



South Tyneside College

FOUNDATION LEARNING

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INTRODUCTION

PAVING THE WAY TO NEW EXPERIENCES

Our Foundation Learning department is for young people, aged 16 to 24, with special learning needs or learning difficulties. Our team are passionate about making sure that our students are given access to a range of learning, life and work experiences at a pace that suits them and with all of the wrap around support they need.

WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

We offer you a Foundation Learning package of support which is unique. Our aim is to work with you to give you skills and confidence and the opportunity to meet new friends and explore new opportunities, at a pace that suits you. Simply put, we make sure you have the best experience you can so that you can be the best you can be in the future.

Our team are friendly, supportive and passionate about working with young people. The benefits of being part of the South Tyneside College Foundation Learning family include:

- Excellent teaching and support
- Small class sizes
- Personal and social skills
- Individual learning plans and targets
- Vocational tasters
- Enterprise skills
- Access to speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy
- English and maths
- Work experience

INTRODUCTION

We're working in partnership with Skills Builder to offer the Skills Builder Universal Framework for all students with special educational needs in order for them to Prepare for Adulthood.

The Skills Builder Framework aims to build a set of essential skills to succeed in life.

The essential skills are defined as: Listening, Speaking, Problem Solving, Creativity, Staying Positive, Aiming High, Leadership and Teamwork.

Through the Skills Builder Framework, we can support our students to understand their existing skills and identify gaps they might have as well as see what progress looks like by getting to know what the next steps are to improve their essential skills further.

PROGRAMMES

OUR SKILLS BUILDER FRAMEWORK IS MADE UP OF 5 PROGRAMMES

All programmes will build on their knowledge, skills and behaviours to help progress in their chosen route.

01

PREPARING FOR INDEPENDENCE

This programme is suitable for students with Special Educational Needs who need further support in developing their individual skills whilst preparing for adulthood.

This programme develops knowledge, skills and behaviours which promote independence for learning and life. The curriculum is designed so that students are given opportunities to develop a wide range of skills to help them to enjoy independent living, engaging with their community and developing healthy lifestyles.

Students on this course of study will also continue to develop their maths and English skills with specialist staff. Students will have the opportunity to take part in competitions organised by the College, which would demonstrate the independent skills they have developed. Students will gain real work experience to help them progress into their chosen route.

Student Characteristics

- Moderate to complex Learning Difficulties
 - EHCP
 - Will have attended Special School
- Pre-Entry/Entry Maths and English levels
 - Not an independent traveller
 - Will require a level of support

PROGRAMMES

02 PREPARING FOR EDUCATION

This programme will help prepare students who want to follow a career in Service Industries but are not yet ready for mainstream programmes.

The aim is to build knowledge, skills, and behaviours necessary to progress onto vocational programmes, which they will have the opportunity to engage with whilst on programme. Students will have the opportunity to take part in competitions organised by the college, such as catering competitions and other competitions which would demonstrate the independent skills they have developed. All students continue to develop maths and English, which may include Functional and/or GCSE depending on prior attainment. As well as this, students will gain real work experience to help them progress into their chosen route.

Student Characteristics

- Moderate to mild Learning Difficulties
 - Possibly with an EHCP
 - SEN Support Plan
- Followed an alternative curriculum at school
 - Low academic attainment
 - Low maths and English levels
- May have had interrupted/low school attendance
 - May require a level of support

PROGRAMMES

03 PREPARING FOR VOCATIONAL STUDIES

This programme is suitable for those students who have not yet reached the academic level required to study at Level 2 and above and need support to develop educational and/or resilience skills to cope in a mainstream environment.

The courses include different pathways in Hair and Beauty, Catering, Digital as well as maths and English. Students will gain the appropriate knowledge, skills, and behaviours to achieve qualifications at E3 or L1. They will work to improve resilience, behaviours and evidence for progression and the understanding of how to work to deadlines through assignments briefs. Students will gain real work experience to help them progress into their chosen route. For most learners their study programme will prepare them to gain the necessary qualifications to progress to another further education course at a higher level.

Student Characteristics

- Moderate to mild learning difficulties
 - Possibly with an EHCP
 - SEN Support Plan
 - Low academic attainment
- Possibly Home or Home/Hospital Schooled
 - Low Maths and English levels
- May have had interrupted/low school attendance
 - Will require small group support

PROGRAMMES

04 PREPARING FOR EMPLOYMENT

This programme is suitable for those students who wish to progress directly into employment.

These groups will prepare students to travel independently, develop the knowledge skills and behaviours to prepare them for working life, now and in the future - as confident, individual members of society. Students will gain real work experience to help them progress into employment. Students are required to spend two days in work placement to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to gain sustained employment. All learners study maths and English, and where necessary will take exams.

