

A message from the Head of College

The Hive College provides students aged between 19 to 25 with learning difficulties and disabilities the opportunity to participate in the very best education and training. Our aim is to support students into employment and promote their independence and confidence.

The Hive College, set within the Wilson Stuart School complex, provides a team of specialist and support staff to assist students in planning a study programme that will help them to identify their career and personal aspirations. This will include skills acquisition, knowledge and personal attributes to help students gain successful employment in their chosen career, to access supported employment or volunteering roles and make a positive contribution to the local community.

We have highly skilled specialist staff and have access to the very best facilities. The Hive College has already formed partnerships with some of the biggest employers in the city, who are working with us to provide our students with work placement opportunities.

We are dedicated to do all we can to help our students develop and succeed. We expect our students to do their very best, achieve their goals and make the very best of the opportunities they will enjoy with us.

As you read more about LIVE at The Hive, I hope you will think our programme is exciting and really worth considering. If you enrol, I feel confident you will not regret it.



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The Hive College provides a vocational curriculum for students aged 19 to 25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. This will enable students to access education up to the age of 25 depending on their individual needs and focus on their transition into adulthood, employment within the mainstream labour force, volunteering and independent living.



We have very strong relationships with employers within the West Midlands area and supported transition into work will be the main focus of the LIVE study programme. The Hive College will continue to forge collaborative partnerships with a variety of employers to ensure that all students have access to meaningful work placements. We will ensure that students are carefully placed with an employer allowing maximum independence, yet with the correct levels of support and guidance to suit the individual. All students will be accompanied by a teaching assistant when carrying out work experience activities until such times they are able to go to work independently.

Work experience activities will assist students to identify their job preferences and produce a vocational profile to help achieve a job match to suit their ability. Supported Internships are personalised programmes of study which will be mainly based at an employer's premises where students will be accompanied by a Job Coach. Job coaches will provide in-work support within the vocational area of expertise during the internship which will taper off as the student becomes more familiar with their role.

The Hive College is dedicated to preparing the LIVE students for adult life to ensure that following on from a supported internship students will go on to an Apprenticeship or paid employment within their chosen vocational area or volunteering roles. Access to further or higher education qualifications during their study programme will further equip them with vocationally recognised qualifications to support their employment prospects.

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Students will progress through the phases at a pace to suit their needs and abilities.

Phase one

Students will carry out work experience activities one day per week and will study Workskills, English, Maths and extended curriculum activities to develop their personal and social skills.

Phase two

The focus will be on the students chosen vocational area and will include work experience activities two days per week. On-the-job training will take place at the employers premises, classroom based learning will be delivered at The Hive College. This will include Workskills, Maths, English and extended curriculum activities to develop their skills for the workplace.

Phase three

The focus will be on the transition from on-the-job training and education to employment. Students will participate in Supported Internships in their chosen vocational area and will study Vocational qualifications related to their work aspirations. This phase will focus on students gaining paid employment, or apprenticeships. Some students will focus on transition onto further / higher education or volunteering roles. The Hive College will continue with its support for students when they have completed their study programmes, this will be provided by qualified Job Coaches to ensure sustainability within the workplace.

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Programme of Study

Our curriculum is designed to include substantial qualifications in both academic and vocational subject areas from Entry Level 1-3 and Level 1 and Level 2. We offer a flexible, personalised study programme which provides our students with an appropriately challenging learning experience to enable progression through each phase of the programme.

Non-qualification activities will include independent living skills and social relationships.

The curriculum offered at The Hive College is detailed below:

Workskills	Independent Living Skills	Volunteering
Horticulture	Maths and English (up to GCSE grade C)	IT

**To arrange a Visit or Taster Day please contact us on
0121 306 4800**

**Application Forms can be found on our Website
www.wsucbpt.co.uk**

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