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Discovery Academy Transition Booklet



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Introduction

At Discovery, we understand that finding the right setting is different for every young person and an important part of their transition to adulthood.

As part of our child centred approach, we work with each individual to look at the best options, and support both our young people and families in the transition process. We strongly believe in preparing our young people for adulthood and life beyond Discovery.

This guide will explain all you need to know about different options available ready for the move to a further education setting.

We encourage parents / carers to be involved in this process. Please take time to have conversations with your young person, finding out their interests, career aspirations and explore what options may be right for them.

Please take a look and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need guidance.

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Our Careers Curriculum

As part of our career's curriculum, we offer a range of activities;

- Annual reviews - discussion with young people and parents around preferences for next steps
- Further education visits – group visits to local colleges and provisions
- Application support – application support from class teams and careers lead
- CV's – CV workshops led by recruitment professionals and support to write own CV
- Qualified careers advisor – 1:1 personalised meeting for all Year 11 and 13 students, with written report
- Work experience – tailored placements to encourage work ethic and explore career interests
- Careers fairs – internal and external careers fair visits for Year 10, 11 & Post 16
- Employer activity days – exploring different career paths with hands on employer led activities
- Speakers and workshops – careers focused sessions throughout the year across the school
- Mock interviews – practice interviews with Severn Trent with written feedback
- Travel training – led by Warwickshire travel training
- Emotion coaching – school staff led support throughout the transition process
- BTEC and GCSE qualifications – led by Discovery teachers, our courses include; hospitality, construction, art & design, business and computer science
- Careers curriculum - discussions built into all subjects from Key stage 2 onwards
- Post 16 qualifications - enterprise, work skills and personal growth and wellbeing courses
- Discover Tea - student led on site café as part of our hospitality course
- Home maintenance lessons – students gain hands on life skills such as wallpapering and tiling
- Careers board – including further education, apprenticeship and internship options as well as celebrating past student career success
- Severn Trent partnership – on and offsite sessions led by the Severn Trent team



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Timescales for Transition

Below is a rough guide of timescales to help you support your young person.

September – December:

- Preference form sent by your local authority for a choice of 3 further education providers
- Annual reviews take place to update Education health care plans. These will then be sent to your local authority for amendment
- Our 'Discovery careers fair' gives students the opportunity to meet with further education providers
- College open evenings begin for prospective students.
- Group further education visits will take place at local colleges and provisions
- 1:1 meeting with our qualified careers advisor will take place

January – March:

- College open days continue for prospective students
- College applications to be submitted. You can apply to as many colleges as you wish. (these can be done earlier but we recommend no later than march)
- Development of CV's in school

April – July:

- Exams begin end of April until mid-June
- Colleges will hold interviews and begin to offer conditional placements
- Local authorities name new provisions on Education health care plans
- Individual college transition visits (if required). We encourage parents to be as involved as possible with this
- CV's will be completed and sent home

August:

- GCSE Results day
- Enrolment days for colleges take place



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Qualifications

There are several training and education options available to young people after GCSEs and it's good to start the conversation about them early, to make choices about GCSEs and beyond easier. Exploring the different pathways available will help you share ideas with your young person, on what might be right for them.

Level 1-3 Qualifications

Colleges offer a large range of technical and vocational qualifications. These are usually 1-year courses, and starter Levels will depend on individuals and GCSE Grades.

T-Levels

T-levels were introduced in 2020 and are currently being rolled out across the country. Your child will take a two-year course designed with employers and spend approximately 80% of their time in a classroom setting at school or college and 20% on an industry placement with an employer. One T-level is equivalent to three A-levels

A-Levels

A-levels Most students select three subjects to study at A-level, over a two-year period. However, your child could choose to combine A-levels with other qualifications or to study more than three A-levels

V-Levels

V Levels are part of the UK government's post-16 education reform, set to launch in September 2027. They are Level 3 qualifications that offer a vocational pathway for students who want to explore different sectors before specializing, complementing existing A Levels (academic) and T Levels (technical with industry placements)



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Internships

An internship is a longer-term work experience position. It provides an opportunity to gain new skills and experience in a professional environment. Internships can range in length from a couple of weeks up to a year. Unlike an apprenticeship, students do not get paid for an internship placement.

A good example of this is...

The National Grid offer a fantastic internship programme in and around Warwickshire.

Internship placements include;

- Catering
- Receptionists
- Engineering
- Finance
- ICT
- Cyber
- Land / property

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Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships combine part-time study with training in a paid job. An apprentice will spend most of their time at work and at least 20% of their time studying, usually in a classroom setting at a college or with a training provider. From age 16, a young person will usually begin a level 2 or level 3 apprenticeship.

Colleges are able to support with apprenticeship places. However, the link below will take you to live apprenticeship places in your area.

Apprenticeships are normally added to the website between February and March time. Please continue to check for new opportunities.

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship



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Post 16

Our Discovery Post 16 provision includes academic and vocational learning, work experience, and independence skills development.

Places are available for those who we feel can continue to make academic progress with us and / or may need longer with us in order to be ready to transition to another setting.

