

Arden College

Arden College is situated in the heart of Southport, a vibrant and cultured town on the west coast of Lancashire. The college makes the most of its location, with a lot of the extended curriculum being located within the community and vocational settings within the region.

As a specialist day and residential college for students aged 16 to 25 years with learning difficulties and disabilities and/or behavioural and social difficulties, Arden College provides individual programmes of support either as 38 or 52 week placements for up to three years. This includes regular reviews to ensure that student needs are constantly being met.

With a dedicated team of staff, we provide every young person with a personalised programme of education, care, work experience, leisure, life skills and training within the community, to enable them to live as independently as possible and make their own life choices.



Support offered

- Continued and ongoing support with learning and life skills
- Individually tailored programmes for education, social and personal development
- Access to work experience opportunities with national employers, as well as volunteer work
- For complex learners, we offer high levels of support including one-to-one teaching and care
- An inclusive communication environment that supports learners with their individualised communication systems including spoken words, signing and symbols
- A key tutor is assigned to each student who acts as the liaison between home and agencies, dealing with all initial enquires and transition arrangements
- Access to structured and informal leisure activities, as well as the opportunity to access the community
- For some of our learners, sensory and experiential learning activities are needed to ensure that they can become engaged in learning. These programmes are planned well in advance to ensure that the right support and resources are in place for when the learner starts transition into college
- The college has developed partnerships with local authorities to support learners post-college with day and residential placements, as well as offering respite provision to its learners

Our admissions criteria

- Aged between 16 and 25 years
- Behavioural and social difficulties
- Learning difficulties or disabilities within the moderate to severe range

Our expert team

Learners are given individual support and guidance either through ongoing help from staff, or if identified as an additional need through external agencies such as community nurses, speech and language therapy, a psychologist, advocacy or specified others.

Our highly qualified staff undergo training in effective support for learners and specific learning disabilities. The college uses Team Teach Techniques to provide positive de-escalation and intervention to support learners whilst at college.

Learning takes place in a structured environment with a clear strategic focus aimed at making teaching and learning accessible. While some strategies, such as the use of visual resources are applied throughout the curriculum, others are adapted to meet the specific needs of individual learners. We use the same teaching and learning strategies and resources in our residential homes, and the same educational support staff also work in both environments to ensure a consistent approach.

Quality of provision

Arden College is inspected by Ofsted and is graded as Good (June 2017). All of Arden's residential units are inspected by CQC and are all rated as compliant. As part of the Priory Group, the college undergoes extensive internal reviews of quality and compliance against Ofsted and CQC outcomes.

Positive outcomes

Young people on leaving Arden College progress onto a variety of pathways, including residential, the world of work, Further Education and training. The college ensures through review that each of these pathways is progressed if and when appropriate. The college has demonstrated positive outcomes for its leavers over several years. These include:

100%

of young people are engaged in age appropriate independence programmes

100%

of residential young people took part in clubs or social groups in the community

100%

of young people engage in 2 hours+ physical activity per week

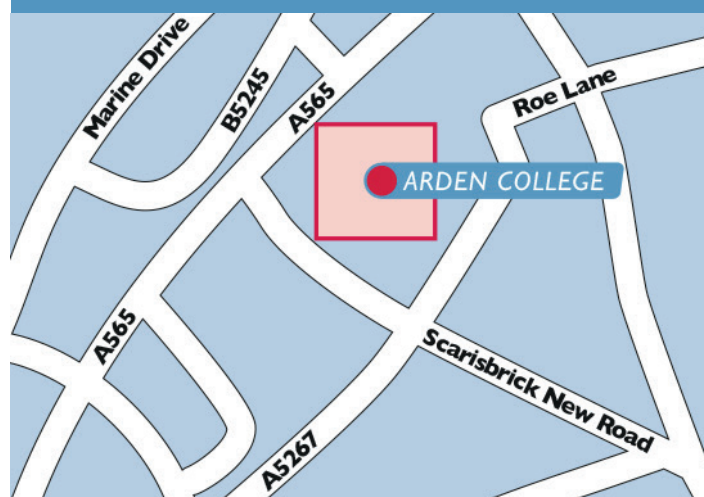
65%

of FE college students continued in education or moved into employment or work related training

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