



Derbyshire Autism Services

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What's On! June 2016



Disability Sports Day

Open to anyone with any physical or learning disability. Schools and groups welcome to come along as well as individuals

Take part in:

- Boccia and Curling
- Tennis
- Wheelchair Basketball
- Football
- Cricket/Table Cricket
- Kick Boxing
- Table Tennis
- Gym
- Golf
- Nordic Walking

Wednesday
June 8
2016
9.30am - 2pm

Free admission

Rutland Sports Park

www.erewash.gov.uk

EREWASH



For more information contact

Rutland Sports Park, West End Drive, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 5GH

☎ 07584 856 2922 and ask for Toni

✉ toni@villagegames.org.uk

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Derbyshire Autism Services Parent Support Group

Derbyshire Autism Services are running a parent/carer support group in the South Normanton area of Derbyshire.

Our next meetings will be on Fridays 10am until 12.30pm on the following dates:-
24th June 2016; 26th August 2016; 21st October 2016
and 9th December 2016.

At the PostMill Centre

Market Cl, South Normanton, Alfreton DE55 2EJ

Phone: 01773 860296

The June session will be about exploring :- **Sensory issues and Autism.**

To book a free place:-

Please contact Karen Allen – DAS Groups Coordinator
on 01773 741221 or 07951 060686.

Frantic Families

The Frantic Families group offer support to families with children who suffer ASD / ADHD. They provide a non-judgemental safe place where families can share experiences so they understand they are not alone. The group will be meeting from 10.00am at the Langley Mill Welfare.

To find out more about the group, contact: Tracey: 07811 250555, Leigh: 07903 500233 or Gary: 01332 623700



Understanding Eating Difficulties and Disorders

First Steps is Derbyshire's only eating disorder charity. We support those affected by eating difficulties and disorders - this includes parents, partners and families - via support groups, online and telephone support and complementary therapies. Our support groups are non judgemental, welcoming and there is no pressure to participate.

t: 01332 367571 e: info@firststepsderby.co.uk <http://www.firststepsderby.co.uk>

FREE HELP FOR CARERS OF PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY

Go Get It.

Offers carers the choice of 'one to one' coaching in stress and anxiety management, career development, health improvement and/or up to 10 hours home based training on how to best use tablet devices, smart phones, social media, getting online and I.T. training.

Get It Together. Offers Carer groups free 'start up, or grow packages'. Our development packages provide groups with promotional support, including free web page set up and design, group speakers, constituting and membership development 'One to one' sessions 'Go Get IT', and group support service 'GET IT TOGETHER', are free. Register your interest by calling the Helpline on 0845 8150139 or online at www.ldcarersdirect.com.

ADULT ASPERGER SOCIAL GROUP

We are a Derby based group that arranges social support for Asperger's Syndrome Adults, their extended friends, family and carers.

Enjoy the benefits of our friendly social, support group by attending our latest social event at The Brewery Tap.

If you would like to join us email l14ola@yahoo.co.uk or call 01332 704686 or text 07583 152560

Or, go to www.meetup.com and search Adult Asperger's to find us.

If you have been diagnosed with Asperger's (or are going through a diagnosis process) or, if you support an adult living with Asperger's Syndrome we welcome your enquiry about joining our group. Simply contact us by email, phone or text.

FREE, EXPERT ADVICE ABOUT NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE

Independent advice and support for people who may be entitled to free NHS funding through NHS Continuing Healthcare.

NHS Continuing Healthcare

NHS Continuing Healthcare is a package of care some people need to receive as a result of disability, accident or illness. People who meet the eligibility requirements have the full cost of their care and accommodation funded by the NHS.

How do I get it?

To find out if you or your relative/friend may be eligible you can ask your GP, social worker or another health or social care professional for a 'Checklist assessment'. This is the first stage in the assessment process. Alternatively you can contact your local Clinical Commissioning Group (visit www.nhs.uk and search for 'services near you').

Free information and advice

Beacon is working in partnership with NHS England to provide a free and independent service to people in England who need information and advice about NHS Continuing Healthcare. This service is supported by a consortia of leading voluntary sector organisations including Age UK, Parkinson's UK and the Spinal Injuries Association.


