HALTON DIRECTORY OF
POST-16 TRAINING & RE-ENGAGEMENT
PROVISION

For Young People aged
16 to 18, and 19 to 24 with Special Educational
Needs

March 2019

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PROVISION FLOWCHART FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF ACADEMIC AGE 16 TO 18

September 2014

CATEGORY 1
Pre-Engagement Provision

CATEGORY 2
Re-Engagement Provision

CATEGORY 3
EFA Funded Education or Training

CAREERS INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE SERVICE
For young people who are NEET

Careers IAG
LA commissioned service for 16-18 year old young people who are NEET - delivered by Career Connect Connexions

Be The Change
Careers Education Programme delivered by Career Connect Connexions

PEER COACHING for young people NEET aged 16 to 18
Delivered by Training Attention ends 31st March 2020

Youth Services for young people
Young Addaction, Wellbeing Enterprise, Youth Federation - NGage

Prince’s Trust TEAM Programme for young people NEET/Unemployed aged 16 to 24
Talent Match delivered by Youth Federation for young people NEET/Unemployed aged 18 to 24 finishes December 2021
National Citizens Service (NCS) delivered by Ingeus for young people in years’ 11 & 12
Ways to Work Programme delivered by Halton Borough Council for young people aged 16 and above, finishes March 2020

STUDY PROGRAMME
Riverside College
Cronton Sixth Form College
Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy
Ashley School
Total People

TRAINEESHIP
Power in Partnership
Pro Sport Education
Vikings Learning Centre
The Cavendish Academy

APPRENTICESHIP

SUPPORT SERVICES:- Teenage Parents / Pregnancy, Youth Offending Service, Health, Housing, Child in Care / Care Leavers, Targeted Youth Services, Disability Service
Success Measures: Achievement of strategic outcomes, support service local outcomes, reduction in NEET
Halton Borough Council

Young People’s Case Workers

Halton Borough Council tracks the education and employment activities of young people of academic ages 16 to 18, reporting this every month to the Department for Education.

Young People’s Case Workers will support the transition into education or training of young people who are Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET). They will review and assess information on young people (this is primarily centred on the information held on our database and where fitting from liaising with partners both within the LA and external organisations), and make appropriate referrals into provision and services. Case Workers will follow up referrals to review whether they have been appropriate and to involve additional agencies where necessary.

Where you are working with a young person who is NEET aged 16 to 18 or 19 to 24 with special educational needs or disabilities please contact a Case Worker, who can work with you to ensure appropriate provision and support is in place, on:-

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Career Resources and Information:-

**www.merseyinteractive.com Halton Area**

One place for all the publically available links to career information and resources includes Barclays Lifeskills, Apprenticeship Vacancies, subject related career information and is being further developed to include local labour market information and local employer profiles.

**HPS Your Future**

Follow us for regular updates on local apprenticeship vacancies, events and opportunities for young people.

**https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk**

Provides independent, professional and high quality careers and skills advice. Can be accessed from age 13+ online or over the telephone. Adults have additional access to community-based face-to-face advice.

**www.halton.gov.uk/yourfuture**

Where you will find this directory, information for young parents, consent and privacy information.
Careers Advice & Guidance
For those not in employment, education or training who are 16 to 18 years old or 19 to 24 years old with special educational needs or disabilities

To see a Connexions Adviser for help with job, apprenticeship or course searches, CVs, application forms, interview preparation and more visit:

Grangewey Community Centre
Grangewey, Runcorn
Mondays and Tuesdays
1pm to 4pm

Box 18, Halton Stadium, Widnes
Mondays and Tuesdays
1pm to 4pm

You can also ring:
0844 824 0500

Or to find out more information online go to:
www.facebook.com/hpsyourfuture
OFFER:  
Be The Change is an innovative, interactive and motivational careers education programme designed to challenge perceptions and support young people to make positive career choices about their future. The programme involves a series of small group sessions and off-site activities including sessions such as:

- Positive role models
- Play Your Career Right
- Trips out – Bowling, Climbing Wall
- Who Wants To Be An Entrepreneur
- Local employer guest speakers

It is delivered over two to three weeks with 3 sessions each week and will run in March 2019.

Recruitment
Is through awareness raising activities. Referrals come from other agencies or existing caseloads and are followed up by telephone, text and home visits.

Funding End Date
Ongoing

Eligibility Criteria
Young People aged 16 to 24 who are NEET/Unemployed and live in the Halton area.

