

PREPARING FOR POST 16 EDUCATION AS A CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PERSON

- We advise you attend an IAG Meeting at school in year 11 and discuss your areas of interest in your Term 1 PEP or as part of your Pathway Plan if you are over 18 years old.
- We advise you attend a College Open Day in Term 1 or early in Term 2 in year 10/11. Open Day dates are published on all college websites on the main page under events. You will be able to meet tutors and see what each course is really about. We have Open Days at Newark and Lincoln sites.
- Apply early! Welcome Day events, interviews and conditional offers of a place are generally made in the order that the applications are received.
- We advise that you apply for two courses of interest so you have a second choice. If you do not attain the required GCSE grades for the level you have applied for or do better than you expected you may be able to offered a higher or lower level course in the same area of interest on results day.
- We would advise a laptop is requested through Pupil Premium Plus in Year 11 as all students in post 16 education will be required to access and complete some work independently and remotely at times.
- Research the level of course you are applying for, all courses have an information sheet attached part of which is information about entry requirements. It is great to have personal goals, however sometimes it can take a few steps to get there and that is ok as we all have our own personal journeys.
- Please put down two emergency points of contact on your application forms, one being the person you live with (if appropriate) and one being your Social Worker. If over 18 years old we would advise contact details for your Leaving Care Worker/PA with their email address and phone numbers and one other person of your choice. The college will then ensure that the primary person who is named first will receive all the information emails from college as well as you the applicant so they can support you and be kept informed of any developments or requests for information.
- Please tick the Care Experienced box on the application form as this alerts the Designated Co-ordinator for Care Experienced Students at the college that you have applied and they can then contact you.
- If you have an EHCP please tick the box on the application, your SEND Caseworker at your local authority will then be alerted and send a consultation request to the college Assessment and Support Team who will respond to the consult based on the most recent EHCP available. Our staff now have access to the SEND portal. If the college responds that it cannot meet your needs you can request an appeal meeting where any additional and more up to date information can be provided and considered.
- Please tick the Support Needs Box on the application if you have any SEND, Physical Health or Emotional Health and Well-being support needs that are not covered by an EHCP. The college Assessment and Support Team will then offer you a Support Needs Assessment to detail your needs and inform your tutors of any support you may need academically or emotionally.
- If you have had access Arrangements for Exams at your previous place of education please ensure they provide you with a copy of these in writing as well as any evidence of Normal Way of Working so these can be shared with the college as these will support you with any application for Access Arrangements at college.
- If you do not attain Maths and English at Grade 4 or above you will need to study these alongside your vocational course until you are 19 years old. This is not optional and is a government requirement.
- You will also be required to complete 30 hours of work experience (more on some courses) or Social Action projects as well as attend a weekly CPD (Continuing Personal Development) lesson and a Termly Progress Review which are also part of the timetable and overall study programme.
- The college can facilitate a campus tour if you feel this would help you.
- The college can offer you a meet and greet with the Designated Coordinator for Care Experienced Students in Student Services if you would like one.
- In Term 3 the Designated Co-ordinator or Care Experienced Student Support Officer would like to be invited to the potential students PEP meeting to clarify any information, answer any questions and meet the young person, their parent/carer and involved professionals as part of the transition process.



It's never too early to start making plans!

- Please set up an online portal for the 16-18 Extended Bursary or 19+ Learner Support Funding/Childcare Support. You will need to have made an application for a course to do this as you will be required to enter your unique learner number which is generated when you make an application. The portal is generally available from 1st July for the next academic year but you will receive an email from the Financial Support Team in Student Services with directions on how to complete this. As soon as you are enrolled once the application has been approved you will be invited into Student Services at either Lincoln or Newark to complete the Terms and Conditions. The student will require their own bank account to set up the portal. Remember to make a note of your password as you will be able to access this portal throughout the year to check on payments and upload any receipts for pre-agreed essential items to be repaid. The setting up of the portal and financial application is the responsibility of the student and their parent/carer/LCW/PA.

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