



Entry to Work

Multi skills - Entry Level 3 life skills- Pre Project search

Preparing for Adulthood

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Gateway College

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Our focus

Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) is a key focus of our department.

We support students to develop the **skills, confidence and independence** they need for life beyond college.

Our 4 key focus areas:

-  **Independent Living** – developing everyday life skills
-  **Employment & Work Experience** – building skills and confidence for work
-  **Health & Well-being** – promoting healthy and safe choices
-  **Community Inclusion** – building confidence and independence in the community

Our aim: To prepare every student for their next steps and support them to achieve their individual goals.



Your Learning Pathway

Multi-Skills → Entry 3 → PPS

- At the start of the course, you will have **6 weeks to settle in and be assessed**
- This helps staff understand:
 - What you can already do
 - What you know
 - What you want to learn
- You will help choose your **own learning goals each term**
- Your goals link to your **EHCP**
- You will **work on RARPA** to show your progress
- There are **no exams**
- Your progress is checked **each year** to see how you are improving



General learning goals and aims of these pathways are:

Move from school to college

Learn what college is like and get ready for the transition.

Learn about adult life

Understand how to look after yourself, be part of the community, and build friendships.

Know your strengths

Identify what you are good at and think about future goals.

Learn everyday skills

Practical skills for college, home, and the community.

Improve communication

Reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

Find ways to support learning

Talk about what you find difficult and explore strategies that help.

Work towards personal learning steps

Everyone learns differently — small steps lead to progress.

Multi-Skills Programme Purpose:

A supportive starting point to help learners settle into college and begin building independence.

Learners develop:

- Confidence and communication
- Personal organisation
- Everyday life skills
- Basic employability skills
- Understanding strengths and next steps

E3 Life Skills Programme Purpose:

A practical programme building independence, daily living skills, and employability.

Learners develop:

- Independent living skills
- Employability skills
- Personal development (confidence, social skills, problem-solving)

Pre-Project Search *Purpose:*

Preparation for Project Search with a focus on workplace readiness and independence.

The students have 2 days a week at college and the learning will cover

- Health and safety
- Interview skills and CV writing
- Dress to Impress
- Communication skills
- Healthy lifestyles
- Travel training
- Team working
- Project Search units

Work Placements & Experiences

- Two external placements (November & April)
- Workplace encounters: Marriott Hotel, UHL (Glenfield Hospital and Leicester General Hospital)
- Learners can choose areas of interest
- Site visits to build confidence and support placement choices



Skills development



Literacy & Numeracy Skills developed across all programmes:

- Speaking, listening, reading, writing
- Telling the time and using timetables
- Using money, budgeting, giving change
- Measurements in everyday tasks (e.g., cooking)
- Understanding health and safety signs
- Using IT (Word, PowerPoint, emails)
- Progress shown through class activities and ongoing support



Independent Living Practical skills for everyday life:

- Personal care and wellbeing
 - Shopping, money skills, making lists
 - Cooking, healthy eating, kitchen safety
 - Household tasks (cleaning, laundry, ironing)
 - Travel training, road safety, using public transport
 - Staying safe at home and in the community
- Knowing what to do in emergencies



Employability & Work Experience Skills for work and future employment:

- Work-ready behaviours (time-keeping, dress code, attitude)
- Communication, teamwork, problem-solving
- Exploring jobs, applications, and interview skills
- Student-led enterprise (weekly pop-up sweet shop)
- Customer service, handling money, organising stock
- Hands-on work activities and employability passport sessions



Entry Requirements

Desire to become more independent gain employment

Willingness to undertake travel training

Must have an EHCP/SEND

No formal qualifications required

To apply-

Complete PS16 application/Gateway application

Attend Recruitment event internally- open days/evenings

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