Programme Outcomes
Ability to make informed and realistic career decisions including a raised awareness of local opportunities and practical support to progress. Each young person will have a named advisor who will provide ongoing support after the programme. Progression rates very high into EET after completion of programme.

Bursary/Travel Expenses
- Young People are picked up and dropped off each day and lunch is provided.

Incentives
- Financial incentive based on attendance and achievement.

Work Experience Opportunities
Work Experience is not part of the programme however local employer visits are included.

Specialist Support Available
- Specialist careers advice and guidance.
- Referrals and access to appropriate specialist support agencies.

Three things for a provider/service to mention when discussing the provision with a young person
1. A concise and highly interactive motivational and fun activity based careers education programme.
2. Previous courses have a proven high success rate of supporting young people into education, employment and training.
3. Young people are rewarded with financial incentives and activities.

Public Transport Information - up to date as of 26th September 2014, please check bus timetables before travelling:-
http://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/publictransport/bus-timetables.aspx

Grangeway Community Centre
79C Arriva Runcorn High Street and Runcorn Shopping Centre
62A Halton Transport Runcorn High Street and Runcorn Shopping Centre
26 Halton Transport Greenoaks
Grangeway Community Centre is the building behind black railings, next door to the church and Heron Foods.

Upton Community Centre
14A from Widnes Road to Hough Green Road
26 from Widnes Green Oaks, Ditchfield Road to Hough Green Road
Upton Community Centre is located off Hough Green Road near the medical centre.
OFFER:-
The **Ways to Work Peer Coaching, 1:1 Coaching and Mentoring** project is part funded by the European Social Fund and Youth Employment Initiative. Peer Coaching will support young people to learn coaching and peer coaching skills in a small group setting and young people are encouraged to use their strengths and observational skills to support one another.

Learning what motivates them; young people will be supported to manage their state, to make and enact positive decisions and to learn at their best. Young people will be supported and support each other to access services and/or training or education. The skills that young people will learn are useful for:-

- getting more confident
- learning to spell, read, memorise stuff and do maths more easily
- keeping your temper and helping other people to keep their temper
- setting and getting goals
- coaching other people

There is an opportunity for 1:1 and small group support, which enables more targeted work to be conducted with young people in need of either short-term or longer-term interventions.

Recruitment
- We will work to engage with young people out in the community and their home environment by door knocking, phone calls and leaflet drops to introduce ourselves and the programme.
- We will take referrals from other services and providers, and self-referrals from young people.

Funding End Date
This programme is supported by the European Social Fund and Youth Employment Initiative until 31st March 2020

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**Bursaries / Travel Expenses**
Lunch provided if young people are attending a full day session

**Specialist Support Available**
- Psychotherapy
- Counselling, coaching and mentoring
- Neuro diversity support

**Three things for a provider/service to mention when discussing the provision with a young person**
1. You will create your own learning environment, it is about learning how you ‘tick’ or ‘work’ using the skills and resources you already have – we will not tell you to do anything
2. For people who are in need of an extended programme they can come back and repeat the course
3. From the first 3 courses, 27 young people started, the majority of who had been out of training or education for 6 months+, of these 18 progressed (17 to education or training & 1 to employment) and 5 may continue.

**Public Transport Information** - up to date as of 22nd October 2014, please check bus timetables before travelling:-
http://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/publictransport/bus-timetables.aspx

**From Widnes**
- 61 from Widnes Green Oaks, onto Kingsway and Runcorn High Street to Runcorn Shopping Centre then take 36 to Palacefields Avenue

**From Runcorn**
- 36 from Runcorn Shopping Centre to Palacefields Avenue
James is 18 years old and will turn 19 in January 2015. He lives in Runcorn and left school when he was 16 years old with 7 GCSE’s.

He then went to college and studied 3 ‘A’ levels. James did not really like the place as he did not get on well with the young people or the teachers. He failed his exams and left when he was 17 years old.

James was then unemployed for a period and applied to the RAF. He was turned down at the interview stage and had no other ideas at the time as to what to do with the rest of his life. He then became NEET for more than 18 months.

Shaun Hotchkiss and Stuart Clark from Training Attention knocked on his door in the summer of 2014 and invited him to attend our Peer Coaching Programme in Runcorn. Although he had agreed to attend, he did not turn up on the first day. He did attend the second day because we were persistent, we offered him a lift and he thought he might as well give it a go.

