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FOUNDATION LEARNING



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INTRODUCTION

PAVING THE WAY TO NEW EXPERIENCES

Our Foundation Learning department is for young people, aged 16 to 24, with special learning needs or learning difficulties. Our team are passionate about making sure that our students are given access to a range of learning, life and work experiences at a pace that suits them and with all of the wrap around support they need.

WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

We offer you a Foundation Learning package of support which is unique. Our aim is to work with you to give you skills and confidence and the opportunity to meet new friends and explore new opportunities, at a pace that suits you. Simply put, we make sure you have the best experience you can so that you can be the best you can be in the future.

Our team are friendly, supportive and passionate about working with young people. The benefits of being part of TyneMet Foundation Learning family include:

- Excellent teaching and support – officially the best on Tyneside
- Small class sizes
- Personal and social skills
- Individual learning plans and targets
- Vocational tasters
- Work experience
- Enterprise skills
- Access to speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy
- English and maths
- North East Sport Academy - Pan Disability Football Academy

INTRODUCTION

WE HAVE FOUR DIFFERENT PATHWAYS

All pathways include classroom, practical and enrichment activities.

01 PREPARATION FOR LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY

These courses are designed to develop some of the knowledge and skills needed to operate within a community, particularly in accessing and using services.

02 PREPARATION FOR LIVING INDEPENDENTLY

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03 PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

These courses are designed to enable learners to improve their motivation and confidence and learn skills that are relevant to employment and personal development which will help them to make informed career, lifestyle and progression choices.

04 PREPARATION FOR FURTHER STUDY AND TRAINING

These courses are all a step to moving into a mainstream vocational area. The qualifications are a nationally recognised qualification from City and Guilds.

PREPARATION FOR LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY

Course groups in this pathway are at Entry Level 1 and Entry Level 2

These courses are designed to develop some of the knowledge and skills needed to operate within a community, particularly in accessing and using services. The courses can build on previous achievement of awards in specific areas, but also allow for a more in depth look at some of the skill areas.

These courses have been designed to accommodate a wide range of learner needs within the target group, from those at school who are coming to an age where they are beginning the first tentative steps towards independence, to those in an older age group who may have begun the journey to independence and faltered along the way. The Independent Living strategy recognises that for learners with disabilities, this transition to adulthood takes place over a longer period of time. There are others who may have never considered themselves to have the ability to be independent or have not had the opportunity to explore the extent of their ability.

PROGRESSION

Possible progression from this pathway includes:

- Preparation for Living Independently Looking After Your Home Entry 2 or the community

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...



EMMANUEL SAYS

I came to TyneMet from St Thomas Moore and this is my second year, I have learnt lots in Aspire about computers, green screens, video software and design software. Helen is a good teacher and she helps us a lot. I also found remote learning easy but I prefer to be at college. I have been able to act this year in mini movies and my confidence has grown. I enjoy the work but feel like I am still learning something which is good. I like to chill with my friends and chill in my lessons too. The best thing about my course is learning about how to file format and make green screens. If I could change one thing it would be to come 5 days a week instead of 3.

Emmanuel Locken

PREPARATION FOR LIVING INDEPENDENTLY

Course groups in this pathway range from Entry Level 2 to Level 1.

These courses are designed to bring together elements of the inward facing aspects of looking after yourself and your home, and the outward facing aspects of living in the community. The qualifications build on previous achievement in these areas. The qualifications allow for learners to develop essential skills for independent living.

The courses contain elements relating to personal care and independence skills, but also elements relating to personal development in the area of self advocacy and making informed choices in areas that are pertinent to the individual's circumstances. This allows learners to develop these skills, which they may not have had the opportunity or experience of using previously, due to others making decisions on their behalf.

An example of some of the units students may study are:

- Looking after yourself and your home
- Household cleaning
- Everyday food and drink preparation
- Food safety and storage
- Looking after clothes
- Working towards goals
- Developing self
- Managing social relationships
- Individual rights and responsibilities
- Working as part of a group

Entry 3 and Level 1 courses will also take part in a work placement.

PROGRESSION

Possible progression from this pathway includes:

- Certificate in Personal Well-Being, Level 1
- Preparation for Employment and Training Pathway
- Preparation for Living Independently at the next level

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...



JACINTA SAYS

I came to TyneMet from Walker school and I'm now in my second year. My favourite part of my course is playing football with Becky, our college football team won the championships last year.

I have also studied Hair & Beauty in the salons and we're now learning drama with Ben and I really like it.

I think TyneMet is a really good college to come to. ”

Jacinta

PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Course groups in this pathway are all Level 1.

