



Post 19 Careers and Transition Planning and Destinations
My Future...the Road Ahead
Pathway 4

Vison Statement

I may attend mainstream college with specialist provision. I may be working towards entering supported employment, independent living, an apprenticeship, or further training. I may attend a day centre or go out with a PA as part of a social care package. I am an active citizen and will regularly access community facilities. I may engage in independent travel.

Key content

- Visits to potential Post 19 destinations to gauge suitability and gather evidence to support families with future planning and applications with the students. Direct student feedback sought and collated by staff following each visit will be shared with families and Connexions to maximise students' involvement in the decision-making process and their own transition.
- Dudley Connexions will contact families during Key Stage 5 to support with the planning and transition process. They will visit school on a regular basis to deliver sessions to both whole-class groups and as part of smaller focus sessions, presenting content around further education, alongside more holistic topics such as independent living and skills for life.
- Students will also receive 1:1 adapted guidance interviews during Key Stage 5, supported by either their key worker or class teacher, in which their views, wishes and aspirations are explored in a method suited to their level of communication and understanding. These views will support Connexions to generate a Careers Action Plan for each student which will be shared with school and families.
- Transitional social worker allocated around 18th birthday- transition assessment and plan written in conjunction with families, class staff and multi-agency professionals.
- Careers action plan generated by Connexions in collaboration with families, class staff and multi-agency professionals.

Work related learning opportunities

- Talentino: Careers at Every Level
- Career Coaching course
- Offsite work experience placements
- Team Enterprise projects as part of curriculum

Potential Post-19 destinations

Dudley College Independent Living Centre 01384 363 000

Art & Design Centre, Venture Way, Brierley Hill DY5 1RG

www.dudleycol.ac.uk/Our-Locations/Independent-Living-Centre

“The Independent Living Centre at Brierley Hill is a dedicated facility to support students with a disability or special educational needs. It allows them to develop their independence in a range of social settings while preparing them for adulthood and the world of work. The Independent Living Centre includes a living unit with kitchen, dining and bedroom areas. These will enable students to gain a range of skills including budgeting, planning menus for a healthy lifestyle and carrying out home maintenance.

Classroom areas are available for students to develop enterprise and employability skills as part of their education and vocational training. A quiet room also allows students to work independently or receive one-to-one guidance on careers, employment opportunities or any other support they require.”

Pupil views

“I liked looking around. I enjoyed meeting an old friend.”

Dudley College Aspire 01384 363 000

The Broadway, Dudley DY1 4AS

www.dudleycol.ac.uk/Our-Locations/Dudley-Aspire

“We know there can be many barriers to people gaining the qualifications they need. Sometimes personal problems, physical disabilities and learning difficulties can stop you from achieving the things you want to in life.

That’s why we’ve created Aspire Living which offers a home environment where students can develop their living skills using the real-life kitchen, lounge, gardens, music and craft rooms.”

Pupil views

“I enjoyed looking around. There was a computer room and I asked Robbie if they had video games. Everyone was very friendly and it made me feel less worried about leaving Old Park.”

“I enjoyed seeing a new college. There were lots of activities I could join in with and the teachers were very friendly.”

“The workshop is somewhere I would like to work in. The college was big but the teachers could help me find my way around. Everyone we met was friendly.”

Walsall College 01922 657 000

Littleton St W, Walsall WS2 8ES

www.walsallcollege.ac.uk

“We are an exciting and safe place to study, a place where everyone is welcomed and supported in reaching their full potential. We promote personal development, build confidence and ambition in our students and staff. There is a strong emphasis on fairness in our policies and in how we further encourage diversity, equality and inclusion in our college society and community.”

National Star college 01242 527 631

National Star College, Ullenwood Manor Road, Ullenswood, Cheltenham, GL53 9QU

www.nationalstar.org

National Star is a provider of specialist further education, training, personal development and residential services for people with physical and learning difficulties and acquired brain injuries.

Campuses in Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Wales, operating on a full or part-time basis accommodating residential or day students.