Our Navigational Toolkit tells you everything you need to know about NHS Continuing Healthcare, how to apply, how to make sure you are assessed correctly, and how to appeal if you disagree with your eligibility decision.

You can also call us on 0345 548 0300 to arrange a free telephone or Skype consultation with a trained adviser who can help you to:

- Request a referral and contribute effectively to your assessment
- Know your rights at each stage of assessment and care planning
- Understand the eligibility criteria
- Have the confidence to navigate the appeal process


More about Beacon

- Advisers with over 12 years' experience in continuing healthcare
- 98% of people who have contacted the advice line would recommend it to a friend
- Low-cost casework and advocacy services also available
- Track record for honesty and integrity: we are committed to informing and empowering
- Beacon is a social enterprise with profits donated to charity to help fund vital services for older people



leading you through the maze of continuing healthcare

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NHS England funded

Contact Beacon:
Tel: 0345 548 0300 Visit: www.beaconchc.co.uk
[@beaconchc](https://twitter.com/beaconchc) www.facebook.com/beaconcontinuinghealthcare

Free legal advice for residents in Derbyshire

Chesterfield Law Centre is a registered charity that was set up in 1989 to provide free legal advice to Derbyshire residents. With funding from Derbyshire County Council, Legal Aid Agency and the Big Lottery Fund (Advices Services Transition Fund), Derbyshire residents will now be able to get free legal advice from eight offices throughout Derbyshire – Alfreton, Bolsover, Buxton, Clay Cross, Ilkeston, Matlock, Ripley and Staveley.

The Law Centre has a team of solicitors and advisers who provide free legal advice, assistance and representation on a range of housing and employment issues to tenants and employees such as prevention of homelessness and evictions, redundancies and dismissals.

John Duncan, Chair of Chesterfield Law Centre's Management Committee said: "With funding from Derbyshire County Council, Legal Aid Agency and the Big Lottery Fund, we are proud to be able to provide free specialist legal advice in housing and employment across Derbyshire."

For free advice on employment, housing and homelessness matters, contact **freephone 0800 707 6990**. For more information about this article, please

Help Save Our Environment and Raise Money by Recycling!

We are currently raising funds for **DERBYSHIRE AUTISM SERVICES GROUP** by recycling inkjet cartridges and laser/toner cartridges and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Our organisation will receive **50%** of the recycling value for any mobile phones, **£1** for each original empty inkjet cartridge or up to

o **£5** per empty laser/toner cartridge donated kindly by you, friends, family or colleagues.

Donate Your Old Items

To recycle your items for free and raise funds for this great cause simply go to: [Recycle 4 charity](#) scroll to Donate your item, select your donation and choose the DASG, and click to select.

If you think this is a good idea and want to help promote our recycling campaign further why not forward this email to anyone you know. Thanks for taking the time to help us and the environment, your support is always appreciated.

DERBYSHIRE AUTISM SERVICES GROUP in association with



INTERNET SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

We're proud to announce that a Beta version of our new website for parents and carers is now live at www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents. The new site offers a completely refreshed suite of articles and guidance on all aspects of child internet safety.

Families can visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents to access advice and support on how to keep children safe from sexual abuse, both online and off. Articles provide guidance on topics as diverse as: challenging harmful sexual attitudes and promoting positive behaviours; helping a child with autism negotiate life online; supporting a child who has been sexually abused; and dealing with a range of online issues such as sending nude selfies and viewing pornography. Users will find films, downloadable guides and useful links to support organisations.

Families can also use the website to access the CEOP Safety Centre (www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre) where they can report abuse and exploitation direct to CEOP.

Support Meetings What's on:

Welcome to the Grapevine Wellbeing Centre

The Grapevine Wellbeing Centre is open to all people who want support and help with their mental wellbeing. It is a resource centre providing access to a wide range of helpful services, activities and support.

At the Wellbeing Centre we have experienced volunteers who are always happy to listen and help out where they can. If they can't help they will point you in the right direction and guide you to the most suitable alternative services.

The Grapevine Wellbeing Centre is located at:

15, Scarsdale Place, Buxton and is **open every weekday from 12.30pm to 3.30pm**.

Drop in for a drink, a chat and to catch up with Grapevine news, events and group activities.

Help and advice is always on hand.

