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WELCOME

At Cambridge Regional College, we are committed to helping students become more independent in all areas of their lives.

We're here to support you to become more independent in all aspects of your life. We help you prepare for moving on to independent living, employment, or further education.

We have three pathways to support you with your success and we craft a tailored approach to your individual goals. This brochure will help you to identify the best route for yourself.

We are fully committed to inclusion and supporting students with a wide range of learning difficulties and disabilities. As a student you will have access to individual support and specialist help who will help you achieve your ambitions. Our teachers are highly experienced, and we work closely with you, your family/carers and the other professionals involved in your life to ensure you have the support and structure you need to be successful.

In 2023, Cambridge Regional College was graded as Good by Ofsted for our supported learning provision who said that leaders and managers have high expectations regarding the contribution that employers and stakeholders make to the design and implementation of curriculum areas, and that students and adult learners feel safe in college. They also said that students know who to report any concerns to and understand their responsibility to keep their peers safe. Students on supported internships benefit from useful work placements that help them gain the skills they need to enter the workplace.

We look forward to welcoming you on the next part of your journey.





WHY CHOOSE US?

OUR STAFF

Highly-trained staff work closely with therapists and other professionals to ensure your programme is perfect for you. Training includes autism awareness, behaviour management, managing medicines, and the safe moving and handling of people.

Teachers support learners to develop their confidence and their social, personal and life skills through well-planned activities.

OFSTED GOOD

We have had two successive 'Outstanding' grades by Ofsted for our high-needs provision. We are currently the 10th largest provision in the country for Excellence / specialist knowledge. We are also finalists in excellence in real world learning, finalists in making a difference awards and support for learners.

FOCUSED ON YOU

Our smaller class sizes and high staff ratio means you get personalised support and attention across all of your learning.

Learners benefit from highly effective additional learning support on vocational courses and in supported programmes. Learners benefit from a strong focus on peer support and as a result they are more confident to speak out and are sensitive to the needs of others. Learners develop strategies to manage their own behaviour effectively.

SUPPORT

You'll have dedicated support from our team while at college. We stay in touch with parents/carers and other professionals in your life throughout your time at college. Our aim is to ensure all learners achieve their outcomes. Learners benefit from very good information, advice and guidance alongisde life and work-ready skills development sessions.

WORK EXPERIENCE & EMPLOYER LINKS

We work closely with a variety of businesses. Our learners have the opportunity to access work experience placements, with or without support from staff. This may include volunteering and some of our in-house work experience.

Almost all learners benefit from outstanding work experience placements, and the college has a very strong supported employability programme. Former learners have sustained their positions for several years, some progressing onto apprenticeships and others acting as role models, mentors and ambassadors to promote the project.

LEARNING COMPANIES

You will have the opportunity to experience working in a real-life environment, with support from the team.

Practical enterprise projects develop learners' understanding of the world of work. Learners develop confidence and improve their communication skills and mathematics skills, and work in teams. Former learners have sustained their positions for several years, some progressing onto apprenticeships and others acting as role models, mentors and ambassadors to promote the project. Award-winning learning companies understand profit and loss, work to deadlines and experience customer service and sales. Staff support learners to look out into the wider world.

PROGRESSION

You will have the opportunity to progress to the next level of study or employability programme. There are lots of exciting future opportunities available.

Learners work on a range of projects with other departments of the college and external organisations. For example, run the college charity shop, run a Supported Learning Staff Sandwich Shop preparing food and sales and practice their catering skills running a food outlet business.

BE PART OF COLLEGE LIFE

College life is varied and exciting! With support you could be a Student Rep, join our Students' Union, and enjoy student discounts with a TOTUM student card.

OUR FACILITIES AND SPECIALIST SERVICES

Our Supported Learning provision is at the heart of our college. We believe that our learners can achieve anything with the right support, time and environment.

At each of our campuses, every student will be allocated an experienced personal tutor who will:

- Support attendance
- Set targets and goals
- Give careers advice
- Help with study skills
- Raise awareness of health issues
- Provide pastoral support.

"Supported learning have a range of partnerships with local organisations and local authorities to plan and manage effective personalised programmes, assisting with meeting local needs, while preparing learners to progress."

A full range of extra-curricular activities are organised each year that complement and extend our academic curriculum. The students have the opportunity to further develop their social skills, independence, self esteem, self-reliance and physical capabilities as well as having fun.

SUPPORT

- Access to general support in all lessons, with small group sizes.
- Intensive support in core subjects such as numeracy, literacy and digital skills.
- Increased support in the form of 1:1 both academically and/or during recreational time.

TRANSITION AND PROGRESSION SUPPORT

We understand that moving from school to college is a significant step, which is why we place transition at the heart of our student journey. We begin building relationships with students at an early stage through visits to schools, allowing us to meet learners in a familiar environment and develop a clear understanding of their individual needs, strengths, and aspirations.

Our open evenings provide valuable opportunities for prospective students and their families to explore the college, meet staff, and learn more about the pathways available. Transition support then continues throughout the year, with a carefully planned programme designed to help students feel confident and prepared for college life.

Students benefit from a range of transition activities, including bespoke support where required and multiple taster sessions that take place throughout the year. These opportunities enable learners to become familiar with college environments, teaching staff, and course expectations before enrolment.

Our dedicated Transition Manager works closely with the EHCP Manager, school staff, parents, carers, and external professionals to ensure that all appropriate support is identified and put in place. Through strong partnership working and personalised planning, we strive to make every student's transition as smooth, positive, and successful as possible.

EHCPS AND ANNUAL REVIEWS

The college will arrange your formal annual review once a year with your personal tutor, carers and professionals that are involved in all aspects of your life. The purpose of the review is to:

- Celebrate your achievements and progress
- Find what is working well for you and review what could be better
- Explore opportunities for next steps
- Discuss opportunities for alternative adult services within the community.