James continued to attend for a number of reasons including that he found the course content interesting and it made him think. He liked that we had the run of the youth club and played games including pool and had the chance to learn how to make pizzas. James said that he had been made to think of things in a way that he had not done before.

He then came on our second cohort to embed his learning and attended the third cohort as a paid assistant. For this James started coming in early and helping to set up. He helped us to put the new attendees at ease from the start and was able to lead the answering and input of the group as well as participating. James took part in our daily feedback as a trainer and we were so impressed with him that we allowed him to deliver portions of the training. This worked well as the group could easily relate well with and learn from their peer. James received positive feedback from the group and us.

Following the third cohort and James’ success, Training Attention sponsored him to attend a 6 day Clean Learning course – ‘The Core Skills of Symbolic Modelling’. This took place in West Kirby and we picked him up and dropped him off for the first 3 days and he made part of his own way there for the second 3 days.

James said that the course gave him a higher understanding of the stuff we were doing with young people who are NEET in Halton.

Training Attention also introduced James to Peter Gleave who is a mentor with The Youth Federation and enabled him to attain his DBS check and his CSCS card for working in construction.

James will start training in Youth Work level 2 from January 2015. Training Attention are looking to take James on as an apprentice from November 2014 where he will be a paid assistant on the next 4 Peer Coaching Programmes, helping with recruitment and delivery. He has also started work on our Systemic Modelling training for those who look after those who have been affected by fraud.

James is especially interested in Youth Work and knows he will not know if it is the correct future for him until he tries it some more.
# YOUNG ADDACTION

**OFFER:**

Young Addaction provides friendly and expert advice on drugs and alcohol for young people aged 10 to 19 (up to age of 25 with special educational needs or disability). Our service users are at the heart of what we do and recovery for all our service users is our ultimate ambition. However, we know that this will require a different range of interventions for different people; this is why we offer such a wide range of services.

Young Addaction, support young people to understand the effects of their substance misuse and the harm it can cause to them and the people around them. Young Addaction works in partnership with the Amy Winehouse Foundation to educate young people about the risks of substance use, pupils attended workshops and assemblies by the Amy Winehouse Resilience Programme and teachers are offered training to be able to recognise young people’s substance misuse and parental substance misuse. Life story share assemblies – we have a highly trained team of volunteers who are in abstinence based recovery. They deliver their life story shares including feelings as a young person, how they started using substances, significant events in their life which contributed to substance misuse, their time in active addiction and their road to recovery.

**Student Services** offer support in school, working in partnership with teachers, students is supported to ensure their individual needs are met. Together a short assessment will be completed for each student which looks at substance use, family relationships, parental substance use, self-harm and suicide. Alongside providing informal advice, information and support we provide individual Recovery Plans with on-going support, aimed at: Increasing self-awareness Increasing self-esteem Goal setting for future aspirations.

**Teens & Toddlers** The Young Addaction team in Halton deliver the Teens and Toddlers project in partnership with local secondary Schools and nurseries over an 18 week period, delivering 2 cohorts per year. The programme is delivered one day per week and consists of a nursery placement in which the teens will mentor a toddler to support the toddler to develop new skills and increase confidence.

Rise is a programme promoting healthy lifestyles aimed at reducing social isolation amongst young women aged 13 to 19 who are at risk of mental health problems, NEET, drug and alcohol misuse, involvement in the criminal justice system and homelessness.

**Duke of Edinburgh (DofE)** is the world’s leading youth achievement award – with life-changing experiences for everyone. It is run locally in Halton through Young Addaction and is for young people aged 14 and above. There are three levels of programme you can do which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award.

The Mayor’s Award is a bespoke programme of exciting challenges and activities for 10 - 13 year olds in Halton. The Award is very similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme which has been particularly successful in Halton and in essence will be like a mini D of E programme. The Award is now in its second year and will be running in secondary schools and youth venues across the borough.

GLOW In many respects is a youth club much like any other, offering a safe space for young people to socialise and take part in a range of positive activities. We also offer a range of support and information including work to help young people understand issues around sexuality, gender and identity.

**Halton Youth Cabinet** offers young people the chance to discuss debate and take action on the issues impacting on young people in the borough. Young people attending Halton Youth Cabinet act in a representative role to ensure that young people’s voices are heard by politicians and decision makers on a local, regional and national level.