Cypress Support Groups

Supporting Parents and Carers of children and young people with additional needs and/or disabilities. To find out more about Cypress Support Groups and the times, venues and upcoming dates of your nearest group visit the website at: www.cypress.org.uk or call: 07990731477

Parent /Carer support group for ASD/ADHD in Chesterfield

This group is run with the support of Derbyshire Carers.

We meet at **St Thomas's Centre in Brampton, Chesterfield S40 3AW** on a Tuesday once a month 9.30 - 11.30am.

We are quite an informal group and sometimes have speakers to come and talk to us.

For more information please contact Clare Griffiths on: claree73@gmail.com or Derbyshire Carers at 01246 222373

Derby City Parent Carer Forum

We are a group of parents and carers of children & young people with disabilities and additional needs from Derby City. Our children are of various ages ranging from new born to 25 years of age. We are interested in making a difference and ensuring our children have the best future possible.

For more information call: 07733500336
or visit <http://www.derbycityparentcarerforum.org.uk>

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NAVIGATING THE SPECTRUM

...AN AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



A **FREE** event for parents of children and young people on the autism spectrum in Staffordshire

Saturday 2nd July, at Uttoxeter Racecourse 9.30am – 4pm

Choose from two 1 ½ hour workshops in the morning.

- 1 Sensory Processing Dysfunction – Laura Graham
- 2 Sex and Relationship Education – Tracey Green
- 3 Functional Reflex Therapy – Sue Burford
- 4 Living with Autism – Machita Denny
- 5 Understanding and Maintaining Friendships – Naida Southall
- 6 Feeding and Eating Problems – Clarissa Martin
- 7 Autism And Girls - The Gender Difference – Lana Grant
- 8 Comic Strips and Social Stories – Janine Williams & Debbie Hodgetts

Following a **FREE** lunch, we are delighted to announce **GEOFF EVANS** will be delivering his workshop **'Managing Melt Downs and Closures'**

For a workshop overview and a booking form please call Tracy Munday on; 01785 356930 or email; skillshare@staffordshire.gov.uk Places are allocated on a first come first served basis.



SkillShare



Summer Autism Play Session

£5.50 per child

advance bookings only

9.30am – 11.30am

Wednesday 27th July & Tuesday 9th August

For Children with Autism, Aspergers, ADHD & their Families



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Ball Hockey

Its fast and furious!
Ball Hockey is coming to Long Eaton

West Park Leisure Centre
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Saturdays 6pm - 7pm
£4 per person
Over 18's only

Contact Toni Jantschenko

☎ 07584 856292

✉ toni@villagegames.org.uk

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North Derbyshire Mental Health
Carers Forum

NDMHC

Invite you to our **OPEN DAY**

You are invited to join us in this event to meet
Carers and other Mental Health Professionals

Where? The Winding Wheel, Chesterfield

When? Wednesday, 29th June

10.00am-3.00pm

This event closely follows on from Carers Week 2016 and information about
the Care Act will be available

Along with our Forum Member/Carers we look forward to welcoming various
representatives from DHCFT, DCC Adult Care, Welfare Rights, Derbyshire Carers
Assoc and Thinkcarer, .

We are expecting local Police representation, the Alzheimers society and other
MH support groups will be there to provide information. Experienced MH
practitioners will attend to offer advice on Health and Well-being within the
Mental Health setting.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please come along either as a visitor/carer or to take advantage of a networking/
information sharing opportunity.

To book a space/table for your group or organisation please contact ASAP

José nipntuc@hotmail.com / info@ndmhcarers.org



Find out more about us by visiting our website www.ndmhcarers.org

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Why not use Virgin Money to promote your fundraising activity and ask your friends and colleagues to donate to the DASG on-line. **Direct Debits can also be set up, for further details please contact the office on: 01773 741221.**

Thank you once again

Autism Friendly
Water Meadows Swimming Club Water Meadows
Mansfield NG18 1BA

This Saturday Swimming Club is organised by one of our Parents and has been running for the past 6 years. The cost is £12 per family. If you would like to join please contact: Kathryn Brown on 07825 396 378. **Dates are as follows:**

June 18th and July 9th 2016 7pm-8pm

The Derby Disabled Swimming Club is looking for
new members!