HEARING AND VISUAL SUPPORT

We work with various hearing support providers to ensure that your needs are met:

- Radio aids and services
- Signers and notetakers
- Orientation training
- Braillers
- Augmented communication equipment.

PERSONAL CARE AND MEDICAL

- Personal care including staff trained in people moving and handling and using hoists.
- Support to develop self-care skills.
- Support with administering own medication.
- Staff trained in administering emergency medication.
- Diabetes support.
- Support with eating and drinking, including peg feeding and dysphagia trained staff.
- Epilepsy Support

EHCP SUPPORT

Therapy provision identified in EHCPs is integrated into the curriculum and delivered holistically with external providers in the following areas:

- Speech and Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physio Therapy
- Educational Psychology.

CAMBRIDGE CAMPUS













HUNTINGDON CAMPUS













LIFE AT COLLEGE

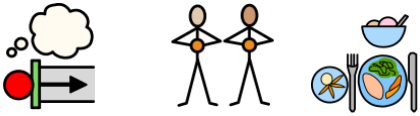
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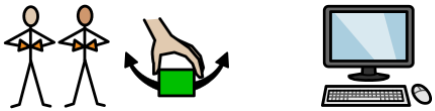
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WE HAVE BREAKS IN THE L R C



WE USE COMPUTERS



WE DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS



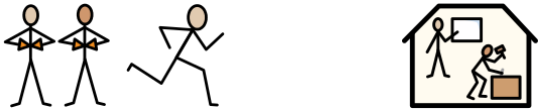
WE WORK WITH OUR



TUTORS IN CLASS



WE RUN THE COLLEGE



CHARITY SHOP



WE GET COLLECTED BY TAXIS



AT THE END OF THE DAY



SCHOOL LINK PROGRAMME

WHO IS IT FOR?

The School Link Programme is a transition course from school to college. The programme provides a positive introduction to our courses where students can get to know teaching staff and their surroundings before starting with us when they finish school. Learners get the chance to experience college life for a successful transition.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

The programme starts in September but students can join us anytime. We work with local schools during the summer to identify which of their young people may want to join. The programme runs for 35 weeks and includes a variety of non accredited activities.

WHAT WILL I DO?

Students have the opportunity to take part in a variety of practical sessions including horticulture, cooking, home skills, art and sports. By the end of the programme students will be familiar with the campus and help facilitate a smooth transition onto other specialist courses within Supported Learning.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

This programme is arranged directly through schools and colleges.

WHO DO I CONTACT?

If you are interested in setting up a link with either our Huntingdon or Cambridge Campus contact:

sendadmin@camre.ac.uk



OUR STUDY PROGRAMMES

PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD



PREPARING FOR INDEPENDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT



VOCATIONAL OPTIONS



INTRODUCTION TO EMPLOYABILITY



EMPLOYABILITY & EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME PLUS




CRC FOOTBALL ACADEMY

PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD

PROGRAMMES:

Gateway HC

Learning for Life CC HC

LOCATION KEY:

CC **Cambridge Campus**

HC **Huntingdon Campus**

This programme provides for the needs of individuals between the age range 16-25, with severe learning difficulties including sensory impairment, physical disabilities and severe medical conditions. This programme will support all aspects of your needs including health, care, therapies, medications and educational development.

We create supportive and stretching learning environments in which learners are encouraged to take ownership of their learning and develop their confidence and independence so they can make progress towards their EHCP outcomes.

HOW I'LL LEARN

A sensory and developmental curriculum delivered in small steps with a personalised approach. The curriculum focuses on developing communication, engagement and experiences. Activities are whole class, group or individually based. Curriculum is truly personalised and based on a variety of assessments and a young person's EHCP outcomes. Environments will be adapted depending on sensory needs and mode of learning.

Teachers also work closely with therapists, where these are part of a young person's EHCP, and these are fully integrated within all aspects of the college day, and sometimes even at home, and in the community.

WHAT I'LL LEARN

Working towards a range of experiential activities applicable to the learner's needs:

- Functional Skills – English, Maths, money, ICT will be embedded across the curriculum.
- Social and Communication Skills.
- Lifeskills.
- Independence Skills.
- A variety of leisure and vocational subjects.
- Supported Employability Skills

MY PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

Learners will have a programme based on their own individual starting points and needs which is tracked and monitored in a variety of ways including individual targets that are negotiated and set with learners, carers and therapists. We also use our baseline system to record distance travelled for our students in accordance with the Preparing for Adulthood Framework.

MY PROGRESSION

You will start on one of the Preparing for Adulthood courses based on your EHCP and annual review and this could lead up to a three-year programme depending on your personal development and needs.

Some learners progress to other courses. Most learners successfully progress into positive adult services and community provision.

MY TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

We would like to get to know you as soon as possible, sometimes even two years before you are due to leave school. We run transition programmes and taster days to assess your needs but also make transition as smooth as possible. Suitability for the programme will be assessed by the college, EHCP team and via local-authority consultation process.

FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION AND APPLY

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VIEW COURSES ONLINE:

Gateway

Learning for Life



PREPARATION FOR INDEPENDENCE & EMPLOYMENT

PROGRAMMES:

Aspire CC HC

Preparation for Independence CC HC

Archway CC HC

LOCATION KEY:

CC **Cambridge Campus**

HC **Huntingdon Campus**

This programme provides for the needs of individuals between the age range 16-25, with severe to moderate learning difficulties who want to continue to build on essential skills for living, employment and community.

We create supportive and stretching learning environments in which learners are encouraged to take ownership of their learning and develop their confidence and independence so they can make progress towards their EHCP outcomes and beyond.

HOW I'LL LEARN

An aspirational curriculum delivered in a study programme perfect for a learner's needs and personal goals. The curriculum focuses on developing communication, independent living skills, choices and decisions, employability skills and enrichment. Activities are whole class, group or individually based in the classroom and in the college community. Curriculum is truly personalised, based on a variety of assessments and a young person's EHCP outcomes. The college will provide a supportive, stimulating and realistic environment for you to progress as an adult.