Make it Happen The Make It Happen Group is where Young People aged 10-25 who have additional needs, can meet and have fun whilst learning independent living skills Sessions offer support to enable young people to have fun, whilst learning how to live healthy, fulfilling and safe lives.

**Open Access** The sessions are run across several evenings and weekends at various times. Workers provide new members support with individuals completing an initial contact form and a behavioural contract so that boundaries are set and young people remain safe.
The VRMZ mobile outreach service offers young people appropriate information and advice to help them to develop their ability to make safe and informed choices. The bus is wheelchair accessible and travels throughout Halton delivering information and support to children and young people around: Alcohol/Drugs, C Card – Contraception, Signposting to other service, Healthy Eating and Weight Management, Smoking Cessation, Emotional health and wellbeing, Mental health, Internet safety.

StreetWize team provides the young people of Halton with information and guidance on how to stay safe whilst on the street. We work with young people aged 10-19 (up to 25 with additional needs). StreetWize will provide young people with information and an education on the effects of substance and alcohol misuse, staying safe, developing positive relationships and signposting to positive activities.

NEET Support - Addaction will be offering support to young people who are NEET and at risk of NEET. Current projects are being delivered in partnership with other providers to young people with skills in developing positive and safe relationships; sexual health; mental health and wellbeing; substance misuse; developing confidence and self-esteem; team working, and includes support to access projects including the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Young people who are at Risk of becoming NEET will also be offered the opportunity to participate in digital media qualifications, and take part in a summer project.

Recruitment
Young people are referred by many different routes children social care, school, locality teams, and self-referral. Each project has different start and end dates, please ring a member of the team who will provide information on each of the projects.

Eligibility Criteria
There are individual requirements for each of the projects outlined in the overview above. Please contact the office and speak to a member of the team for further information.

Programme Outcomes
Increased self-esteem and confidence
Increased understanding of assessing and managing risk
Access to positive activities
Referral to appropriate support services

Year 11 Transition Support
Young Addaction will be delivering a year 11 at risk of NEET project in partnership with Training Attention CIC running from April to September 2017, full details will be made available early in the new year.

Specialist Support Available for Young People
One to one support provided for substance use, parental substance use, positive relationships and sexual health, parental mental health and access to positive activities.

Three things for a provider/service to mention when discussing the provision with a young person
1. Young Addiction is a voluntary service and young people choose to work with us.
2. The Service is young person centred and there are lots of opportunities to get involved in fun and inspiring activities.
3. Support is tailored to the individual needs of the young person, work is agreed together with the young person, and young people develop their plans together with their workers.

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CRMZ
14, 61, 62, 79C, 82A and 110 from Runcorn stop at The Doctors Pub and Widnes Road by the old job centre. Buses from Hale, Hough Green, Farnworth Town Centre will stop on Kingsway.

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Grangeway Community Centre is the building behind black railings, next door to the church and Heron Foods.
OFFER: National Citizen Service (NCS)

National Citizen Service is a Government initiative and once-in-a-lifetime experience for all young people, who are in the year 11 and 12 year groups that builds skills, confidence, helps young people get ahead in work and life and make new friends along the way. Now in its fifth year, with young people from nearly 3,000 schools participating, our ambition is to ensure as many young people as possible, regardless of background, ability or ambitions, get the chance to experience and reap the rewards of NCS.

The programme includes 2 five day residential trips which aim to encourage young people to challenge themselves as individuals and achieve set tasks as part of a team. The young people then return to their own communities and learn about some of the issues affecting Halton. They then run a fundraising event with the funds raised being used to deliver an activity or project that tackles local issues and benefits local communities. Previous projects have included creating:

- Essential item boxes for vulnerable adults moving forward into independent living.
- A sensory garden for children with special needs, to help stimulate sight, sound, smell and touch.
- Memory boxes for the elderly suffering with dementia, to evoke memories of yesteryear.

The Summer programme starts 1 July 2019.

Recruitment
- From schools & colleges
- Youth groups and clubs
- Young people who are not in training or education

Eligibility Criteria
- Young people in academic age year groups 11 and 12
- Young people can be aged up to 25 years if they have a disability or learning need.

Programme Outcomes
The end of the programme doesn’t have to be the end of the NCS experience. NCS participants can become part of a network of NCS graduates with access to unique opportunities to stay involved.

