

# Curriculum Intent 2025 - 2026

## Lifeworks Further Education College



Lifeworks College is a specialist independent further education (FE) college dedicated to supporting young people from aged 16-25 with learning disabilities who hold an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). As part of the Lifeworks Charity, the college provides a safe, supportive, and inspiring environment where every student is encouraged to thrive. Nestled in a welcoming village community near the vibrant town of Totnes in South Devon, Lifeworks College offers close-knit, inclusive setting where students can grow in confidence, and achieve their aspirations.

### Curriculum Offer

Our curriculum offer is designed to empower students to achieve their full potential, providing a broad range of accredited qualifications that build independence, employability, confidence, teamwork, and communication skills. Alongside this, students benefit from dedicated Maths & English lessons, which are timetabled and embedded throughout the entire curriculum. This ensures learning is reinforced across all areas, helping students to strengthen essential skills that support their personal growth, academic progress, and future opportunities.

### Bespoke Programmes

Our curriculum is carefully tailored to meet the unique needs of each individual learner. Progress is closely monitored through our structured *RARPA student journey* process, ensuring every student receives the right support to reach their full potential.

### Tutorial

We provide a robust weekly tutorial programme which plays a key role in preparing students for life beyond college. The programme is designed to develop knowledge, skills, and confidence, enabling students to become active and responsible citizens who participate positively in society.

Tutorial Themes are carefully planned to reflect statutory requirements and current priorities, including:

- Wider World - Fundamental British Values
- Safeguarding - awareness of radicalisation and the Prevent duty
- Health & Safety - promoting resilience, mental health, and emotional literacy
- Digital Literacy - personal online safety and responsible use of technology
- Relationships - building safe, respectful, and healthy relationships
- Aspirations - supporting independence, future planning, and preparation for adulthood

This structured approach ensures that students are well informed, supported, and equipped with the personal and social skills they need to succeed both within and beyond their college journey.

### Our Ethos

At Lifeworks College, we are dedicated to creating an exceptional, adult-focused learning environment where every student is empowered to grow, thrive, and achieve their full potential. We inspire enthusiasm, resilience, and a commitment to developing the practical, social, and emotional skills needed for independent living, meaningful employment, and active participation in the community. Our mission is to ensure that every student leaves confident, capable, and ready to embrace the opportunities of adult life.

### Our Aim

Lifeworks College is committed to providing an outstanding and supportive learning environment that maximises the potential of every student, enabling them to develop the skills, confidence, and independence needed to succeed in all aspects of adult life.

## Enrichment

- Lifeworks College provides a broad range of enrichment activities that develop students' social, emotional, and vocational skills
- Opportunities include internal and external vocational placements, work experience, and community projects, supporting resilience, wellbeing, and confidence
- Students are encouraged to set and achieve personal goals, promoting independence and a growth mindset

Activities include:

Tennis - Travel training - Gym- Music - Swimming - Media Gardening - Community Café - Creative arts - Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge - Art/Pottery - Community Projects

## Careers and Employability

- A formal careers development plan ensures students acquire essential skills for employment and progression
- The college's careers programme is aligned with the Gatsby Benchmarks, providing structured, high-quality career guidance
- Strong partnerships with Devon Careers Hub and local employers support meaningful work experiences
- A dedicated Placement Coordinator and expert Job Coach provide tailored support, develop employer relationships, and ensure the curriculum reflects local labour market needs
- Outcomes include well-prepared students with clear pathways to employment, further education, or training

## Preparing for Adulthood

Transitioning into adulthood can be a significant challenge for young people with SEND. Lifeworks College has developed a comprehensive curriculum structured around four key pillars:

1. **Opportunities for further education and employment** - Preparing students for meaningful pathways beyond college
2. **Independent living** - Students engage in timetabled independent living skills and have access to a fully equipped "self-contained flat" to practice essential life skills, including cleaning, laundry, ironing, and bed-making
3. **Healthy Friendships, relationships, and community participation** - Supporting students to build positive relationships and actively engage in their local community
4. **Being Healthy** - Promoting physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing through structured activities and guidance

This structured approach equips students with the knowledge, confidence, and practical skills needed to make successful transitions into adult life.



# Support and Interventions

Lifeworks College prides itself on supporting students both inside and outside of the classroom. We offer a number of complementary therapies including Sound therapy, Lego<sup>®</sup> - based therapy, Art therapy and Speech & Language Therapy (SALT), to promote communication, self-regulation, and emotional wellbeing.

Where additional support is required, we work in partnership with external agencies to access specialist services such as Occupational Therapy, ensuring students benefit from a fully collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach.



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

DofE teaches you the core subjects in life, team building, resilience, confidence, never giving up



## Sound Therapy



## Supported Internships and Work Experience

## **PATHWAY 1**

### **Pathway to Independence**

Entry Level Award in Personal Progress  
Stepping Stones to Functional Skills in  
English and Maths

Tutorial  
Work Experience  
Independent Living Skills  
Essential Digital Skills  
Art

## **PATHWAY 2**

### **Pathway to Skills for Life**

Entry Level Award in Personal Progress  
Stepping Stones to Functional Skills in  
English and Maths

Tutorial  
Work Experience  
Independent Living Skills  
Essential Digital Skills  
Art

## **PATHWAY 3**

### **Pathway to Progression**

Entry Level/ Level 1 Award in Work  
Preparation  
Stepping Stones to Functional Skills in  
English and Maths

Tutorial  
Work Experience  
Independent Living Skills  
Essential Digital Skills  
Art

## **PATHWAY 4**

### **Pathway to Skills for Employment**

Level 1 Certificate in Employability  
Entry 3 Award in Skills for Employment  
Stepping Stones to Functional Skills in  
English and Maths

Tutorial  
Work Experience  
Independent Living Skills  
Essential Digital Skills  
Art

## **PATHWAY 5**

### **Supported Internship**

Qualification:  
Level 1 Award in Progression  
Application of Maths & English

Tutorial  
Work Placement (2days)

Essential Digital Skills

