

Supported Learning

Our Entry Level 1 to 3 courses prepare students for independence and employment in a number of vocational areas.



Students will study towards a College certificate, and may study optional BTEC or ASCENTIS Qualifications.

A wide range of teaching and learning strategies are used to meet individual needs and make the curriculum fully accessible.

Before enrolment, students have the opportunity to visit the College, meet the staff and students and take part in a class.

While there is a member of staff on duty at break times, in general students are free to access all parts of the College or leave the building independently.

All students are set termly targets aligned with ECHP plans, as well as subject specific SMART goals.

These are regularly reviewed by formal and informal assessments. Students learn English, Maths and ICT along with their chosen subject.

Students will increase their confidence, communication, and independence skills and have the opportunity to take part in enrichment activities like sports, dance or drama.

Courses

Art & Media

Explore drawing, painting, digital media and three dimensional arts as you develop your creative skills. You will have the opportunity to work with a range of materials on individual and group projects. Progression can be towards a mainstream course or potential work within the creative industries.

Catering

Enjoy cooking? Increase your skills and find out more about a career in the catering industry. You will take part in weekly 'pop-up' catering enterprises delivered within the College, learning all aspects of catering from health & safety, nutrition and food preparation to presentation and serving customers. You have the opportunity to progress to Hospitality at Brixton Campus Cafe.

Life & Work Skills

This course is for students who have a learning difficulty or disability and need support with a range of practical life and work skills. You will take part in Enterprise activities (like shredding/recycling) and increase social and independence skills while improving your ICT, Maths and English. You will also have the opportunity to develop communication skills in a wide variety of social settings and have positive learning opportunities to build confidence in making positive life choices.

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Courses

Introduction to the Hospitality Industry

This is for students who would like a career in the catering industry. The course is at Brixton Campus' Healthy Gourmet Café. It provides a strong foundation in catering and food hygiene with an emphasis on practical skills i.e. food preparation, time keeping, personal presentation (uniforms), money handling, (counter service) and working in a team (customer service). You will take part in all aspects of running a fully functioning, busy café.

Preparation for Employment

For students who are ready to take the next step into employment. You will explore the skills needed for today's competitive job markets. The course covers CV writing, presentation, communication and interview skills. You will attend job fairs, visit employers and of course, apply for jobs. Previous placements include Tate Britain, Age UK, ZSL London Zoo and British Red Cross. Placements are supported by Specialist Employment Partners Unity Works.

Supported Internship

Students will have the opportunity to take part in work experience within the College and on external placements, working with employment specialist partners. You will attend College for part of the week studying Workskills, Maths and English, and be in the workplace for the rest of the week. Individuals will be matched to suitable opportunities. This course is for students who are ready to leave education and join the world of work. Places are by selection.

Work and Construction Skills

You will have access to the College's specialist workshop facilities to explore construction pathways which might include Brickwork, Electrical or Painting and Decorating. You will develop practical and team-working skills alongside maths, English and employability, learning with experts in their field.

Retail

For students who would like to explore a career in retail. With support, you will be running the College 'Reco Shop' – ordering supplies, stocktaking, and serving customers. You will learn about personal presentation, decorative displays, money handling, customer service, and how to work as part of an effective team.

Tasters for Progression

For school leavers who would like to explore vocational choices. Students will have the opportunity to try out different subjects, which may include:

- Cookery/Catering
- Retail
- Construction
- Art
- Sports
- Community Access

Students will begin to develop employability awareness and learn interview and presentation skills.



These full time courses are for young people with EHCPs / learning disabilities and are for 16 hours per week, usually over 4 days.

All classes have additional Learning Assistant support and a maximum of 10 students. Some courses have additional, optional qualifications.

The Supported Learning department is within the main College so students should be able to feel comfortable within that busy environment, at least for arrival and departure.

There are also part time courses for adults: Return to Learning Maths, English and ICT

This is for students with a learning disability who would like to develop their skills either for personal development, in the community, or for work. These courses are for 3 hours per week and have a maximum of 8 students.

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