WHAT I'LL LEARN

- Working towards a range of activities applicable to your needs.
- Improving independence and self - help skills.
- Building confidence to live successfully and safely in the community.
- Developing employability, communication and social skills through a range of interactive subjects.
- Supporting learners to achieve a range of practical and functional skills.

MY PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

Some learners may undertake a formal qualification at Entry level. Most learners will have a programme based on their own individual starting points and needs which is tracked and monitored in a variety of ways including Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA) and using our baselines assessments to record the distance travelled. Individual targets are negotiated and set with learners, carers and therapists.

There are different pathways in this programme which will ensure it is tailored to your EHCP outcomes, aspirations and support needs.

MY PROGRESSION

You will start on one of the Preparing for Independence & Employment courses based on your EHCP and annual review.

Progression will be explored at your annual review. Learners move on to supported employment courses or Adult Social Care provision.

MY TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

We would like to get to know you as soon as possible, sometimes even two years before you are due to leave school. We run transition programmes and taster days to assess your needs but also make transition as smooth as possible. Suitability for the programme will be assessed by the college, EHCP team and via local-authority consultation process.

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Aspire

Preparation for Independence

Archway





OPTIONS

PROGRAMMES:

Preparation for Adulthood CC HC

LOCATION KEY:

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This two-year Level 1 course is designed to help you build essential personal, social, and work-ready skills. Through project-based learning, you'll have the chance to develop key employability and enterprise skills, while also strengthening your teamwork, social confidence, and resilience. Ideal for those who may be feeling uncertain about their future or have lost confidence, this course offers a highly supportive environment with small class sizes. We focus on nurturing your self-awareness and self-esteem, ensuring you are well-equipped to take the next step in your journey.

HOW I'LL LEARN

You will learn in groups of 8-12 and can attend up to 3 days a week. A sensory and developmental curriculum delivered in small steps with a personalised approach. Environments will be adapted depending on sensory needs and mode of learning. You will have the chance to try out vocational opportunities through a variety of college tasters and when you are ready, opportunities to undertake work experience.

WHAT I'LL LEARN

You will pursue a College Certificate in Progression along with a GSCE in Maths and English, depending on your current abilities and qualifications.

The programme provides opportunities to develop essential life and work skills, which could include outdoor activities, money management and team work as well as enterprise skills through project-based work. It places a strong emphasis on building social skills, social confidence, teamwork, and personal resilience.

MY PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

Learners will follow a personalized programme tailored to their unique starting points and needs, with progress tracked and monitored through various methods. This includes setting individual targets in collaboration with learners, carers, and therapists. Additionally, our baseline system is used to measure the progress of students, in line with the Preparing for Adulthood Framework.



MY PROGRESSION

The goal of our courses is to provide you with the skills, confidence, and resilience needed to successfully progress to the next step in your personal and professional journey. Whether that's advancing onto another course within the vocational pathways of the Supported Learning department, enrolling in a mainstream course, or securing a work placement, we are committed to supporting you every step of the way.

Throughout your learning experience, you will build essential life skills, enhance your work readiness, and develop the independence needed to thrive in both academic and real-world settings. Our aim is to ensure you leave fully equipped with the tools necessary for a smooth and successful transition into your chosen path.

MY TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

We believe in getting to know you as early as possible, sometimes even two years before you are set to leave school. By doing this, we can better understand your needs and ensure a seamless transition to your next educational or career step. To help with this, we offer a range of transition programmes and taster days designed not only to assess your unique requirements but also to give you a glimpse of what your future learning environment will be like. These opportunities allow us to support you in a way that makes your transition as smooth and stress-free as possible.

The suitability of the programme will be carefully assessed through collaboration with the college, your EHCP (Education, Health, and Care Plan) team, and the local authority consultation process, ensuring we tailor the right support for you every step of the way.

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VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS

PROGRAMMES:

- **Introduction to Animal Care** HC
- **Introduction to Horticulture** CC HC
- **Introduction to Creative Industries** CC HC
- **Introduction to Business and Retail** CC HC
- **Introduction to Sport and Active Leisure** CC HC
- **Introduction to Hospitality and Catering** CC

LOCATION KEY:

CC **Cambridge Campus**

HC **Huntingdon Campus**

These programmes serve as a stepping stone for you to progress on to further studies and prepare you for the world of work in a supported college environment. The programme is aimed at students aged 16-25 and will help you build confidence and further develop your social communication skills by providing opportunities for you to independently apply skills and knowledge learnt in a range of settings including external work experience.

HOW I'LL LEARN

You will learn in groups of 8-12 in a range of academic, wellness and vocational subjects. You will make the most of specialist, practical workshop spaces as well as small group English and maths classes. You will also practise applying your skills in external work experience placements or internal learning companies where you will build your CV and employability skills.

Curriculum is truly personalised , based on a variety of assessments and a young person's EHCP outcomes.

WHAT I'LL LEARN

- Working towards a range of activities applicable to your needs.
- Building confidence, self esteem and independence.
- Developing employability, communication and social skills.
- Supporting learners to achieve the next level of Functional Skills or GCSE grades.
- Introduction to your chosen vocational pathways.
  - Animal Care
  - Horticulture
  - Creative Industries
  - Business and Retail
  - Sport and Leisure
  - Catering
- External and Internal work experience opportunities.

MY PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

You will work towards an Entry 3 or Level 1 qualification. You will also be developing your qualities and skills following WeAreCRC values. Your individual starting points are tracked and monitored in a variety of ways including Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA). Individual targets are negotiated and set with learners, following EHCP outcomes.

MY PROGRESSION

You will start on one of the Preparing for Independent & Employment courses based on your EHCP and annual review and this could lead up to. Programmes are typically two years and are occasionally up to a three-year programme depending on your personal development and needs. Progression will be explored at your annual review.

Learners move on to supported employment courses, Level 1 and 2 programmes, apprenticeships or paid work.

