



CONNECT2COLLEGE

ROUTE COURSES PRE-ENROLMENT RESOURCE PACK



Routes Programmes 2020

Welcome

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Routes Programme. We are looking forward to getting to know you and are excited for a happy and productive year full of great opportunities. The course will give you the opportunity to develop your independence skills in preparation for work or progression onto further study.

As the course is tailored to meet your individual needs, we will support you to achieve your personal goals. This includes developing essential personal, social and employability skills. You will be given opportunities to develop social awareness, using group classroom activities, accessing community facilities and travel training.

You will learn essential English, maths and life skills to make decisions about your next steps and work towards greater independence.

We will be doing some initial assessments to work out prior knowledge during the first few weeks of college. These are nothing to worry about, they just help us to get to know what you are good at, and the areas we need to work on. This also helps us to see if you are on the right course and put a plan in place if you need to change.

Please complete the enclosed forms and bring them to enrolment. If you have any questions or queries you can contact me below:

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My Course

Employability and Project Based Learning:

In Employability and Project Based Learning, you will gain practical skills and qualities to develop independence required for everyday life. You will develop personal and social skills and learn to confidently interact with others. This is an opportunity for you to develop transferrable skills that you can use throughout your life.



Functional Skills English and Mathematics:

You will develop skills in maths and English that will help you to participate confidently in your community. The skills you will learn are all practical and useful and designed to include the key areas you will need to know to progress in life. For some people, there will be the opportunity to take Functional Skills exams in both maths and English.



Work Experience:

Once you have settled in and you have thought about your skills, qualities and interests, you will be given an opportunity to attend a work experience placement, if you are work ready. There are a range of placements to choose from and these are done with the help of a job coach. Placements within the Openshaw campus include working in: the library, reception, Cube Café and reprographics.



Progress Portfolios (RARPA):

During the course, we will recognise and record your progress and achievement and work towards individual learning goals and targets. These are documented through images and videos and are an important way for us to document your learning and development. There will be image consent forms enclosed/to follow to enable us to record student progress in this way.



What is expected of you?

What you need to bring each day:



- ID badge and lanyard: you will get this during enrolment, and you must always wear this when at College.
- Lunch or money for lunch.
- Bus pass / C+ card – this will be needed for when we go off site as we regularly use public transport.



- Pens, pencils and equipment needed for study.
- Any other items you have been asked to bring in by your teacher.



- You will also need to bring suitable clothing and footwear for any visits we go on, you will be told about these in advance.

It is your responsibility to make sure that you have all these items with you and that you keep them safe.

Sickness and Lateness:

You are expected to attend all your sessions. This helps you to learn and progress and prepares you for what is expected in the work place too. If you are going to be late to class or off sick, you must phone as soon as possible. You will be provided with phone numbers at induction. You may also want to text your teacher directly to let them know you won't be in or you will be late.



If you can't get through, leave a message on the answer phone. Someone will call you back as soon as we pick up the message.



If you have been off sick, you may be asked to bring a note in for your records. If you are receiving any funding from the college, you will have to fill in a sickness form.

Timetables:

- Timetables will be given out when you come to enroll.
- You will be in College for three days each week.
- Each day we have an hour lunch break and a 20-minute break in the morning and a 20-minute break the afternoon.

Assessments/Exams:

- We will be doing some initial assessments to work out prior knowledge during the first few weeks of college. These are nothing to worry about, they just help us to get to know what you are really good at, and also the areas we need to work on. This also helps us to see if you are on the right course and put a plan in place if you need to change.
- There are no formal qualifications attached to our Routes courses, but you may sit Functional Skills maths and/or English exams with us. We will talk to you about these as you may already have grades in these subjects from school.

Pastoral Support:

- You will receive termly one-to-ones with your teacher. You will meet these people during the first few days.
- The College also has a safeguarding team who are committed to ensuring all students are safe and happy. You will meet the designated student experience worker for your course when you start.

Behaviour and Commitment Expectations:

- be respectful
- be responsible
- be punctual
- work well with others
- work hard
- try you best
- complete travel training if required
- participate in work experience



Openshaw Campus



Openshaw Campus is a vibrant and welcoming centre that offers a supportive learning and social environment for students.

The Openshaw Campus is easily accessible by train or buses. Bus routes to and from Openshaw includes Ashton-Under-Lyne, Gorton, Abbey Hey, Longsight, Manchester. The nearest train station is at Ashbury's which is a 10 minutes' walk to the campus.

SOCIAL SPACES AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

The college offers several social spaces where you can spend time to interact with friends including seated areas, table tennis and a pool table. The library has a good selection of books and there are several computers which you can use at your leisure. The campus has a fully equipped gym and fitness centre is open to all and is open on Saturdays



PLACES TO EAT

There are two restaurants on campus. The Whitworth House building has a large canteen and dining area with a wide selection of foods and drinks. Bistro East is situated in Westlands building, it is the college's training restaurant which offers a range of wholesome food and fine dining experiences. There are also two cafés which serves fresh sandwiches, coffee, cakes and soft drinks.

