

Derwen College

Derwen College is an Independent specialist college for students with physical and learning difficulties. Through personalised learning Derwen College promotes the vocational, educational, social and personal development of a wide range of young people with learning difficulties and disabilities. We offer residential and day placements, a post college living and work programme, apprenticeships and supported internships. <http://www.derwen.ac.uk>

Our Vision:

'With strong leadership and national recognition the College will continue to create an enriched learning environment that enables students to transform their lives for the better. We will have a strong culture of creative and innovative practice where enterprise flourishes and where staff are ambitious, imaginative, positive and empowered.'

All learners have an Individual Learning Plan which forms the basis of their individual programme and is reported against termly from all aspects of the curriculum.

Students follow personalised [Study Programmes](#) specialising in one of four vocational learning areas:

- Arts, Media and Business Studies
- Catering Studies
- Hospitality and Retail Studies
- Land Based Studies

In addition they develop their independence skills through [Personal and Social Development](#) sessions and activities.

Much of the learning takes place within our [real work environments](#) on campus and in the local community.

See our website: [Derwen College](#) for details of the curriculum offer in each area.

Employability Skills programme – all students participate in in this programme which includes three set modules (Getting Myself Ready for Work, Exploring the World of Work and Career Planning). The programme also includes embedded IAG across all curriculum areas and access to external careers advice and guidance.

Work Experience programme – alongside the many opportunities in the commercial outlets on site (the college has in excess of 1000 visitors a week who use the college's commercial outlets) the college also offers work experience with a wide range of external employers including national chains.

The Job Explorer Database (JED) is available on the student desktop to promote career choice for all.

Regional and national events - The college support students to attend regional and national events e.g. learner's local area transition events, The National Skills Show The college hosts an Experiential Careers event where learners have the opportunity to 'have a go' at some activities in work areas they may not have thought of before and also the opportunity to talk to some employers about their industry.

Derwen College provides lots of opportunities for prospective students and their families to come along and see our facilities and find out about our provision, for example, family days, open days, Summer fete and respite provision. The admissions process includes visits, refresher visit opportunities and taster sessions that are all excellent ways of supporting transition into College life. School visits to the College can also be arranged. In addition, when starting at College a flexible six week period is built in which allows learner's the

opportunity to 'try out' their chosen vocational area so they can be confident they have made the right choice of programme.

Cost of provision is made based on the assessment of need, support and provision. Applications for funding are made via the young person's local authority.

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