These courses are designed to enable learners to improve their motivation and confidence and learn skills that are relevant to employment and personal development which will help them to make informed career, lifestyle and progression choices. The courses are particularly suitable for those learners who have already gained some skills related to continued study and entry to the workplace. The courses comprise of a range of units related to personal development and employability. The units can be adapted to many vocational situations which will enable learners to develop transferrable employability skills.

An example of some of the units students may study are:

- Developing personal confidence
- Effective communication
- Rights and responsibilities at work
- Coping with change
- Working as part of a team
- Preparing for work
- Recognising employment opportunities
- Assertive living
- Emotional intelligence
- Presentation skills
- Independent shopping
- Using cooking skills
- Preparing for work
- Skills in word processing
- Business and customer awareness

These courses all have a work placement element which range from 60 hours to 222 hours.

PROGRESSION

Possible progression from this pathway includes:

- Preparation for Employment and Training
- Supported Internship
- Preparation for Further Study and Training Pathway

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...



ASH SAYS

When I moved here I was learning at home but I needed to come to college as I want to join the police force. I didn't have the grades so I am doing a year on Preparing for Employment to improve my grades.

I have been able to settle at college and this year has reduced me worrying about how teachers would treat me. Everyone is very accepting about autism and ADHD and it has helped me get ready for moving on to Uniform Services in September. ”

Ash Pearce

PREPARATION FOR FURTHER STUDY AND TRAINING

Course groups in this pathway range from Entry 3 to Level 1.

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These courses are suitable for Youth College learners.

The programme emphasises a nurturing creativity and critical thinking through a variety of training based on innovative approaches to cater for the diverse learning needs of youth college learners, helping young people to translate their aspirations into reality, as well as to build a solid foundation for future studies.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...



I enjoy catering with Jacqui, making caramel shortbread. I like being in the big kitchen. In 2019, I started working at the Three Horseshoes as a barman. I like meeting lots of people.

College is my favourite education because they treat me like an adult, but they help me when I need it.

I hope to get a full time job in a café, restaurant or pub in the future. When I get older, I might get my own house to live with my girlfriend when I'm 23 or 24 years old.

JoeGuthrie



PREPARATION FOR FURTHER STUDY AND TRAINING

IT

The Aspire course is to act as a platform for the learner, introducing them to skill-based ICT before possible progression to Level 2 ICT.

The qualification provides basic level skills and knowledge that could lead to further education in IT or related areas, as well as underpinning other educational sectors. It can offer those moving

into their first job roles the confidence to work effectively with ICT and deal with tasks.

Possible units may include:

- Exploring the gaming industry
- App development
- Multimedia software
- Photo editing
- Game design

CONSTRUCTION

This qualification will provide the ideal introduction to the construction industry and may cover essential skills in the following construction trades:

- Bricklaying
- Carpentry and joinery

- Plastering
- Painting and decorating
- Construction operations
- Wall and floor tiling
- Electrical and plumbing

PREPARATION FOR FURTHER STUDY AND TRAINING

HAIR & BEAUTY

This qualification will provide the ideal introduction to build on your interest and passion for the hair and beauty industry, covering a wide range of skills from styling, plaiting and twisting to make-up or nail art.

These qualifications are designed for people who want to prepare

for further learning or training in the hair and beauty sector.

Possible units may include:

- Blow drying
- Conditioning treatments
- Basic make up
- Face painting

CATERING

This qualification will provide the ideal introduction to build on an interest and passion for the hospitality and catering industry. This will allow learners to develop knowledge and skills towards independent living and learning as well as develop and practice basic catering skills required for employment in the hospitality.

Possible units may include:

- Health and safety
- Serving food and drinks
- Basic food prep
- Storage procedures for food
- Preparing the dining area in a restaurant

WORK EXPERIENCE

Some of the courses we have on offer at the college include a work placement element to help you gain real work skills and help you transition from being a student to becoming an employee. Taking part in work experience is such an important factor of the course as it will help you develop your skills, knowledge and experience, giving you an insight into any future career aspirations you may have.

There are many positive reasons why we focus on finding you a supportive and engaging work placement, not only will the practical experience look impressive on your CV, it will make you more employable when applying for jobs, giving you that edge over other candidates.

Being on a work placement helps you build on important skills such as confidence, teamwork and communicating with different people who are not your family, friends or staff working at the college. Most importantly it makes you more independent, even though we will always guide you along the way whilst on a placement it is up to you to travel there and work on your own initiative. This can be a very daunting experience for some, we understand, that is why this is such an important part of my role to make sure you are happy and feel comfortable in any work placement undertaken. All placements undergo a risk assessment to make sure they are a safe environment before you start. As part of your induction you will complete a vocational profile which will support us to find a suitable placement for you.