Student Characteristics

- Moderate to mild Learning Difficulties
 - Possibly with an EHCP
 - Low academic attainment
- Possibly Home or Home/Hospital Schooled
 - Want to improve Maths and English levels
- Able to travel independently or work towards travel
- Are able to engage in an external work placement
- May have had interrupted/low school attendance
 - May require small group support

PROGRAMMES

05 PREPARING FOR CONSTRUCTION

Preparation for construction is ideal for anyone who wants a career in construction but isn't sure which trade is best for them.

This hands-on course covers basic construction skills in areas like painting and decorating and carpentry and joinery, as well as the development of English and maths.

The course is designed to boost your confidence and skills and help you decide on your next steps.

After successfully completing the course, you will be guaranteed entry on to any of our Level 1 construction course.

Long term careers depend on the path you chose at Level 1 but this is a great starting point to build a successful future.

STUDENT SUPPORT

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Well, it's just that – support which is in addition to the course you are studying.

Our support services are there to support, guide and advise all students regardless of your course, the level you are studying or if you already receive another form of support. Whether you need a little extra help with your studies, specialist equipment, or just need a chat, the team are 100% there for you.

The wellbeing of each and every student is at the forefront of everything we do. We want all students to flourish and excel while helping you develop confidence, self-motivation, independence and life skills. That is why our ALS team will work with you every step of the way to produce a bespoke support package just for you and your needs.

We have outlined the kind of support the team has provided to other students to help make their time with us easier. These are just examples and if you would like to discuss support which isn't outlined below, please get in touch with us.

Examples of some additional support that our students receive:

- Exam access arrangements
- One to one support, in and out of the classroom
- Help with personal care needs
- Trained and experienced learning support assistants
- Specialist software and equipment
- Communication support workers
- Qualified Teacher of the Deaf
- Assessment and support for dyslexia
- Note takers/ scribes
- Maths, English and ESOL support
- Classes taught in small group size
- Personal tutor to monitor progress and assist with day-to-day queries
- Learning support assistants (LSA) to provide support in and out of class as needed
- Supervision over lunch, break and transport (if necessary)
- Quiet areas within specialist provision and across college

GET IN TOUCH

If you would like to discuss any support you feel would benefit you during your time with us, call us on 0191 427 3900 or email als@tynecoast.ac.uk

STUDENT SUPPORT

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Worried you can't afford to go to college? We can help.

There are bursaries and other support funds available to students.

PROGRAMME FEES

If you are aged 16–25 with an EHCP, you will not pay any tuition fees for our programmes.

If you would like to access free, adult programmes you may be eligible for a programme fee waiver if you are in receipt of a debility-related benefit eg, disability allowance.

STUDENT BURSARIES

Help is available for anyone who is finding it hard to meet the costs of coming to college. The following bursaries are on offer for those who meet the eligibility criteria:

- Travel bursary
- Food credits
- Vulnerable bursary
- Young carers bursary
- Study start-up costs, trips and work placement bursary
- College hardship fund
- Residential bursary

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For more information on bursaries, eligibility criteria and how to apply, please contact our Student Services team or look for 'Financial support' on our website.

HOW TO APPLY

APPLY TO STUDY AT SOUTH TYNESIDE COLLEGE

We want to make sure that you have all the information you need to make the right decision about where to study after you leave school. To help you with this, we have put together a simple process in place to make sure we provide you with the support and guidance you need before joining us.

REGISTER FOR ONE OF OUR OPEN EVENTS

- Head to our events page on our website for a full range of dates - www.stc.ac.uk
- Call our Student Services team on 0191 427 3900. The team will be happy to book an event for you.
- Chat to an advisor on LiveChat and ask to book on to an event.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THE EVENT

- You will have the opportunity to meet the Foundation Learning curriculum staff. You'll be able to ask any questions you may have and find out more information
- You can chat to our Additional Learning Support team about any specific support needs you may have, in and out the classroom
- You can take a tour of the Foundation Learning department, classrooms, break out areas and social areas
- Our Student Services advisors will be on hand to talk about other college courses and finance support (including free school meals)
- You can then complete an application form and secure your place ready to start in September. Don't worry, we will continue to be in touch and on hand if you have any questions.

WHAT TO EXPECT BEFORE STARTING COLLEGE

- Regular contact with useful information about the college and Foundation Learning department
- Opportunity to attend an exclusive taster session
- Guidance on how to enrol
- An invite to meet Additional Learning Support staff if required

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CONTACT US VIA



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Direct message us via our Facebook or Instagram page - we're happy to help!

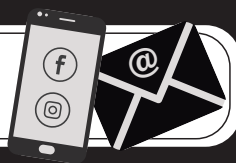
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