MY TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

We would like to get to know you as soon as possible, sometimes even two years before you are due to leave school. We run transition programmes and taster days to assess your needs but also make transition as smooth as possible. Suitability for the programme will be assessed by the college, EHCP team and via local-authority consultation process.

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VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL CARE

If you have an interest in being outside and want to work towards getting a job or experience in the pet industry, this course is for you. This study programme provides the ideal introduction to working with animals. You will work towards an accredited qualification that enables the correct practical skills and knowledge for caring for companion animals.

HOW I'LL LEARN

You will learn in small groups of 12 students in a range of academic, wellness and vocational subjects. You will make use of our small animal care centre and access a local farm where you will participate in large animal husbandry.

WHAT I'LL LEARN

You will learn about the different types of animals within the British pet trade and farming industry, carrying out a range of practical activities, from cleaning animal housing, learning how to carefully catch and restrain animals for health checking and grooming. You will also learn about animal behaviour and welfare, feeding and nutrition. The course is assessed through practical observations, and you are required to complete knowledge evidence to achieve the accredited units.

You will also develop or gain Functional skills and/or GCSE English and Maths. In addition to this you will develop independence skills and work towards individualised goals. The curriculum is personalised based on a variety of initial assessments and a young person's EHCP outcomes.

MY PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

You will work towards an Entry 3 or Level 1 qualification. You will also be developing your qualities and skills following WeAreCRC values. Your individual starting points are tracked and monitored in a variety of ways including Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA). Individual targets are negotiated and set with learners, following EHCP outcomes.



Introduction to Animal Care

AVAILABLE AT:

HC **Huntingdon Campus**

VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

INTRODUCTION TO HORTICULTURE

If you have an interest in being outside and want to get a job working in gardening or landscaping this study programme is for you. This course will teach practical skills that help you to learn basic principles of caring for plants, cutting back hedges and maintaining woodland. You will get a chance to try out different equipment and develop your practical skills.

HOW I'LL LEARN

You will learn in small groups of 12 students in a range of academic, wellness and vocational subjects. You will make the use of our horticulture gardens and have access to a range of a local gardens such as Anglesey Abbey and Hinchingbrooke Park where you will participate in valuable work experience.

WHAT I'LL LEARN

You will learn about plant naming, identification, landscaping and general gardening skills. You will also have the opportunity to maintaining tools and machinery, and work in commercial gardens. The course is assessed through practical observations, and you are required to complete knowledge evidence to achieve units.

You will also develop or gain Functional skills and or GCSE English and Maths. In addition to this you will develop independence skills and work towards individualised goals. The curriculum is personalised based on a variety of initial assessments and a young person's EHCP outcomes.

MY PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

You will work towards an Entry 3 or Level 1 qualification. You will also be developing your qualities and skills following WeAreCRC values. Your individual starting points are tracked and monitored in a variety of ways including Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA). Individual targets are agreed and set with learners, following EHCP outcomes.

Introduction to Horticulture



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VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

INTRODUCTION TO SPORT AND LEISURE INDUSTRIES

The course will be highly practical with an emphasis on both practical and theoretical elements of sports, fitness and active leisure activities and the importance of exercise in daily life. Throughout the course, you will get the opportunity to try a variety of different sports as well as different types of exercise activities. There will also be options to support you to try coaching, officiating and organising different activities for your peers throughout the course to further develop your employability skills.

HOW I'LL LEARN

You will learn in small groups of about 12 students in a range of academic, wellness and vocational subjects. You will make the use of our sports facilities, the college gym at both campuses, and the sports hall at our Cambridge Campus to participate in a range of sports and exercise activities. As well as the practical elements, there is theory to be learnt within a more typical classroom setting alongside tutorial sessions to focus on your personal development, English and Maths. You will be supported by your tutor, learning support mentors and peers to complete this in a way which is best suited to your needs.

WHAT I'LL LEARN

A typical week will offer you a variety of practical lessons where you will have the chance to try a range of sports, and review your own skills within each sport, identifying strengths and areas to improve. You will learn how to safely use gym equipment to be able to perform an individualised, independent workout. You will also learn the theory behind these sports, fitness and active leisure activities.

You will also develop or gain Functional skills and or GCSE English and Maths. In addition to this you will develop independence skills and work towards individualised goals. The curriculum is personalised based on a variety of initial assessments and a young person's EHCP outcomes.





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MY PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

You will work towards an Entry 3 or Level 1 qualification. You will also be developing your qualities and skills following the WeAreCRC values. Your individual starting points are tracked and monitored in a variety of ways including Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA). Individual targets are agreed and set with learners, following EHCP outcomes.

Upon successful completion of the course, if you are looking to progress to the next stage of studying you can look at the Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Vocational Studies and Uniformed Public Services at our Cambridge Campus. There is also an opportunity to progress to our Employability programmes to further develop employability and work skills at either campus.

Introduction to Sport and Leisure Industries





VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

This study programme provides the ideal introduction to working in the creative industries. You will work towards an accredited qualification that enables you to develop the practical skills and knowledge required for a range of creative disciplines, including media, music, art and design, performing and production arts and digital arts.

HOW I'LL LEARN

You will learn in small groups of about 12 students in a range of academic, creative, and vocational subjects. You will have access to specialist facilities, including a Mac suite with industry-standard software, a recording studio, and digital media equipment. Learning will be hands-on, with opportunities to collaborate on creative projects, develop digital portfolios, and explore different aspects of the creative sector. You will also have the opportunity to explore roles in the industry through student-led employability research projects, helping you understand career pathways and job roles in the creative sector.

WHAT I'LL LEARN

You will explore various creative industries, including music production, digital media, graphic design, and filmmaking. Practical activities will include recording and editing audio, designing digital artwork, creating short films, and working with industry-standard and user-friendly creative software such as Photoshop for image editing and design, GarageBand and Logic Pro for music production, and iMovie for video editing.



