:

Gain the essential skills and knowledge to enter the workforce with this practical course. It focuses on building confidence, understanding employer expectations, developing communication and teamwork abilities, and exploring career options whilst laying a strong foundation for successful progression into employment, apprenticeships, or further training.

What's Covered:

The Preparation for Work pathway is aimed at 16–18-year-olds (up to 24 with an EHCP) working between Entry Levels 1–2, focusing on developing independent living and learning skills alongside English, maths, and digital skills. It provides a structured, supportive environment to build confidence, resilience, and personal skills, aligned with the SEND Preparing for Adulthood outcomes and individual EHC plans.

The course prepares students for adult life, promoting independence through practical learning in communication, teamwork, travel training, managing money, and home skills such as cooking and cleaning. It also fosters personal growth, problem-solving, self-awareness, and emergency preparedness including first aid. Successful completion supports progression to further college courses, supported employment, or voluntary work.

- Develops essential independent living skills
- Builds confidence, resilience, and personal growth
- Includes practical learning linked to EHC and Preparing for Adulthood outcomes
- Teaches money management and budgeting
- Focuses on communication, teamwork, and travel training
- Prepares students for emergency situations and safety awareness
- Supports progression to further education or employment

Entry Requirements:

There are no formal entry requirements for this course. All students are considered on an individual basis and matched to a course that best meets their needs and supports their outcomes, helping them progress toward their aspirations.

Assessment Information:

Initial assessment takes place over several weeks, tailored to each learner's needs, identifying strengths and areas for development through various methods to set starting points. Students complete a portfolio assessed through speaking, listening, reading, writing, project-based learning, video, and photographic evidence, with opportunities to achieve nationally accredited qualifications or meet individual targets.

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is free for anyone aged 16 – 18.

College Maintenance Allowance (CMA):

Anyone with a gross household income under £35,000 can receive financial support to cover college related costs such as transport, meals, course equipment and uniform. Bursary support is

based on individual circumstances and will be allocated to best suit your individual needs. A range of other financial support is available depending on your personal circumstances. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

How do I find out more?

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