“Staff ensure that learners benefit from a wide range of learning experiences that are relevant to their subject area and that build their character.”

Ofsted, October 2019.

WORK EXPERIENCE WILL HELP TO MAKE YOU...



RELIABLE



KNOWLEDGEABLE



TALENTED



SKILLED



CONFIDENT



CAPABLE



MATURE



EXPERIENCED

LIFE AS A FOUNDATION LEARNING STUDENT.

Our students enjoy engaging and interactive lessons with a mixture of classroom, practical and enrichment activities.



STUDENT SUPPORT

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Well, it's just that – support which is in addition to the course you are studying.

Our support services are there to support, guide and advise all students regardless of your course, the level you are studying or if you already receive another form of support. Whether you need a little extra help with your studies, specialist equipment, or just need a chat, the team are 100% there for you.

The wellbeing of each and every student is at the forefront of everything we do. We want all students to flourish and excel while helping you develop confidence, self-motivation, independence and life skills. That is why our ALS team will work with you every step of the way to produce a bespoke support package just for you and your needs.

We have outlined the kind of support the team has provided to other students to help make their time with us easier. These are just examples and if you would like to discuss support which isn't outlined below, please get in touch with us.

Examples of additional support that our students receive:

- Exam access arrangements
- One to one support, in and out of the classroom
- Help with personal care needs
- Trained and experienced learning support assistants
- Specialist software and equipment
- Communication support workers
- Qualified Teacher of the Deaf
- Assessment and support for dyslexia
- Note takers/ scribes
- Maths, English and ESOL support
- Classes taught in small group size
- Personal tutor to monitor progress and assist with day-to-day queries
- Learning support assistants (LSA) to provide support in and out of class as needed
- Supervision over lunch, break and transport (if necessary)
- Quiet areas within specialist provision and across college

GET IN TOUCH

If you would like to discuss any support you feel would benefit you during your time with us, call us on 0191 229 5000 or email als@tynecoast.ac.uk

STUDENT SUPPORT

HOW TO APPLY

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Worried you can't afford to go to college? We can help.
There are bursaries and other support funds available to students.

PROGRAMME FEES

If you are aged 16–25 with an EHCP, you will not pay any tuition fees for our programmes.

If you would like to access free, adult programmes you may be eligible for a programme fee waiver if you are in receipt of a debility-related benefit eg, disability allowance.

STUDENT BURSARIES

Help is available for anyone who is finding it hard to meet the costs of coming to college. The following bursaries are on offer for those who meet the eligibility criteria:

- Travel bursary
- Food credits
- Vulnerable bursary
- Young carers bursary
- Study start-up costs, trips and work placement bursary
- College hardship fund
- Residential bursary

APPLY TO STUDY AT TYNEMET

We want to make sure that you have all the information you need to make the right decision about where to study after you leave school. To help you with this, we have put together a simple process in place to make sure we provide you with the support and guidance you need before joining us.

REGISTER FOR ONE OF OUR OPEN EVENTS

- Head to our events page on our website for a full range of dates - www.tynemet.ac.uk
- Call our Gateway team on 0191 229 5000. The team will be happy to book an event for you.
- Chat to an advisor on LiveChat and ask to book on to an event.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THE EVENT

- You will have the opportunity to meet the Foundation Learning curriculum staff. You'll be able to ask any questions you may have and find out more information
- You can chat to our Additional Learning Support team about any specific support needs you may have, in and out the classroom
- You can take a tour of the Foundation Learning department, classrooms, break out areas and social areas
- Our Gateway advisors will be on hand to talk about other college courses and finance support (including free school meals)
- You can then complete an application form and secure your place ready to start in September. Don't worry, we will continue to be in touch and on hand if you have any questions.

WHAT TO EXPECT BEFORE STARTING COLLEGE

- Regular contact with useful information about the college and Foundation Learning department
- Opportunity to attend an exclusive taster session
- Guidance on how to enrol
- An invite to meet Additional Learning Support staff if required

VIRTUAL TOUR

Take a look around our amazing facilities with 360 degree views of campus. Visit www.tour.tynemet.ac.uk

GET IN TOUCH

For more information on bursaries, eligibility criteria and how to apply, please contact our Gateway team or look for 'Financial support' on our website.

GET IN TOUCH

CONTACT US VIA



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Direct message us via our Facebook or Instagram page - we're happy to help!

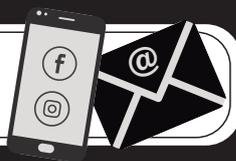
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