Special Educational Needs

2020/2021

A guide to the additional support and pathways available to help you prepare for adulthood

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Middlesbrough College
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Welcome

At Middlesbrough College, we are committed to meeting your individual needs in order to help you achieve your educational goals. We want all of our students to have equal opportunities and welcome applications from students with a learning difficulty, disability or any other support need. Our aim is to provide the appropriate resources, facilities and services to enable you to be successful in your chosen programme of study.

Our Additional Learning Support Department has relocated to the ground floor giving students better access to our experienced staff and specialised facilities across the day. The Hub has quiet study spaces for students to access and a relaxing social space for students between lessons.

Whatever your educational need, we aspire to have the right provision for you; from Life Skills courses for students with severe learning difficulties through to in-class support for students who need additional assistance on their vocational course.

For further information please contact the Additional Learning Support Team

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Tel: 01642 333727

We are committed to co-operating with local authorities to adhere to special educational needs and disability code of practice (SEND) using our best efforts to meet the needs of students.

Local Offer links

Middlesbrough Council:
www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/localoffer

Redcar & Cleveland Council:
www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

North Yorkshire County Council:
www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-local-offer

Stockton Borough Council:
www.stockton.gov.uk

Darlington Borough Council:
www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/send-local-offer

Hartlepool Borough Council:
www.hartlepool.gov.uk
Before you join the College

We understand it can be a challenge for some students to progress from school or another college to somewhere new. During the application process our ALS team regularly visit schools to discuss the various support available to students and are available at our Open Events to speak to.

We can arrange a 1:1 tour of the College before you join us to so that you can get a feel for the College and the environment you will be studying in. We can also arrange a taster session so that you can try your chosen course, meet tutors and adjust to College life.

During the application process, the team may ask for the following:

• SEN Support Plan
• Education Health and Care Plan
• Educational Psychological Assessment etc.

This information will help us identify whether we can make the reasonable adjustments and provide the appropriate support or exam concessions.

During the enrolment process, our team can provide specialist support if needed to ensure you have adequate support in your studies in preparation for your first day.
Pathways

Our Progression Studies Department focuses on meeting the needs of students with learning difficulties or English as a second language. These pathways are designed to develop skills in areas such as writing, independence and employment progression. Upon completion, you may have the opportunity to progress onto an appropriate vocational programme.

Vocational Steps to Learning Pathway

If you are interested in a specific career area, the Vocational Steps to Learning Pathway would be the perfect option for you.

You will develop practical skills in your chosen career area and continue to improve your employability. You will also study English and maths.

Courses include:

Vocational Steps to Learning in:
- Hospitality and Catering
- Games Design and Media
- Hair and Beauty
- Construction
- Engineering

Preparation for Adulthood Pathway

This pathway would be ideal for you if you do not have a Level 1 qualification.

If you have missed a lot of school or attend a special school then the Preparation for Adulthood Pathway is a great choice for you.

Courses include:
- Skills for Independence and Employment
- Preparation for Work and Progression

Supported Internship Pathway

Our Supported Internships Pathway enables you to work with a local employer with full support to develop your employability skills. This Pathway will allow you to gain employment and equip you with the skills you need to succeed in the workplace.

Courses include:
- Supported Internships
“My time at Middlesbrough College has been brilliant! The course has given me a lot more confidence and the tutors are really supportive. I’ve been able to develop both my knowledge and skills as well as gaining experience in the world of work which has inspired me to pursue a career within the sport and leisure industry.”

Charlie Connelly
Supported Internship
The Kings Academy
Communication and Interaction

Autism or Asperger Syndrome

Autism is a lifelong developmental disorder and we understand that for our students having autism means it affects how they make sense of the world, process information and relate to other people. It is a spectrum condition, which means that, while all people with Autism share certain areas of difficulty, their condition will affect them in different ways. We have specialist Learning Support Assistants dedicated to supporting students with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

How we support students:

- Develop a transition plan to ensure if you are progressing from school or another training provider you feel at ease in your new environment.
- Agree a personal support package to ensure that you are able to achieve your learning goals. This includes 1:1 support in classes as well as group support where appropriate.
- We have a quiet study area on campus for independent study. This is also a place where you can take time out from the busy College environment.
- Support with getting around the building and accessing the College environment.
- Ensure that all College staff have an understanding of Autism, and that tutors draw on specialist expertise to adapt the curriculum and develop inclusive teaching methods.
- Special exam arrangements.
Dyscalculia is a learning difference that affects the ability to acquire mathematical skills. If you have Dyscalculia you may have difficulty understanding simple number concepts, lack an intuitive grasp of numbers and have problems learning number facts and procedures. Our team of Specialist Learning Assistants alongside a dedicated numeracy and Dyscalculia Lecturer are able to provide expert support to students. During the application process, please disclose to us in confidence if you have Dyscalculia and we will arrange an initial computer based assessment with you to determine the correct level of support required.

