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Preparation for Work Programme

Our Learning for Living Programme is an individualised programme of study for 16 to 25 year olds with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), who would like to progress into work or further training. This programme will help learners develop confidence and the skills needed in the workplace. Learners attend college either 3 or 5 days a week, Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 3.30pm.

On the Preparation for Work Programme we will work with learners to identify their long term goals for work, life and future learning. Learners have the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge within a realistic practical learning environment at college and transfer their learning into an external work placement. Learners may progress onto supported employment, a supported internship or further training after college.

There are five main pathways to choose from including:

- Catering
- Retail
- Business Admin
- Horticulture
- Woodwork

A personalised programme could include:

- Careers information, advice and guidance
- External work placement within preferred vocational pathway
- Individual travel training programme
- Team working
- Problem solving
- Increasing knowledge and skills within a practical vocational learning environment linked to a chosen vocational pathway
- Functional Maths, English and ICT skills with accreditation where appropriate
- Vocational tasters to develop employability skills in practical and realistic work environments
- Personal and social development







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Entry Requirements

Learners must have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or SEN Support Plan. To apply your Local Authority will need to consult with Thornbeck College. We offer a pre-entry assessment before learners join college. All learners are considered on an individual basis and matched to a programme that is best placed to meet their needs, support their outcomes and move them towards their aspirations.

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