

Roadmap to College

Inclusion and Support

Transitions can be extremely challenging for many young people and their families as there is a minefield of information to navigate and decisions to be made. One of the most important things to remember is that it is never too early to start preparing for the journey into college. Young people and their families are welcome to visit the College as early as year 9 and as many times as you feel you need to support the decision-making process regarding the College course and Campus.

Fact Finding

The starting point for transition is curiosity and exploration through careers advice, attending open events and finding an area that really interests and engages you.

Year 11 Annual Review

Once you have decided you will need to ensure your views are captured in the year 11 annual review meeting. Our Inclusion Coaches are happy to attend the annual review so that they can share information regarding transition support and give you an idea of college life.

Make an application

You will need to apply for your chosen course, this can be done at any of the open events or online through the Wiltshire College and University Centre website.

Interview

Following your application, you will be invited to an interview with the curriculum team to discuss your course choice and appropriate level of study. Do not worry about this process, it is informal and a way for the College to begin to get to know you, and your interests.

Consultation Process

A key part of ensuring the College can support individual learning needs is the consultation process that happens between Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire College and University Centre. This involves the council sharing an updated EHCP and any other current relevant information with the Inclusion and Support team. All this information will be considered by our consultation panel when making the decision as to whether we can meet the needs of the young person.

Transition

Once the consultation has been agreed and you have received a conditional offer you will be contacted by our transition team inviting you to our summer transition days. If you feel more visits are needed, we would be happy to have contact from you directly to arrange these.

Results Day & Enrolment

If you are studying for your GCSEs, your results will need to be shared with the College this can be done on results day or during the enrolment days. If the results are not what you wanted don't worry, you can have a discussion with the curriculum team and meet with our careers advisor to look at alternative options if necessary.

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First Days

We understand that the first day at college can be overwhelming, therefore if you need someone to come and meet you let the transition team and your curriculum area know so that we can support you in the best way possible. This may be a meet and greet, coming in early or later to avoid the crowds or simply having a friendly face as you walk through the door.

Things to remember

You'll need to think about how to get to college. If you need support such as a taxi, you will need to complete an application form which can be found [here](#).

When choosing a course, don't forget it's ok to change your mind, this will be subject to entry requirements and whether the course you wish to change to is already full.

If you have previously had exam access arrangements these do not automatically follow you. It is important to let your curriculum team and Inclusion and Support know what adjustments you have previously received; these can then be put in place by your lecturer in the classroom to support a referral to the assessor.

People supporting you with transition



Parents and carers – your parents/carers are the people that know you best. They can support you with your choices and help you to make decisions about your future.



Current setting – your teachers and the SENDCo at your current setting will have a good understanding of how best to support you. They may be able to help you make decisions about what you want to do in the future. They will be able to give you information on the various options that you need to think about.



SEND – Your SEND Lead Worker will have a key role in developing the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and will work with you and those supporting you to enable you to meet the outcomes in your EHCP. They will support you and your setting in updating the outcomes and provision needs.



College transition team – The transition team at Wiltshire College and University Centre can be contacted to discuss your transition needs and will work with you, your family and your current setting to help you with moving into college.