

Vocational 6th Form Newsletter

2023/24

Week 5

16-19

A bridge between school and college or work placements and apprenticeships, giving young people opportunities to learn how to do things for themselves in real life situations.

The sixth form base is closely aligned with our young people's desire for more independence and a more 'grown up' feel to their school day. This provision is a bridge between school and college or work placements and apprenticeships. It will give young people opportunities to learn how to do things for themselves in real life situations.

For some the work will closely link to our work experience programmes and internships for others it will be more based on learning how to live more independently or enabling them to have a greater number of choices as they move on in the future.

The facilities at Middlefield Lane include two kitchen areas, the work skills DIY practical workshop, offices and usual classrooms as well as outside growing areas and areas for leisure.



MOVING ON - POST 16 OPTIONS -What is a Further Education College (mainstream) and what courses do they offer?

Further Education Colleges offer courses at every level from entry level courses through to higher level qualifications. The level you study will depend on your examination results gained at school.

Entry Level 3: no formal entry requirements required

Level 1: Requirements: Entry level 3 qualification including English and maths

Level 2: Requirements: Mainly GCSE grades 3, including English, or a BTEC First Certificate/Award - merit/distinction

Level 3: Requirements: At least five GCSE grades 4 or 5 or above, including English, Maths. Examples: BTEC National, AS/A levels, Advanced NVQ

A full time course at college is 16 plus hours, which can mean a student can have a part-time job at the same time (but they will be expected to complete coursework and projects too!). With funding, which parents need to apply for, students with SEND can access life choice organisations for the rest of the week.

Qualifications FE Colleges offer:

GCSE retakes in English and Maths and some offer A levels.

Vocational subjects - these are related to a broad subject area such as business, health and social care, etc. - so they can lead to a large variety of employment areas or university courses.

Practical Vocational Courses that lead to specific jobs such as hairdressing, plumbing, or engineering.

T Levels - new 2 year job-related qualifications equivalent to three A Levels.

Apprenticeships where a student is mostly based with a paying employer and is assessed either in that workplace by a visiting assessor or by attending a college for a day or week at a time

Supported Internships - workplace based learning with a job coach for support for students with SEND

Foundation Courses to develop maths, English, study skills, confidence and employability. These courses can give students the chance to try out several different vocational areas and are suitable for many SEND students

Courses that prepare people for Higher Education, such as Access Courses

Vocational Higher Education Level courses, such as Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) and Certificates (HNCs)

Learning for leisure - these courses are usually part-time and often in the evenings. They may involve learning more about a hobby or interest e.g. ceramics, art.



This week at V6F all the groups that have been out into the community have worked really hard on their people skills when being around different members of the public. Olivia B was amazing in Hinckley town and she has loved different members of staff trying to use her power chair! Another group enjoyed going to the park for healthy lifestyles and using the gym equipment.



KEY STAGE NOTICES -
Be prepared for going out into the community, especially when it is raining.