Derby Dippers - Disabled Swimming Club: This swimming club is held every Sunday afternoon at Moorways swimming pool from 4.30pm - 5.30pm. It is for any disability and any age group. Admission £1.50 for adults / £1.00p for Under 18s. Family and friends also welcome, Call Kully Baines on 01332 643202 Day / 01332 760089 Evening.



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The “**Give as you live**” website brings together thousands of online retailers that have all signed up to donate a percentage of every purchase you make to us at no cost to you.

When you download “Give as you live” and sign in using your Everyclick account, or create a new one nominating “Derbyshire Autism Services Group” as your preferred charity. When you shop directly with one of the retailers listed they will donate a percentage of your purchase to us. The average internet shopper can raise £25 in one year, without any extra cost to themselves. It’s quick to install and is 100% secure, so why not give it a try.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

THINGS TO DO & PLACES TO GO

TRAMPOLINING SESSIONS AT RIPLEY

For young people with additional needs. Qualified and experienced coaches. General supervision to be provided by parent/carer.

At Ripley Leisure Centre, Derby Road, Ripley. Saturday at 11.15 am, only £4.00 per session. Please contact Vanya Currell or Ripley Leisure Centre on: 01773 514727 and leave a message for Tracy to call you.

Ilkeston 1st Bowl

DASG members can bowl at the reduced cost to them of £2.50 each, per game, Monday – Sunday at anytime



Social Night—Over 18s

A social evening is held for the over 18's with additional needs at Hacketts, 8 King Street Belper (behind Boots) on the third Wednesday of each month between 7pm and 10pm.

There is no entrance fee.

A typical evening will be a disco, karaoke and an ever popular raffle. Drinks are available to purchase at the bar.

Further details are available from Elaine 07527364947.



Dimensions Disco (Over 18s only). Disco for people with learning disabili-

ties at

The Venue Night Club, Abbey Street, Derby. The 1st Monday of the month from 7pm-10:30pm. Contact: Shelly Burton on 07721 384920 or

Just Good Friends

A nightclub event for Adults with Learning Disabilities

NIGHTCLUB EVENT

The Vibe Bar

(Next Door to Evolution)

Chesterfield

Tickets available NOW

**** £3.00 each ****

Just Good Friends Nightclub event is a friendly, inclusive evening, but we can't offer one to one support, so if you need assistance, your friend or carer will need to buy a ticket too.

If you want to book a ticket or have any queries please ring

Tel: 075990 76866 or 075990 76868

OVER 18's ONLY

Quotes from some 'clubbers'
"A brilliant night" "Best night ever" "Wicked" "Fantastic"
"Nice to meet up with my friends"



Derbyshire County Council's
Adult Community Education Service

Look, Try, Learn

Come and join us for our Open Day
as part of Adult Learners Week

FREE

All welcome, whether on your own,
with a friend or with children



**Saturday
11th June
10.00am
– 1.00pm**

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In addition to the courses listed here, we offer much, much more. You can choose daytime or evening sessions at venues throughout the county. We can help you improve your qualifications and job prospects or learn new skills and hobbies. You'll get excellent tuition, great value for money and probably make new friends into the bargain.

**Come take a look
at the taster
sessions and try
them out. See
what's on offer
now and in
September.**



**Scan the QR
code with your
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to the website.**

Community House ACE Centre

Community House, 173 Derby Road, Long Eaton
Derbyshire. NG10 4LL

Tel: 0115 973 2827

Email: communityhouse.ace@derbyshire.gov.uk

For further information, please call
0115 973 2827



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Countryside events 2016



WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE to SUNDAY 31 JULY CROMFORD CANAL AND HIGH PEAK TRAIL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Calling all budding photographers! Get your cameras out and get snappy along the Cromford Canal and High Peak Trail. The competition is open to amateur snappers of all ages. Your pictures should be taken on or around the Canal and Trail any time of year, but must be submitted to the Visitor Centre at Middleton Top by 31 July. The winners will be selected by a public vote.
Information: For details and entry forms, with full T&Cs, contact Middleton Top 01629 823204.

THURSDAY 2 JUNE

10am-3pm. Turn up any time.

