

Curriculum Intent 2024 - 2025

Lifeworks Further Education College



Lifeworks College is a small, specialist independent FE college that provides a safe and supportive learning environment for young people from the age of 16-25 who have learning disabilities and hold Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP), and is part of the Lifeworks Charity. The college is located in a village environment, with a strong community spirit, close to the town of Totnes in South Devon.

Curriculum Offer

Champions the need to enable students to reach their full potential and includes a range of accredited qualifications to develop independence, employability, confidence, team work and communication skills. In addition students have the opportunity to improve their Maths and English through timetabled lessons, which is embedded throughout the curriculum, thus enabling reinforcement of learning.

Bespoke Programmes

The curriculum is tailored to meet the needs of individuals and progress is tracked through a structured student journey (RARPA) process to support students to reach their full potential.

Tutorial

We offer a strong weekly tutorial programme with a focus on engaging students with activities to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to become active citizens, responsibly participating in society. Themes include:

- Wider world- Fundamental British Values, radicalisation and prevent
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Personal and online safety
- Relationships
- Aspirations

Our Ethos

'Lifeworks College aims to create an outstanding adult-orientated learning environment where students will be enthusiastic and committed to developing the skills required to live independently in the future'

Our Aim

'Lifeworks College aims to provide the most conducive learning environment possible to maximise the potential of all students'

Enrichment

Lifeworks College offers a plethora of opportunities to develop wider skills such as socialisation, wellbeing, resilience, internal and external vocational placements, work-experience and a vast array of community projects.

We recognise the importance of providing opportunities for our students to push themselves out of their comfort zone to accomplish personal challenges. Activities include:

Tennis	Travel training
Gym	Music
Swimming	Media
Gardening	Community Café
Creative arts	Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge
Pottery	Gardening

Lifeworks College has achieved the accolade of Trinity Champion Arts Award 2024 and are Artsmark Gold accredited.

Careers

We have a formalised career development plan to support students in developing essential skills for employment.

Lifeworks has excellent connections with Career South West, who provide 1 to 1 and group career guidance to students. The College has achieved the Investors in Careers which is aligned to the Gatsby benchmarks framework (highlighting good career guidance in providing students with the best possible career).

The college has a dedicated Placement Co-ordinator and expert Job Coaches, who develop relationships with employers, provide tailored support to students, to inform curriculum and meet the needs of local labour market.

Preparing for Adulthood

Moving into adulthood can be a challenging time for young people with SEND. A comprehensive curriculum has been developed based around the four pillars:

- Opportunities for further education and employment
- Independent living
- Having friends, relationships and being part of the community
- Being healthy

Students have timetabled independent living skills sessions and access to a 'self-contained flat' to practice skills such as cleaning, washing ironing and making beds.



Support and Interventions

Lifeworks College prides itself on supporting students both inside and outside of the classroom. We offer a number of complementary therapies including:

- Sound therapy
- Lego therapy
- Art therapy
- Hydro pool therapy
- SALT interventions

Specialist therapists such as occupational therapy is accessed through external agencies in collaboration with the college.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

DofE teaches you the core subjects in life, team building, resilience, confidence, never giving up



Sound Therapy



Supported Internships and Work Experience

Courses

PATHWAY 1

Pathway to Independence

Entry Level Award in Personal Progress
Stepping Stones to Functional Skills in
English and Maths

Tutorial
Work Experience
Independent Living Skills
Arts Award

PATHWAY 2

Pathway to Skills for Life

Entry Level Award in Life Skills
Entry Level Award in Independence
Stepping Stones to Functional Skills in
English and Maths

Tutorial
Work Experience
Independent Living Skills
Arts Award

PATHWAY 3

Pathway to Progression

Entry Level/ Level 1 Award in Work
Preparation
Stepping Stones to Functional Skills in
English and Maths

Tutorial
Work Experience
Independent Living Skills
Arts Award

PATHWAY 4

Pathway to Skills for Employment

Level 1 Certificate in Employability
Entry Level Award in Essential
Digital Skills
Stepping Stones to Functional Skills
in English and Maths

Tutorial
Work Experience
Independent Living Skills
Arts Award

PATHWAY 5

Supported Internship

Qualification:
Level 1 Award in Progression
Entry Level Award in Essential
Digital Skills
Stepping Stones to Functional Skills
in English and Maths

Work Placement (2days)
Tutorial