English and Math's qualifications are continued, as well as optional GCSE / BTEC Courses such as;

- Art & design
- Construction
- Computer Science
- Performing Arts
- Geography
- Graphics
- Hospitality
- History
- Business
- Music
- Sport
- Computer science
- Business studies
- Work skills
- Personal growth and wellbeing

Further work experience placements are offered, as well as being part of the Post 16 Enterprise team, creating items for events such as our Christmas fair.

Post 16 will continue with the careers curriculum, attending careers fairs and hosting guest speakers.

A place in Discovery's Post 16 will depend on individual circumstances. Please discuss this at your annual review meeting if this is an option you would like to consider.



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Local Colleges

North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire Collage (NWSLC) – Nuneaton Campus

[Hinckley Road, Nuneaton CV11 6BH](#)

[0330 058 3000](#)

www.nwslc.ac.uk

North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire Collage (NWSLC) – Hinckley Campus

[Lower Bond Street, Hinckley LE10 1QU](#)

[0330 058 3000](#)

www.nwslc.ac.uk

North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire Collage (NWSLC) – MTI Campus for Automotive / Engineering

[Mira Technology Park, 1 Eastern Avenue, Lindley, CV10 0UX](#)

[0330 058 3000](#)

www.nwslc.ac.uk

King Edward VI College

[King Edward Road. Nuneaton. Warwickshire. CV11 4BE](#)

[02476 328231](#)

www.ke6n.ac.uk

St Thomas Moor Sixth Form

[St Thomas More R C School, Greenmoor Road, Nuneaton CV10 7EX](#)

[024 7664 2400](#)

www.st-thomas-more.net

Etone Sixth Form

[25 Saint Nicolas Road, Nuneaton CV11 6AA](#)

[024 7675 7300](#)

www.etonecollege.co.uk/sixth-form/

Hereward College

[Bramston Crescent, Tile Hill Lane, Coventry CV4 9SW](#)

[024 7646 1231](#)

www.hereward.ac.uk



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Coventry College

[50 Swanswell Street, Coventry, CV1 5DG](#)

[02476 932932](#)

www.coventrycollege.ac.uk

Creating Tomorrow College - Lutterworth Campus

[Iron Mountain, Magna Park, Lutterworth, LE17 4UE](#)

[01536 802787](#)

www.creatingtomorrowcollege.co.uk

Creating Tomorrow College – Rugby Campus

[Iron Mountain, Rugby 3, Symmetry Park, CV22 9LE](#)

www.creatingtomorrowcollege.co.uk

WCG – Warwick Trident

[Trident Park, Poseidon Way, Warwick CV34 6SW](#)

[01926 884900](#)

www.wcg.ac.uk

WCG – Moreton Morrell

[Warwickshire College Moreton, Warwick CV35 9BL](#)

[0300 456 0047](#)

www.wcg.ac.uk

WCG – Royal Leamington Spa

[Warwick New Road, Leamington Spa CV32 5JE](#)

[0300 456 0047](#)

www.wcg.ac.uk

WCG – Rugby

[Rugby Centre Technology Drive, Rugby CV21 1AR](#)

[0300 456 0047](#)

www.wcg.ac.uk

South Staffordshire College - Tamworth

[Croft Street, Tamworth, B79 8AE](#)

[01827 310202](#)

www.southstaffs.ac.uk



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Travel Training

Warwickshire Travel Training are available to support a young person with learning independent travel, in preparation for their transition to further education. Travel training can include buses and trains in the local area as well as learning to read timetables, purchasing tickets and road safety. Fully funded home-to-school transport is unavailable for Post 16 students and parents will be asked for a payment towards costs if this transport is still required.

Our partnership with Warwickshire Travel Training offers an initial assembly on travel training, following this, a link will be sent to parents / carers to complete an initial referral form if they wish.

Referral and Initial Process

- Parents / carers will make a referral for their young person.
- Warwickshire Travel Training (WTT) will then contact parents / carers directly.
- WTT will liaise with the school to arrange an initial meeting with the young person (approximately 1 hour).
- This will be followed by a 30-minute walk to carry out a road safety risk assessment.

9-Week Programme Structure

- **Stage 1:** Accompanied, door-to-door (home to school)
- **Stage 2:** Close shadowing (trainer follows closely on foot)
- **Stage 3:** Distant shadowing (trainer follows the route by car)

Trainers will also come into school after some sessions to show students how to access bus route information. The aim is to introduce this in a familiar, quieter environment before applying it in busier settings like bus stops

Students are signed off once they successfully complete the training.

Important Information

- A young person can only access travel training once.
- Once young person passes, they will no longer be eligible for home-to-school transport and will be expected to travel independently.
- WTT will support students who pass to apply for a bus pass:
 - Young person with an EHCP: 5-year pass
 - Young person without an EHCP: 1-year pass



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- The programme is available for Young people from Year 7 onwards.

If parents / carers would prefer to apply for a bus pass without their child completing travel training, please visit your local library, where staff can assist with the application process.



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Questions to Ask Your Child

Here are some questions to begin career path conversations with your young person...

1. Can you remember what you wanted to be when you were younger?
2. Are you still interested in the same job now?
3. What do you enjoy most in school?
4. What is your favourite subject?
5. What jobs do you already know about?
6. Is there a specific job you think you would like to do?
7. What do you enjoy doing outside of school?
8. What skills do you think you have for your future career?
9. What do you think you will enjoy most about working?



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