

Horizons College

Horizons College has recently re-located in the Royal Wootton Bassett, and it is seeking to become an integral part of this community.

The College is an Independent Specialist College for learners age 16-25 with autism, behaviours which may challenge, profound and multiple learning difficulties and disabilities and young people with complex health needs. The college is part of Brunel Education. Horizons College strives to create opportunities for Learners to develop skills and **empower them to shape their future**. We believe every young person should have the opportunity to education to enable them to achieve their potential and to work towards their plans. At Horizons College, we support disabled young people with their preparation towards adulthood. We work with our Learners to develop their skills towards their longer-term living, employment and leisure opportunities.

Here at Horizons College we are constantly looking at what skills learners would like and need to develop and how these impact on the lives they want to live. Young people develop and mature during their time at College and our dedicated team of support surrounding them offer opportunities that will improve their independence, confidence and life chances.

Our care and support for our Learners is always at the heart of what we do, where our Learners learn new skills and are better equipped for the future. Our College community depends on us staying focused on what make us excellent: a place of innovative and inclusive learning community for all, combined with a safe, stimulating Learner focused environment.

The study programmes are specifically aimed at a group of Learners with a range of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) including autism, behaviours which may challenge, profound and multiple learning difficulties and disabilities and young people with complex health needs.

In order to meet our purpose and aspirations our Learners require a specialist provision that includes access to a range of expert, professional and multi-agency support i.e. speech and language therapists, physiotherapists and occupational therapists, visual and hearing-impaired specialists.

During 2022-2023, **85 Learners (34 female 45 male)** have been enrolled on four-day study programmes at Horizons College. The ESFA and local authority fund these places.

The College curriculum provides progression pathways, which are underpinned by each Learner's long-term goals. These are based on their starting points after completing statutory school education. There is a greater emphasis on nurturing life & work skills and developing independence. The curriculum design and implementation also enable Learners to make a positive contribution to their community. Horizons College offers a 2-3-year study programme based on three different pathways for Learners:-

Pathway to Employment, Pathway to Life Choices, Pathway to Independence (bespoke) and Supported Internships.