Bursary / Travel Expenses
- There is a £50 sign-up fee, however families and individuals may be entitled to a bursary dependant on individual circumstances, income etc...
- All travel expenses will be covered throughout the programme.

Year 11 Transition Support
- Will contact all young people who are interested in NCS.

Three things for a provider/service to mention when discussing the provision with a young person
1. The 2 x 4 day residential visits away from home include team building, problem solving, challenging outdoor activities and most importantly fun, but no-one does anything they feel uncomfortable with.
2. Opportunity to take part in Abseiling; High Ropes; Bush Crafts; Archery; Team Orienteering & much more........
3. Meet new people from your local area and learn more about where you live to help to change it.

Public Transport Information
http://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/publictransport/bus-timetables.aspx
**PRINCE’S TRUST - CHERISHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE**

Key contact to discuss recruitment:
Jason McTigue – 07817 691 030
jason.mctigue@cheshirefire.gov.uk
http://princes-trust.org.uk

**Delivery Venue:**
Runcorn Fire Station, Heath Road, Runcorn WA7 4XL

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**OFFER:-**

**Prince’s Trust TEAM Programme** is a 12 week personal development course that runs Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 4.30pm 3 times a year offering work experience, qualifications, practical skills, community projects and a residential in week 2. Residential is in Wales for 4 days/3 nights (Tue to Fri) where people can take part in abseiling, caving, raft building, river walking and many other activities – there is no cost: all food, equipment & accommodation are provided.

Young people will gain nationally recognised qualifications including first aid, food hygiene and health and safety, and will have the chance to complete further awareness days such as Drive Survive, Disability Awareness and Weapons Awareness. Young people will also complete an:
- Two week work placement.
- Community project and a Final Team Challenge - working as a team to fundraise, buy materials and undertake the project together.
- Prince’s Trust certificate in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills (equivalent to 1 GCSE)

**Recruitment**
- Self-referrals, referrals from services including arranged appointments in Jobcentre Plus.
- Social media and community outreach work, approaching young people in skate parks, shopping centres etc. with capacity for joint home visits with other agencies.

Young people will be invited in for a chat and we aim to meet 70/80 young people during our recruitment period so aim to have a mix of 14 young people on each programme so that the team works well.

**Eligibility Criteria**
Young people aged 16 to 25 who are NEET, Unemployed or claiming JSA. Priority may be given to young people leaving care, young offenders, educational underachievers and the long term unemployed.

If a person starts the course, has been enrolled (week 1 or week 3) and then leaves before achieving they will not be able to re-start.

**Programme Outcomes**
To progress from the course into education, employment or training. To gain confidence, build motivation and team building skills to enable them to succeed in the future.

**Bursary / Travel Expenses**
We can apply through St Helens College (who fund the programme) for funding for bus passes but cannot guarantee this is approved. We also apply to Jobcentre Plus for bus passes if the young person is claiming benefits.

**Work Experience Opportunities**
- Two week block of work experience in weeks 8 and 9, with students in many placements throughout Halton including Marks and Spencer, The Brindley Theatre, Quality Save and New Look.

**Specialist Support Available**
We will approach St Helens College for extra support for students needing additional support. We have young people on our courses with many different disabilities and we discuss with them and their parents/carers before the programme starts what specific support they may need.

Three things for a provider/service to mention when discussing the provision with a young person:
1. The residential is a fun week aimed to build trust, team building skills and confidence but no one does anything they feel uncomfortable with.
2. Young people will complete a two week work placement in an area they are interested in, this placement can help them determine future aspirations and many students in the past have gained work from these placements.
3. Over 70% of young people go into education, employment or training within three months of finishing.

**Public Transport Information** - up to date as of 24th October 2014, please check bus timetables before travelling:-
http://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/publictransport/bus-timetables.aspx

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www.merseyinteractive.com HPS Your Future 12
Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service working in partnership with the Prince's Trust

For 16 - 25 year olds

The Prince's Trust Team programme is a free 12 week course aimed at developing your skills to achieve your utmost potential, so that future employers can recognise your abilities and achievements.

Develop and Improve Your Skills In:
- Communication
- Confidence
- Working with others
- Setting and achieving goals
- Reliability
- Coping
- Job search skills
- Leadership

Qualifications Include:
- Prince’s Trust Certificate in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills
- Emergency First Aid at work (HSE Approved)
- Basic Food Hygiene Certificate (certified by CIEH)
- British Safety Council Level 1 Award in Health and Safety at Work

Interested?