South Staffordshire college 0300 456 2424

www.southstaffs.ac.uk/careers/school-leavers/send

“Within the SEND supported learning pathway at SSC we offer provision for learners with wide-ranging learning difficulties and disabilities, ensuring that anyone and everyone has the opportunity to education and to progress towards their chosen career or independence development aspiration.”

Queen Alexandra College 0121 428 5050

Queen Alexandra College, Court Oak Road, Harborne, Birmingham, B17 9TG

www.qac.ac.uk

“QAC is a national college for People with Disabilities. We offer courses for young people aged 16-25yrs as well as employment focused and independent living programmes.”

“If you are thinking of studying at QAC, you may wish to consider joining us as a residential student. This is an excellent way to develop your independent living and social skills.”

Pupil views

“I feel a bit worried about Old Park finishing but I liked that college. I liked that they had games consoles in the residential rooms.”

“I asked Matt lots of questions. He said I could swim, stand and do lots of exercise at the college. I loved the height-adjustable worktops in the café and found it all very exciting.”

“I would like to do some work in the café. I could keep fit in the gym and the sports hall.”

“I like the college. I would like to go again.”

“The gym equipment looked good.”

Queen’s Cross Network 01384 813460

Wellington Rd, Dudley DY1 1RB

www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/care-and-health/dudley-disability-service/adults-with-disabilities/queens-cross-network-physical-disability-support-centre

“Queens Cross Network is our local support centre for adults with physical and/or sensory disabilities. Located in Dudley, we offer person centred, tailored support programmes within a relaxed and friendly environment.”

DY1- Lunch on the run 01384 217050

DY1 Building, Stafford Street, Dudley, DY1 1RT

We offer training and work experience for people with a learning disability & Autism. We involve our trainees in all aspects of Lunch on the Run. We train people in skills for independent living based on individual needs and ability. We have a coffee shop at DY1 in Dudley where trainees can experience work in a busy, professional catering environment.

We help trainees get qualifications and jobs. We develop skills in food hygiene, health & safety, customer service, communication in the work place and basic cooking. We can offer bespoke training packages to meet individual budgets.

Stepping Out

Pupil views

"It was good there. I made paper quills for a card. I played pool. My youth club is also in Life Central Church."

"I played pool with a new friend."

"I made paper craft."

"I was chatting to new people."

Pinnacle Support 01384 892 332

55 Hayes Lane, Lye, Stourbridge, DY9 8QN

www.pinnaclesupportdudley.co.uk

Support to access educational, leisure and social opportunities based within the community.

"We offer exceptional in-house facilities and liaise with other agencies to provide a range of activities.

We assist those with a range of needs, including: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, Down's Syndrome, Communication difficulties, Behavioural problems."

Freetime Care Services Ltd 01384 566 180

4-6 Meres Road, Halesowen, B63 2EH

www.freetimecare.co.uk

"We specialise in offering leisure, recreational and social opportunities within the local community.

We support 18-65 year old people with: learning disabilities, physical disabilities, sensory impairment, autism, challenging behaviour, other complex needs.

We offer additional practical and emotional support within the home. We also provide respite and residential service to adults via Freetime Plus."

Quest Day Care Services 07958 601 317

The Quest Centre, High Street, Wollaston, Stourbridge, DY8 4PE

www.questdaycare.com

"At Quest we provide an array of services and support for individuals with disabilities and related challenges, to live, learn, and be safe in the community. Our mission is to provide adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities the best options and opportunities to live safely, work productively, explore creatively and learn continuously throughout their lifetime."

Pupil views

"I enjoyed the computer at the Quest Centre. The people at Quest are helpful. I was happy to meet new people. I would like to visit again and try another activity."

"I liked the gym at Quest."

Halas Homes

Pupil views

"I loved making new friends at the 'sing and sign' session. I laughed all morning."

"Its nice to meet new people."

High Flyers

Pupil views

"I made salt dough decorations in the Art room. I didn't like making Christmas decorations so I made the SEGA megadrive logo instead. The sensory room made me feel happy and calm. The staff were friendly and nice to me, especially Chris when he played the guitar."

"I asked the members if they do any Art and they said they do lots and have their own craft room."

Personal Assistant through social care package.