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The course is primarily assessed through a digital portfolio, allowing you to showcase your work while also developing key organisation skills, digital communication, and digital literacy. You will be required to complete skills and knowledge-based units to achieve your qualification.

You will have the opportunity to put on shows and work on performing and production arts—either in front of or behind the camera—as well as explore art and design projects.

You will also develop or gain Functional skills and/or GCSE English and Maths. You will develop independence skills and work towards individualised goals. The curriculum is personalised based on a variety of initial assessments and a young person's EHCP outcomes.

MY PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

You will work towards an Entry 3 or Level 1 qualification in Skills for Working in Creative Industries. You will also be developing your qualities and skills in line with the WeAreCRC values. Your individual starting points will be tracked and monitored in a variety of ways, including Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA). Individual targets are agreed and set with learners, following EHCP outcomes.

Introduction to Creative Industries



VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

INTRODUCTION TO HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

This study programme is designed to provide you with knowledge to prepare you for further study or employment within the hospitality and catering sector. The course will be highly practical with an emphasis on both practical and theoretical elements of customer service, health and safety, food safety, cooking, budgeting and planning a healthy diet.

You will follow an accredited qualification in Hospitality and Catering as well as opportunities to develop your employability skills to work within the industry. There will also be options to support you to develop your event planning skills, understand different types of diets and how to work with food in a number of different placements. This will help you to develop your employability skills even further.

HOW I'LL LEARN

You will learn in small groups of 12 students. You will make the use of our learning environment, in our kitchens and pantry and develop the confidence to manage a budget and to develop your communication skills. There will also be regular offsite practical activities. As well as the practical elements, there is theory to be learnt within a more typical classroom setting. There will also be the chance to gain an insight into the working industry in theory lessons.

The course is assessed through practical observations, self-reflections and you are required to complete knowledge evidence to achieve units through portfolios of evidence. You will be supported by your tutor, learning support mentors and peers to complete this in a way which is best suited to your needs.





AVAILABLE AT:

CC **Cambridge Campus**

WHAT I'LL LEARN

A typical week will offer you a variety of practical catering lessons where you will have the chance to develop new skills and build on the skills that you already have. We will support you to identify strengths and areas to improve across the different skills that you are working on. You will learn how to use kitchen equipment safely. You'll also develop your communication skills to help you communicate positively using verbal and non-verbal communication. You will also learn the theory behind these hospitality and catering activities.

Additionally, you will also develop or gain Functional skills or GCSE English and Maths. You will develop independence skills and work towards individualised goals. The curriculum is personalised based on a variety of assessments and a young person's EHCP outcomes.

MY PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

You will work towards an Entry 3 or Level 1 qualification. You will also be developing your qualities and skills following the WeAreCRC values. Your individual starting points are tracked and monitored in a variety of ways including Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA). Individual targets are agreed and set with learners, following EHCP outcomes.

Upon successful completion of the course, if you are looking to enhance your knowledge and progress to the next stage of studying you can look at courses in our hospitality and catering department. There is also an opportunity to progress to our Supported Internship programme to further develop employability and work skills at either campus.

Introduction to Hospitality and Catering

VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS AND RETAIL

This study programme will provide you with an ideal introduction into working in Business, Retail and Administration. You will work towards a Gateway/City and Guilds qualification which will support you to gain practical skills and knowledge within the business and retail sector.

HOW I'LL LEARN

You will learn in small groups of about 12 students in a range of academic, wellness and vocational subjects. You will work within our business charity shop, create small businesses within your group and have opportunities to complete further work experiences throughout the year.

You will be part of organising sales and events as well as taking part in guest speaker sessions through the course to support and develop your skills and knowledge further. You will also take part in sessions based on employability and independence skills to support you to be work ready.

WHAT I'LL LEARN

You will learn about job skills for working within Business, Retail and Administration and carry out activities based within these sectors. You will gain practical experience in our shop and by setting up and running small business ventures.

You will learn how to incorporate social media into business and retail, how to set up and run accounts and how to manage a business. You will learn what job skills are needed for these areas. The course is assessed through practical observations, and you are required to complete knowledge evidence and a portfolio to achieve units.

You will also develop or gain Functional skills and or GCSE English and Maths. You will develop independence skills and work towards individualised goals. The curriculum is personalised based on a variety of assessments and a young person's EHCP outcomes.



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HC **Huntingdon Campus**

MY PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

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Introduction to Business and Retail








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INTRODUCTION TO EMPLOYABILITY

This programme is tailored to individual requirements and will help you to develop practical skills for work with the long-term aim to progress to paid employment if you have an EHCP.

HOW I'LL LEARN

You will spend three days a week in college working in a range of service settings such as retail, postal services, cafes and administration. You will learn how to work independently in these settings with employer progress reviews, job coaching and specific qualifications that support these services.

WHAT I'LL LEARN

Year 1

- Planning for Progression
- Working as Part of a Group

Year 2

- Behaviour at Work
- Effective Communication
- Identifying Hazards in a Familiar Setting
- Make a Familiar Journey Safely

Skills

- Work Experience employer informed activities
- Personal and Social development
- Resilience and independence

MY PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

You may work towards a range of industry relevant qualifications and certificates. You will also be developing your qualities, skills and values. From individual starting points, which are tracked and monitored in a variety of ways including Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA). Individual targets are negotiated and set with you, following EHCP outcomes.





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MY PROGRESSION

You will start on one of the Preparing for Adulthood courses based on your EHCP and annual review and this could lead up to a three-year programme depending on your personal development and needs.

Some learners progress to other courses. Most learners successfully progress into positive adult services and community provision.

MY TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

We would like to get to know you as soon as possible, sometimes even two years before you are due to leave school. We run transition programmes and taster days to assess your needs but also make transition as smooth as possible. Suitability for the programme will be assessed by the college, EHCP team and via local-authority consultation process.

FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION AND APPLY

Contact: crcadmissions@camre.ac.uk





EMPLOYABILITY & EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME PLUS

Our Employability Programmes are year-long opportunities with rotations in one or several employers that aim to move you into paid or voluntary work. These programmes will provide you with the essential employability skills by getting hands-on experience with an employer. You'll be given the skills required to be successful in the job application process and build on your self-management and independence skills. You can expect to complete 1-2 days at work and 1 day at college.

HOW I'LL LEARN

To help you develop work ready skills, you will be supported by a job coach in your workplace on a regular basis. This programme is suitable for you if you want to work and have an EHCP.

66.6%
of our SEND Employability Programme went into paid employment in 2025/26

The national average is 12%.

WHAT I'LL LEARN

- Job application skills and etiquette
- Building a CV
- Industry relevant knowledge and skills
- Personal and social development
- Resilience, communication and independence
- Searching for and preparing for a job
- Work Experience employer informed activities

MY PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

You will build on your employability skills both at work and within the classroom at college. You will also be developing qualities, skills and values. From individual starting points, which are tracked and monitored in a variety of ways including Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA). Individual targets are negotiated and set with you, employers and job coaches, where appropriate.

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MY PROGRESSION

Up to a one-year programme depending on your personal development and needs.

Progression will be explored at an annual review. You will move on to paid employment, voluntary work or further education.

A SELECTION OF OUR EMPLOYER LINKS AND PARTNERS

FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION AND APPLY

Contact: crcadmissions@camre.ac.uk

VIEW COURSES ONLINE:

Waitrose

Pets at Home

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Saint Andrew's Centre

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Selwyn College Cambridge

co-op

COSTA COFFEE SINCE 1971

TESCO Extra

BLACKBERRY HOUSE Day Nursery

CO-OPERATIVE DAILY BREAD

ADULT PROGRAMMES

Our part-time adult programmes provide opportunities for people aged 23 and over to maintain skills and friendships after full-time education has finished. Adults come to college one or two days a week and work on both practical skills and leisure activities. The course is free if you are in receipt of disability benefits.

HOW I'LL LEARN

You will access a range of activities in groups of 8-10. You will have the opportunity to work in small groups, as an individual or in pairs in both classroom and practical settings. A learning support assistant will be provided to support the group, however additional support maybe available to you from your local authority.

WHAT I'LL LEARN

- A range of practical and leisure opportunities depending on the resources your local college can provide such as:
  - Volunteering in outdoor environment with the green team
  - Cookery
  - Art & Design
  - Home Skills
  - Social Communication
  - Team Building
  - Confidence
  - Collaboration.



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MY PROGRESSION

You can attend this programme for up to 2 years, although this depends on the number of places available.

MY TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

Usually you will already have been a college learner to progress on to this course, however we do take applications from outside the college.

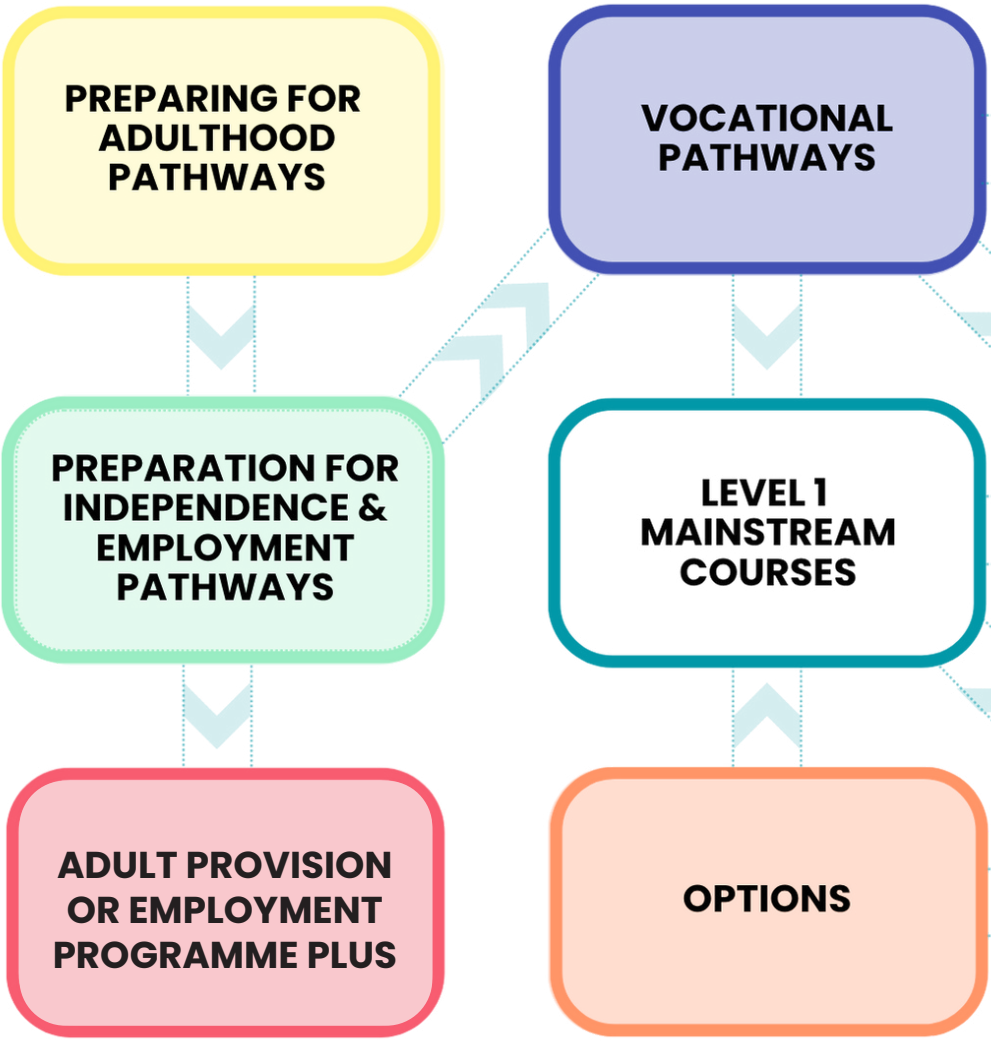
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VIEW COURSES ONLINE:



PROGRESSION ROUTES



INTRODUCTION TO EMPLOYABILITY

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME PLUS

VOLUNTARY OR PAID EMPLOYMENT



TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

DROP OFF & PICK UP

For students who cannot travel independently, there is a drop off and pick up point. It is monitored by Supported Learning staff who will meet and greet you.

