

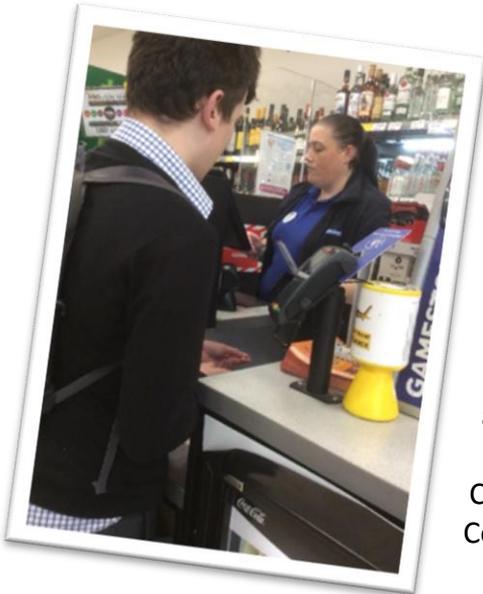


A guidance booklet for Post-16 options



Post 16 at Riverbank Academy

Post 16 provides pupils with the opportunities to develop the functionality and independence they need, to successfully take their next steps to adult life. We offer a range of entry level and level 1 & 2 qualifications, that prepare students for the next stage in their life. There is opportunities to gain work experience in our café and pop up shop, as well as support to look at work experience external to school.



Further Education

There are 2 colleges in Coventry – Coventry College (Henley and City campuses) and Hereward. They both offer a wide variety of courses and support arrangements. There are also several colleges in the areas surrounding Coventry that Coventry young people can access.

Hereward is a much smaller college, with smaller class sizes, than Coventry College. All students at Hereward have an Education Health and Care Plan. Hereward offers a range of study programmes that relate to sport, business, computing, performing arts, music and visual arts

Colleges outside of Coventry that might be of interest are: Warwickshire College Group, NWH College, and Solihull College

Level 1 and above course usually require students to have GCSE level qualifications.

All colleges also offer general supported learning programmes. These allow students to continue to develop their basic skills in English, Maths and ICT. Students can also access personal development opportunities and do taster/foundation courses in a range of vocational areas available at the college.

Work related learning

There are a range of work related learning options including Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Supported Internships. This option includes undertaking work experience as well as taking qualifications. Entry requirements vary depending on the opportunity.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study. They can take between one and four years to complete depending on the level. As an apprentice you will work at least 30 hours a week and receive the national minimum wage for apprentices. You will be studying for a national qualification, either in your place of work or classroom based. This can be for one day per week or perhaps on a block release basis.



Supported Internships

A supported internship is a study programme that includes an unpaid work experience offered by a local employer that will last between six and twelve months. It is for you if you are between 16 -24 with an Education Health and Care Plan and want to work into employment but may require extra support to do so. There are no entry or completion requirements. Each learning provider will work with you to develop a personalised programme that meets your needs and provides progression.

Traineeships

A traineeship is an unpaid training course with work experience that gets you ready for work or for an apprenticeship. It can last up to six months, its aim is to provide work preparation, English and Maths training for those who need it and a work experience.

Study Programmes: Training Providers can offer study programmes specific to a particular work area.

Useful websites: www.getingofar.gov.uk (separate sections for apprenticeships and traineeships)
www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Personal Development/Volunteering Options

Volunteering can help a young person gain confidence and develop skills that will support them towards their career and learning goals. Some volunteering opportunities can be used as accreditation towards qualifications and awards.

Useful websites: www.do-it.org.uk www.vacovertry.org.uk

Employment Options

Full time jobs should include training leading to an accredited qualification, until a young person is 18. Lots of young people work part time alongside studying at school and at college.

Useful website: www.nationalcareersservice.gov.uk www.gov.uk/jobs

Community based options

These options can be considered if a young person's support needs are such that it is felt a college or employment related options would not be appropriate.

Coventry's Adult Education Service offers some courses for adults with learning disabilities (over 19 years old). These are usually run from 3 community venues. There are 2 levels of courses available. These programmes are usually 2 days a week. Students can choose either Independent Living Skills or Learning for Work.

