



**Buckinghamshire
College Group**

Aylesbury Wycombe Amersham

High Needs Programme

Courses for young people with Education, Health & Care Plans

About the programme


At Buckinghamshire College Group we provide tailored education packages for young people with Education, Health & Care Plans to support a range of learning difficulties and disabilities. Each student has a personalised programme that we design based on their needs and the outcomes identified in their EHCP

Usually a college course will be 3 days per week, however for some young people this is not enough time to cover all of the outcomes they need to work towards to make a successful transition into adulthood. Therefore, where the EHCP requires it, we offer packages of up to 5 days per week in education.

To help us deliver this wide range of packages, we work with a number of partner agencies to ensure each student gets the right amount of support and specialist help they need. Our partners include:




Whilst Buckinghamshire College Group may appoint one of the aforementioned agencies to work with you as part of your programme, the college retains the overall responsibility for your education and remains a point of contact for any questions or concerns you may have.



In our main college buildings we offer college courses in a range of vocational subjects and all of our programmes ensure that students continue to develop vital skills of English and maths. However, we also have three specialist facilities, The Future Life Centre at Flackwell Heath, and the New Ways Bungalow at Amersham and the Life Skills Centre at Aylesbury, which support the community learning aspects of EHCPs and particularly focus on developing independent living and social skills.

Work within these centres can also be used provide a platform for progression onto a college course in either our Foundation Studies department, at pre-entry level, or on a vocational course from level 1 to level 3, for students who are not yet ready to enter the main college.


Students accessing these facilities will have a range of needs and be working at different levels, and we therefore assess each student carefully prior to admission to ensure the correct programme of study is chosen.





Facilities

Within the buildings there are a variety of facilities for students to access, such as:

- Chill out room/quiet space.
 - Fully equipped classrooms with the latest learning technology and outside learning spaces.
 - Craft room with its own outdoor space.
 - Fully equipped and accessible kitchen.
 - Sensory garden and communal garden area, including geodome for outdoor learning at the Future Life Centre.
 - Domestic skills room.
 - Therapy room to carry out speech and language, occupational and behaviour therapy.
 - A central multi -purpose social area for students.
 - Disabled toilet and wet room facility.
 - Designated drop off and pick up point for transport.
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Therapies

If it has been identified within the Education and Health Care Plan for particular therapy input, this will be put in place as part of the students' package of support. The therapies offered at the college are:

- Speech and language therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Music therapy

Students may also access other college facilities in the main building, at all 3 sites - these include the Learning Resource Centres and cafeterias. We actively encourage all High Needs Students to be part of the wider college community.



Admissions

Students accessing bespoke packages of education as set out in this leaflet will require an EHCP and to be designated by their Local Authority as High Needs Learners; there will need to be a commitment from the LA to provide appropriate funding for this purpose. As such, we expect that most families will be referred to us via the post-16 transitions panel, however those outside of Buckinghamshire, or who have missed the transition panel for any reason, should contact the college admissions team to make arrangements for a viewing and admissions meeting.

Families are also welcome to attend our Open Events as detailed on our website in advance of the transitions panel in order to see our facilities and meet our staff.



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