STUDENT TRAIN & BUS BURSARIES

Students can apply for travel bursaries to help cover the cost of travel to and from college. We also have agreements with many local providers for cheaper fares.



STUDENT DISCOUNTS

If you are a Cambridgeshire or Peterborough resident, you may be eligible for the Tiger Bus Pass, for reduced costs. from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.*

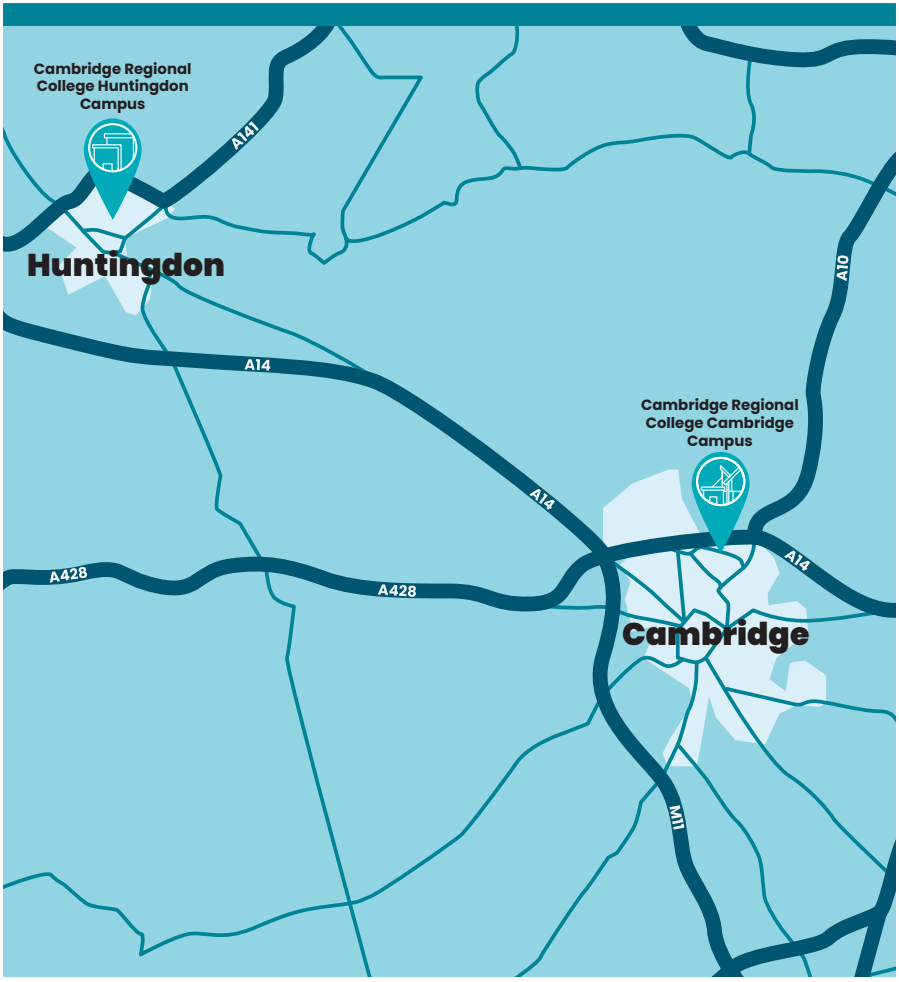
All students are eligible for a TOTUM student card. This offers exclusive deals on many student essentials including travel. Visit Totum. com for more information.

TRAVELLING BY CAR OR TAXI

The campuses are easy to reach by road via several routes. If you require a taxi to bring you to/from college, you must arrange this directly with your local authority.

*Visit www..cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/onepoundbusfare/

GETTING TO CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON CAMPUSES BY ROAD



Cambridge Campus
Kings Hedges Road
Cambridge
CB4 2QT

Huntingdon Campus
California Road
Huntingdon
PE29 1BL

TRAVEL OPTIONS

CRC is one of the easiest colleges to get to. There are discounted train and bus tickets for students and we run a FREE shuttle bus to and from Cambridge North to our Cambridge Campus. Choose the college buses, use public transport or travel by car, bike or foot.

Feel free to get in touch if you're worried about getting to college, or the cost of transport. We will be more than happy to give you advice and to help you find out if bursaries are available to assist financially.

TRAIN

Save 50% off rail fares with 16-17 Saver Railcard visit: www.16-17saver.co.uk

Students who attend CRC qualify for discounted season tickets of up to 50% either through Great Northern Rail or Greater Anglia. Visit our transport section of the website for details of how to apply. Our campuses are within walking distance from nearby stations and we run a free shuttle bus between Cambridge North Railway Stationand our Cambridge Campus.

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*Subject to demand

PUBLIC BUSES

The college campuses are served by many public bus routes.

Get your Tiger Bus Pass, for £1 fares for Under 25s in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Funded through the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, find out more and apply: **cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/onepoundbusfare/**

Students can often get discounts. Always check for the latest bus routes and see the providers' websites for discounts.

The Guided Busway runs between both campuses with stops next to our campuses. The College has two stops on the Guided Busway in Cambridge: 'Science Park/Cambridge Regional College' and 'Orchard Park East' (Route A & B). For Huntingdon Campus, the Guided Busway (Route B) stops at 'Huntingdon Campus'.

