

## **Ambitious College**

Ambitious College is a specialist further education provision for learners with complex autism, which enables young people to access further education in their local community. Ambitious College provides for young people with complex autism from 16 - 25, though our focus is 19-25 year olds. Most of our learners have autism and complex learning disabilities. The aim of the College is to enable its learners to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to make a successful transition to adulthood and to live, work and contribute as part of their community.

To achieve this Ambitious College provides its learners with a personalised 'Transition to Adulthood' curriculum that meets their needs and interests. It is delivered by highly skilled and experienced staff, and provides opportunities to learn locally through a range of partnerships with local employers, services and our mainstream college partners. Families can make direct contact with us to learn more and visit the service, or referral can be through the local authority or other professionals.

For young people who are interested in attending the College, a pre-entry assessment will take place. This will involve a visit to the College and/or the learner's current placement as well as reports from the learner's current school or college, and information from parents and other professionals. If the College

can meet the learner's needs, a detailed study programme outline will be produced and this can be used to support an application for funding.

Our learners are funded by local authorities and sometimes their health partners, usually from education budgets with some input from social care and / or health as best meets the young persons needs. Personal budgets can be used for the service, though we are in the early stages of exploring this with families and local authorities.

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