CANAL SCAVENGER HUNT AND SPRING MOBILES

It's half term! Celebrate by getting out into the fresh air by the Chesterfield Canal. Collect all the items you can on the scavenger list, bring them to the visitor centre and make a Spring mobile.

Meet: Tapton Lock Visitor Centre, Lockford Lane, Chesterfield, off the A61 Tesco roundabout.

Equipment: Dress for this outdoor event.

Cost: £3 per child.

Location: OS ref SK388 729 Sat Nav S41 7JB

Information: Tapton Lock Visitor Centre 01629 533020. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Derbyshire County Council supports the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Discovery Walks Festival Saturday 28 May to Sunday 12 June

See the Discovery Walks Booklet (out in February) for over 40 walks, (easy access, family-friendly and dog-friendly walks available), planned along the Derwent Valley between Derby and Matlock Bath.

THURSDAY 11 JUNE and SUNDAY 12 JUNE

11am-3pm. Turn up any time.

HIGH PEAK JUNCTION AND RAILWAY WORKSHOPS AUDIO TOUR

As part of the celebrations for the final weekend of the Derwent Valley Mills Discovery Walks, enjoy a self-led tour of this fascinating junction between the former railway and canal.

Meet: High Peak Junction Visitor Centre.

Cost: FREE entry to the workshops and hire of the High Peak Junction and Railway Workshops Audio Tour. Parking charges apply.

Location: OS ref SK314 560 Sat Nav DE4 5AA Follow the brown tourist signs from Cromford.

Information: Middleton Top Countryside Centre 01629 823204.



FRIDAY 11 JUNE and SUNDAY 12 JUNE

11am-4pm. Turn up any time.

THE VIKINGS OF MIDDLE ENGLAND

Join The Vikings of Middle England for a fabulous weekend of combat displays, a living history encampment, authentic recipes, traditional crafts, stalls and activities such as have-a-go at archery and strike you own coin. It promises to be educational, entertaining and extraordinary!

Meet: Shipleigh Country Park Event Field.

Equipment: Suitable clothing and footwear.

Cost: FREE entry. Small charge for some activities. Parking charges apply.

Location: OS ref SK431 452 Sat Nav DE75 7GX

Information: Shipleigh Country Park 01773 719961. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Derbyshire County Council supports Learning Disability Week in June.

It's always fun to explore new places and make new friends.

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE CELEBRATION

FRIDAY 18 JUNE

10am-12 noon

DISCOVER ORCHIDS

Take a walk with members of the Pleasley Pit Nature Study Group and discover the delights of the British orchid family. You will be amazed at these beautiful and elusive plants.

Meet: Colliery car park, Pit Lane, Pleasley.

Length: 2 miles.

Equipment: Suitable clothing and footwear.

Cost: FREE in partnership with Pleasley Pit Nature Study Group.

Location: OS ref SK501 644

Sat Nav NG19 7PH

Information and booking:

Clay Cross Countryside

Centre 01629 533020.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

Common Spotted Orchid



FRIDAY 19 JUNE

11am-4pm. Turn up any time.

INSECT SHOW

Join the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Entomological Society for their bug-tastic Insect Show, insect related displays and plant stalls. A guided butterfly walk will also take place (details nearer the time).

Meet: Shipleigh Country Park Visitor Centre.

Equipment: Suitable clothing and footwear.

Cost: FREE. Parking charges apply.

Location: OS ref SK431 452 Sat Nav DE75 7GX

Information: Shipleigh Country Park 01773

719961. Dogs on leads welcome.

Orange Ladybird



FRIDAY 3 JULY

12 noon-4pm. Turn up any time.

LAKESIDE FESTIVAL

Join the Friends of Kirk Hallam Lake and the Countryside Service for this summer festival. The Lakeside Festival highlights the many aspects of the rich wildlife of the site, and also includes other invited organisations with similar aims to help animals, wildlife and the natural world. Stalls and small fair rides too.

Meet: Kirk Hallam Lake, off Godfrey Drive, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston.

Equipment: Suitable clothing and footwear.

Cost: FREE. Small charge for some activities.

Location: OS ref SK455 406 Sat Nav DE7 4HN

Information: Shipleigh Country Park 01773 719961. Dogs on leads welcome.