CARS

We have plenty of designated parking spaces for students at each campus. Parking is free at the Huntingdon Campus, with a £2 per visit parking charge at the Cambridge Campus.

CYCLING

We actively encourage our students and staff to choose a green method of transport when travelling to college. We have plenty of cycle racks available including covered spaces. Students aged under 19 may be able to claim a cycling allowance from Cambridgeshire County Council.

COLLEGE BUSES

Our buses travel from Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Suffolk to pick up students. Operating during term-time, the buses are timed to arrive prior to 9:00am at both our Cambridge and Huntingdon Campus, and then depart at 4:20pm. Our bus pass charges, for college buses only, are available online.

We have extensive bursaries available to support those who may need help with travel costs. Routes may change year to year, for the full timetable, fees and latest information visit: **camre.ac.uk/transport**

CAMBRIDGE CAMPUS BUS ROUTES

St Neots
Eynesbury
Abbotsley
Great Gransden
Caxton
CC

Bishop's Stortford
Stansted
Quendon
Newport
Wendens Ambo
Ickleton
Duxford
Sawston
Stapleford
Great Shelford
CC

Soham
Fordham
Burwell
Exning
Newmarket
Bottisham
Quy
CC

Great Dunmow
Great Easton
Dunton Hill
Thaxted
Wimbish
Saffron Walden
Little Chesterford
Great Chesterford
Trumpington Park & Ride
CC

Haverhill
Horseheath
Linton
Great Abington
Fulbourn
Great Wilbraham
Little Wilbraham
Cambridge North Station
CC

Wisbech
March
Wimblington
Doddington
CC

Brandon
Lakenheath
Mildenhall
Barton Mills
Red Lodge
CC

Littleport
Ely
Witchford
Witcham
Mepal
Sutton
Haddenham
Wilburton
Cottenham
CC

Orwell
Wimpole
Bassingbourn
Caxton
Lower Cambourne
Cambourne
Highfields
Hardwick
Comberton
CC

Buntingford
Royston
Melbourn
Foxton
Harston
Hauxton
CC

Eaton Socon
Eaton Ford
St. Neots
Papworth Everard
CC

Ramsey
Bury
Warboys
Somersham
Colne
Bluntisham
Earith,
CC

Biggleswade
Sandy
Eaton Socon
St Neots
CC

Chatteris
Willingham
Northstowe
Barhill
CC

HUNTINGDON CAMPUS BUS ROUTES

March
Wimblington
Doddington
Chatteris
Benwick
Ramsey
Bury
Warboys
HC

Papworth
Eaton Socon
Eaton Ford
St. Neots
Eynesbury
Little Paxton
Great Paxton
Offord D'Arcy
Buckden
Brampton
HC

For full transport and up-to-date options and information on financial support, visit: camre.ac.uk/transport

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 (travel, course kit, trips etc.). The following bursaries are on offer for those who meet the eligibility criteria:

16-19 Vulnerable Learner Bursary

You may be eligible for this bursary if you are 16 or over but not yet 19 on 31 August 2025 and are either:

- In care
- A care leaver
- Receiving Universal Credit (UC) because you are financially supporting yourself, or financially supporting yourself and someone who is dependent on and lives with you, such as a child or partner.
- Receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in your own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or UC in your own right.
- Eligible students may be awarded up to £1,200 for support with college associated costs.

Care Leaver Bursary (19-22)

This bursary is for care leavers from Cambridgeshire or Peterborough who are assessed as in financial need and aged 19 or over but under 22 by the 31 August 2025. Eligible students may be awarded up to £1,200 for support with college associated costs.

16-19 Discretionary Bursary

16-18 Discretionary Bursary Funds are available to help students of families with a gross household income of £33,000 or below.

The bursary can be used as a contribution towards essential course costs such as kit, equipment, trips and travel to college. Where support is unable to be provided with transport costs, then a contribution can be made towards either college or public transport.

Free College Meals (Government Scheme)

Free college meals are available to learners who are in receipt of, or their parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- UC with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 for each year (after tax and not including any benefits they get).

16-19 Discretionary Childcare Bursary

This specific bursary assists students aged 19+ with a contribution towards term-time childcare costs with an Ofsted registered provider. All applications will be financially assessed. Students aged under 20 should apply to Care to Learn for assistance with their childcare fees: **www.gov.uk/care-to-learn or contact the Learner Support Helpline on 0300 3038610.**

19+ Discretionary Bursary

The 19+ discretionary bursary is available to students who have a gross household income of £33,000 or lower a year. The bursary can be used as a contribution towards essential course costs such as kit, equipment, trips and travel to college.

Contact us to discuss your needs:
financialsupport@camre.ac.uk
01223 428850
Find more information and apply online
camre.ac.uk/financialsupport



HOW TO APPLY

1 CHOOSE YOUR COURSE

There are lots of options available at college. Speak to your parents/ carers and other professionals involved in helping you make decisions, to choose which programme would be most suitable for you.

2 COME TO AN OPEN EVENT

Open Events are a great opportunity to find out more about the college and its teachers. Find all Open Event dates and register your place on our website, at www.camre.ac.uk/events.

3 ATTEND A SUPPORTED TASTER & TOUR DAY

Taster and tour days are available for any learner who wants to explore our colleges in a more supported environment, in a quieter setting than an Open Event. You can book a taster and tour day by emailing us at: cadmin@camre.ac.uk

4 APPLY

There are two ways that you could apply to the College:

- Through your Pathways Team/ Advisor at your local authority. They will send us a copy of your signed EHCP.
- Complete your application online by applying directly for your chosen course on our website or you can complete a hard copy and send directly to us.

WHAT IS AN EHCP?

If you have previously had a statement of Educational Needs, you should have transferred over to an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP).

If you don't have an EHCP, please contact us directly at the email addresses on the previous page.

5 ENROL

You will be invited to an early induction day in the summer, where you can get to know your tutor and the other students in your group. You can also enrol on your course ready to start in September.


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