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We are not able to meet with you in person without an appointment, so please call us and make an appointment first.



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Young People and Post 16 Options



**Information,
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This leaflet shows you the different paths you could take to further education and the possibility of gaining a job in the future.

It's important to be aware of the full range of options before making a decision.

Schools must provide face-to-face careers guidance for all young people with a learning difficulty and/or disability, regardless of whether they have a Statement of special educational needs, Education Health and Care (EHC) Plan or not.

Local Authorities (the Council) provide careers advice up until the age of 25 if you have a Section 139a Learning Difficulty Assessment (LDA).

Alternatively you can use the National Careers Service:

- If you're aged 13-19 you can call for advice or email through their website.
- Adults aged 20 and over can also get face-to-face guidance.

If you have a disability, learning difficulty or health condition, you should be able to get at least three sessions of face-to-face advice.

The logo for the National Careers Service, featuring the text "National Careers Service" in white on a blue background.

Apprenticeships



Apprenticeships allow those aged 16 and over to receive practical training by working in a real job at the same time as studying. Taking this route will enable you to build a wide range of skills that employers really want and help you progress in your chosen career.

As an apprentice you will:

- work alongside experienced staff
- gain the skills necessary for work
- study for a particular qualification
- earn a wage

Usually apprenticeships involve working four days a week and spending one day a week studying.

Apprenticeships take between one and five years to complete and cover over 1,500 job roles in a wide range of industries, from engineering to accountancy, public relations to veterinary nursing.

Traineeships



Traineeships are available for all young people aged 16-24, including young people with Learning Difficulty Assessments or Education, Health and Care plans.

Young people aged 19 to 24, with an Education, Health and Care plan or Learning Difficulty Assessment are eligible to access traineeships, provided they start before their 25th birthday.

What do Traineeships provide?

Traineeships are an education and training programme with work experience to help young people to develop the skills and experience they need.

Traineeships can last between six weeks and six months and the aim is to move on to an Apprenticeship or a job opportunity. Where young people successfully finish sooner than anticipated, this is counted as completing the Traineeship.



At Newcastle under Lyme College we have a team of Specialist Teachers that provide one-to-one support and assessments for learners with specific learning difficulties.

We also have a named person in each of the subject areas that arranges and provides support for learners who are identified as having a difficulty.

We can provide tailored support to meet your needs, including one-to-one support and, in some cases, in-class support.



At S-o-T College our Learning Support Team is on hand to provide advice and information to learners with learning difficulties, additional learning support needs or disabled learners.

Learners may have additional support needs for many reasons.

For many learners with additional support needs, extra support is given by the tutor/lecturer of your class.

We like to provide an environment that is welcoming and inclusive to all.



The Sixth Form College ensures that as far as possible, students with a disability or learning difficulty have equal access to courses and services offered by the college. If you have any physical disability or special educational needs, you will receive help from the Student Support Team at the college who will make every effort to change our provision to meet your needs.

Education and Training

For 16-19 year olds, study programmes ensure that **every** young person undertakes a programme of education with qualifications and other activity focused on employment and career goals that reflect your ambitions.



For some this will mean taking academic or vocational qualifications; for some it will mean an Apprenticeship; and for others a Traineeship, work experience or other employment-focused training.

Students who have not achieved an A*-C GCSE in English and Maths will need to continue to study towards gaining these qualifications. Other young people may choose a study programme that prepares them to progress on to a Traineeship.

These are paid jobs involving training that leads to nationally recognised qualifications. Apprentices earn as they learn and gain practical skills in the workplace.

Young people with EHC plans can retain their plan when on an apprenticeship.



Supported Internship Study Programmes

Supported Internships may be more suitable than Traineeships for some young people who may require more time and support from job coaches to learn a role for 16-24 year olds.

Through supported internships, young people may have the opportunity to move directly into paid employment. They are intended to enable young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities to achieve paid employment by teaching them the skills they need for work through learning in the workplace.

Internships normally last for a year and include unpaid work placements of at least six months.