Adult Education also offers a wide range of day and evening classes, in venues across the city. These include basic skills classes and leisure and vocational courses. These courses are open to everyone. Fees may be applied and are means tested.

There is also day opportunity provision available via Coventry's Social Care All Age Disability Service. An assessment would need to be undertaken to determine eligibility for adult social care services before day opportunities could be accessed.

Useful website: www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted



Local Provider Information

Colleges

Coventry College. This college is organised over two Campuses. Henley Campus and City Campus. It offers full and part time courses and Apprenticeships

www.coventrycollege.ac.uk

Telephone 02476 932932

Hereward College. Offers a range of full time courses and supported internships. The majority of applicants will need to have an Education Health and Care Plan.

www.hereward.ac.uk

Telephone 02467 461231

Warwickshire College Group. Leamington Spa, Moreton Morell, Rugby Campus, Pershore, Warwick Trident Centre, Evesham and Malvern Hills. Offers Full and Part time courses and Apprenticeships

www.wcg.ac.uk

Telephone 03004560047

North Warwickshire and Hinckley College. Offer Full and part time courses and Apprenticeships

www.nwhc.ac.uk

Telephone 02476 243000

Solihull College:- Full and part time courses and apprenticeships

www.solihull.ac.uk

Telephone 0121 678 7000

Stratford upon Avon College: Offers full and part time Courses and apprenticeships

www.stratford.ac.uk

Telephone 01789 266245

Training providers

Coventry City Council run a variety of different opportunities that are open to young people and adults, these included Apprenticeships, training courses, part time leisure and accredited courses, supported learning and ESF funded projects.

www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted

www.coventry.gov.uk/apprenticeships

Ambition Coventry work with number of partners to provide a range of support for

Young People into Employment, Education or Training.

www.coventry.gov.uk/ambition

Telephone 02476 785740

Building Better Opportunities. (BBO) This is a Big Lottery and ESF funded programme, there are a number of partner organisations that deliver Progress which is a project that works with young people ages 15-24 years to support them to a successful future. Partners include Positive Youth Foundation (PYF), Hereward College, Coventry Citizens Advice, Groundworks West Midlands, Valley House and Voluntary Action Coventry (VAC) and others.

Referrals can be made to the individual partner organisations.

APM. Are based in Coventry and Nuneaton, offer a range of employability study programmes

www.apm-uk.co.uk

Telephone 0330 4142525

Coventry United Academy offers Sports study programmes plus Maths and English

www.wearescl.co.uk

Telephone 0354 644 5747

CWT Chamber Training. Offers a range of apprenticeships and is a partner of Coventry City Council Ambition programme

www.cw-chambertraining.co.uk

Telephone 02476 231122

Heart of England Training. Offers study programmes in a variety of vocational areas.

www.hoet.co.uk

Telephone 0800 0281 576

Hitz – Wasps Rugby Study Programmes based on sporting activities.

www.creativesportandleisure.co.uk/wasps

Telephone 01268 552218

MGTS (Midland group training services) Offers Apprenticeships in Engineering

www.mgts.co.uk

Telephone 02476 630333

Moor Farm Individually tailored programmes in horse care and small animal care

www.moorfarm.co.uk

Telephone 01676 540594

Petxi – Can offer study programmes in Coventry for learners aged 19 +

www.pet-xi.co.uk

Telephone 02476 420310

Princes Trust. Offers short programmes for young people 16 -25 years in personal development and employability skills.

www.princes-trust.org.uk

Telephone 0800 842842

WGTA (Warwickshire Garage and Transport Group). Offers apprenticeships in motor vehicle related occupations.

www.garagetraining.co

Telephone 01926 428490

Motorvate and **Brakes** are training providers that offer entry level qualifications in Motor Vehicle Studies and Construction. Coventry College commission these provider courses as part of their Bespoke Provision for students with additional needs that have an EHC plan. Applications should be made in the usual way through the online application form.