How we support students:

- 1:1 support in classes if appropriate
- Weekly support group to help students with their studies, either in a small group or on an individual basis
- Drop-in numeracy support session
- Ensure that all College staff have an understanding of Dyscalculia, and that tutors draw on specialist expertise to adapt the curriculum and develop inclusive teaching methods
- Loan of assistive equipment and/or specialist software
- A quiet study area that is available at all times for drop-in use
- Special exam arrangements
Dyslexia is a learning difference which is associated mostly with difficulties reading and spelling. It can also affect other things, such as your memory, and could cause you difficulties with things like telling the time or finding your way around. Our team of specialist Assessors and Lecturers are able to provide expert support to students. During the application process, please disclose to us in confidence if you have Dyslexia and we will arrange an initial assessment with you to determine the correct level of support required.

How we support students:

- 1:1 support in classes if appropriate
- Weekly support group to help you with your studies, either in a small group or on an individual basis. You will be able to work on reading skills, writing and spelling strategies, writing frames and sentence structure
- Drop-in literacy support session
- Ensure that all College staff have an understanding of Dyslexia, and that tutors draw on specialist expertise to adapt the curriculum and develop inclusive teaching methods
- Loan of assistive equipment and/or specialist software, coloured overlays and dictaphones
- Adaptation/modification of learning materials into an accessible format
- A quiet study area that is available at all times for drop-in use
- Special exam arrangements
Middlesbrough College has excellent facilities including those that support our students who need help with personal care and mobility. Our building has four floors and our three lifts make all areas accessible as well as automatic doors and accessible car parks.

How we support students:

- 1:1 support in classes if appropriate
- We have a medical room equipped with hoist, sling, bed and locked cabinets for medication
- We work closely with occupational therapists and other health care professionals to ensure that our support is consistent with your existing needs
- Mobility support around campus
- Loan of assistive equipment and/or specialist software
- A quiet study area that is available at all times for drop-in use
- Special exam arrangements
Social, Emotional and Mental Health

Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties

We understand that for students with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties (including ADHD), coming to College can be a daunting experience. Our team will support you to manage your feelings and refocus you towards achieving your academic goals and ambitions. Our specialist Learning Support Assistants will support you in a variety of ways, both in and out of the classroom.

How we support students:

- Develop a transition plan to ensure if you are progressing from school or another training provider you feel at ease in your new environment
- Agree a personal support package to ensure that you are able to achieve your learning goals. This includes 1:1 support in classes as well as group support where appropriate
- We have a quiet study area on campus for independent study. This is also a place where you can take time out from the busy College environment
- Support with getting around the building and accessing the College environment
- Emotional support from a fully trained counsellor
- Financial and careers advice
- Loan of assistive equipment and/or specialist software, including laptops
- A quiet study area that is available at all times for drop-in use
- Special exam arrangements if appropriate
Sensory and Physical

Sensory impairments

Middlesbrough College has excellent facilities and resources to enable inclusion for students with a sensory impairment. Our team of specialist Learning Assistants and Lecturers are able to provide expert support to students. During the application process, we will work with you to determine the correct level of support required.

How we support students:

- Develop a transition plan to ensure if you are progressing from school or another training provider you feel at ease in your new environment
- We work closely with external professionals such as the visual impairment service who advise on appropriate support
- Agree a personal support package to ensure that you are able to achieve your learning goals. This includes 1:1 support in classes as well as group support where appropriate
- Adaptation/modification of learning materials into an accessible format such as Braille or large print
- Range of assistive technologies such as laptops, perkins braillers, keyboards, speaking calculators, tactile mathematical instruments, coloured overlays and specialist software such as JAWS and Dolphin
- British Sign Language (BSL) communication support workers and note takers
- Mobility support around campus and sighted guiding
- We have a quiet study area on campus for independent study. This is also a place where you can take time out from the busy College environment
- Support with getting around the building and accessing the College environment

“My specialist Learning Support Tutor has helped me throughout my journey at College and I trust him completely. He has had such a positive impact on my experience at College and I don’t know what I would have done without him.”

Kain Bradford
Computing – Level 3
The King’s Academy
Whilst every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of information in this Guide, it is advisable to check information prior to enrolment. The College reserves the right to cancel programmes if there is insufficient enrolment and amend information at any time.

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Open Event Dates

2019
Sat 9th Nov ...........10:00am - 12:30pm
Thu 12th Dec.........5:00pm - 7:30pm

2020
Sat 1st Feb............10:00am - 12:30pm
Wed 18th Mar........5:00pm - 7:30pm

Get That Apprenticeship Event
Wed 22nd April.... 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Tue 19th May.........5:00pm - 7:30pm
Thu 9th July.........3:00pm - 6:00pm

To view our full-time guide online, please visit:

mbro.ac.uk/about-us/publications/full-time-course-guide-2020-2021