

Careers Website Links

Preparation for Adulthood

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/preparing-for-adulthood/post-16-learning-options/?page=1>

Careers

The National Careers Service provides information, advice and guidance for people looking at learning, training and work.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

The National Autistic Society work with employers to support candidates to access job opportunities. They provide information around working conditions and jobs coaches. They will advertise vacancies. There is a free module on 'finding employment'.

<https://www.autism.org.uk/what-we-do/employment/job-opportunities>

This website looks at the local labour market:

<https://lancashire.startprofile.com/page/local-area>

Internships and Training Providers

Project Search is a supported internship for young people with learning disabilities and autism. They offer opportunities yearly based within companies in east Lancashire, Preston and Lancaster.

<https://www.dfnprojectsearch.org/>

Further Education

There are two routes for those people wishing to continue in education – mainstream and ISP (independent specialist provision).

It needs to be identified that the mainstream provider can support the needs of the individual, and the qualifications available will depend on those that have already been achieved. For some of our learners, there are routes such as Foundation Learning or Pathways that will have a more supportive environment for those with EHCPs that develops independence of employability. Some offer specific vocational pathways such as Performing Arts or Animal Studies. Here are some examples:

Newman College - <https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/school-leavers/foundation-learning/>

Preston's College - <https://www.preston.ac.uk/courses/school-leavers/foundation-learning/448>

Runshaw College - <https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/i-am-a-school-leaver-2/foundation-learning/>

Myerscough College - <https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/courses/foundation-learning/>

Blackpool & the Fylde College - <https://www.blackpool.ac.uk/course/ggsp1015>

ISPs will need a panel to agree to the funding of these placements, and this is only confirmed once it is seen that mainstream providers are unable to cater to the needs of the individual. ISPs are specialist day and residential colleges, providing individual programmes of support.

Arden College - <https://www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk/find-a-location/arden-college-southport/>

Beaumont College - <https://www.beaumontcollege.ac.uk/>