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE CELEBRATION

FRIDAY 16 JULY

10am-12 noon

DISCOVER BUTTERFLIES

Can you tell your Grizzled from your Dingy? Take a walk with members of the Pleasley Pit Nature Study Group, learn more and see how many of the beautiful British butterfly family you can spot.

Meet: Colliery car park, Pit Lane, Pleasley.

Length: 2 miles.

Equipment: Suitable clothing and footwear.

Cost: FREE in partnership with Pleasley Pit Nature Study Group.

Location: OS ref SK501 644 Sat Nav NG19 7PH

Information and booking: Clay Cross Countryside Centre 01629 533020.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

Dingy
Skipper
Butterfly



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PURPLE PEACH

DANCING CHILLOUT FILMS BAR

A unique club-style night for people with learning disabilities,
their carers and friends.

Purple Peach Club Night returns due to popular demand!
Journey through unusual visual worlds, strange sounds and chilled out
beats in a fun, creative and relaxed atmosphere. Expect the unexpected.

Friday 17 June 2016, 6.30pm-10.00pm

Entry £5 - pay on door but pre-booking essential

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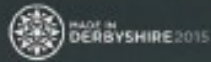
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**South Derbyshire CVS and Volunteer Centre
Volunteers' Week 2016
Thank You Event**

Monday 6th June

12:30 - 3:30 pm

**Rosliston Forestry Centre
Burton Road, Rosliston, Swadlincote
Derbyshire, DE12 8JX**



Join us for tea, coffee and cake!

Make a key ring

Decorate a tote-bag

And explore the forestry centre with
our treasure hunt trail!

FREE to volunteers - but booking is essential

Contact Elspeth Frudd for more information and to book a place:

Telephone: 01283 219761

Email: bookings@sdcvs.org.uk

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HORIZONS (LEARNERS WITH
LEARNING DIFFICULTIES
AND/OR DISABILITIES)

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1 ASD

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0115 914 6414

2016/17

Horizons Level 1 ASD

Duration 1 year full-time
How to apply Application form

Location Beeston

What will I be doing?

This course is for students with Higher Functioning Autism/Aspergers Syndrome who are ready to move onto a Level 1 course. It has been designed to aid the transition between school and college and to help you adjust to the changes involved. We particularly focus on developing communication and social skills, with strategies to enable progress in education and personal development. There is a strong element of tutorial support underpinning the course.

The programme consists of the study of English; Maths; ICT; Personal and Social Development; Independent Living and Employability Skills. There is a range of vocational elements that include:

- Art and Design
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Cookery
- Enterprise
- Sport

There are also comprehensive enrichment elements built into the programme, including trips and residential visits. In addition, there is an opportunity for all students to undertake a work experience placement and/or a supported internship.

Why is studying English and Maths important?

English and Maths are an essential part of your studies and will help you succeed on your course. These subjects will help you develop confidence and are the key employability skills that all employers now look for when recruiting. In addition, they will support any higher level learning for you in the future.

Enterprise Skills

Our full-time courses are designed to help you achieve your ambitions whether your goal is to go on to a higher level of study or whether you are looking to start a job. Therefore as part of your course there will be employability and study skills (we call these PD Central) that are included to meet your needs and those of the industry you want your career in.

What do I need to get on the course?

One of the following:

- 4 GCSEs at grades D-G including English Language and Maths
- A relevant Entry 3 qualification, plus you will need to complete an English and Maths assessment to determine the right course and support for you.

This course is specific for learners with Autistic Spectrum Disorder with a need for learning support.

How do I pass the course?

You will carry out work to achieve competence in each component of the course. You will be supported to produce a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate your skills, experiences and knowledge in each area of the programme. Functional Skills have externally set assessments.

Individual Learning Action Plan - All learners will identify areas for development and set appropriate targets with the support of staff.

What will my qualification be?

- AIM Awards Certificate in Skills for Employment and Further Learning (SEFL) OR
- Pearson Certificate in Vocational Studies

What essential information do I need to know?

The programme is fully supported and run in small groups. It endeavours to provide a positive and rewarding learning experience and environment to meet all your learning needs.

What can I do when I finish the course?

- Level 1 ASD Advanced
- Specialist Level 1 or 2 vocational programmes

Further career opportunities include:

- Voluntary Opportunities
- Supported or Paid Employment