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, Headquarters, Winsford, Cheshire CW7 2FQ
Tel: 01606 898700

www.cheshirefire.gov.uk
When we first met Kimberley she was 25 and she had never had paid employment before. She had completed work placements that hadn’t led anywhere and she was currently on jobseekers. We watched Kim develop throughout the 12 weeks and saw her confidence in herself grow. We praised her hard work ethic, her easy going nature and her positivity. We were astounded that nobody had ever given her a job as we could see how much she could bring to a company. We thought maybe her literacy and spelling issues could have held her back at the application stage.

Throughout the course she had problems in her home life which meant some days she chose between paying rent or buying food. We encouraged Kim to gain a placement at Marks and Spencers. They expected a lot from her but they gave a lot back, from fantastic training to providing lunch and snacks in the canteen every day. She worked at the Widnes branch for two weeks, kept her head down, worked hard and it paid off. Two days after she returned from her work placement they rang to offer her a contract.

That was in April 2014. She has since continued to grow within the company and from signing a part time temporary contract, she is now on a permanent contract doing full time hours. Her whole life has changed around and she is now the breadwinner in her household meaning that her and her partner have a much brighter future together.

WELL DONE KIM!
**TALENT MATCH – YOUTH FEDERATION**

**Key contact to discuss recruitment**
Michael Atherton – 07896 519 025  
mikea@youthfed.org  
www.youthfed.org.uk

**Offer:**  
Talent Match is an intensive mentoring service for 15-29 year olds in Halton who are not in education, employment or training. 18-24 year olds accessing the programme must be at least twelve months NEET – all other referrals will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The programme has access to various types of support and focuses upon the individual using a SELF (Skills/Employment/Life/Future) model:

- **SKILLS** – Access to training and accredited qualifications e.g. Health and Safety, First Aid, Paediatric First Aid, Food Hygiene...etc
- **EMPLOYMENT** - Access to an Employment Mentor who can provide guidance re: traineeships, apprenticeships, work and volunteering placements in order to gain new skills and enhance your CV; Business start up support
- **LIFE** - Therapeutic support and access to counselling; Personal and social development opportunities to work upon confidence and motivation; Access to a breaking down barriers fund, funding for travel, interview clothes, support with childcare, etc.
- **FUTURE** – Support to help you build a better future; Opportunities to access employment; Post employment advice

**Recruitment**
- We accept referrals from other services and providers
- We accept self-referrals from young people

**Funding End Date**
Funded until December 2021

**Eligibility Criteria**
- 15-17 year olds - NEET with multiple barriers
- 18-24 year olds - NEET for over 12 months
- 16-17 & 25-29 – NEET for 6 months

All referrals are assessed on a case-by-case basis

**Bursaries / Travel Expenses**
Business start-up support; breaking down barriers fund to overcome the final financial hurdle posing a barrier to undertaking employment; travel expenses; support with childcare

**Specialist Support Available**
A wide variety of support that is tailored to the needs of the individual and includes counselling; employability support; basic skills; speech & language; advocacy; IAG; housing support; access to a LLDD mentor; travel training; life skills and money management. Each journey is personalised and not time-bound

**Programme Outcome**
Improvement in current life situation and/or progression to employment/education/training

**Three things for a provider/service to mention when discussing the provision with a young person**
1. Everyone is assigned their own mentor who will work on a one to one basis wherever and whenever is convenient
2. There is access to a range of different support services through your mentor
3. The support is not time bound
   
   https://www.biglottaryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/talent-match

**Public Transport Information**
http://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/publictransport/bus-timetables.aspx
LHT have a number of different opportunities to help our tenants and residents into employment or training

**Works for Me:** is an employment and skills service for anyone living in an LHT home who would like to receive information on jobs, training, volunteering opportunities, business support and apprenticeships.

Provide us with your details and we will contact you to talk about how we can support you.

**Facebook:** We have our own Facebook page where current vacancies are shared. Visit [www.facebook.com/LHT.works.for.me](http://www.facebook.com/LHT.works.for.me)

**Work Clubs:** We work in partnership with other agencies to deliver and support a number of work clubs in our neighbourhoods. Support is given to our tenants to increase confidence, knowledge and job prospects. We also provide free internet access for job searches for those without computers at home. Work Clubs are open:

- **Mondays:** 10am – 4pm at Halton Lea Library
- **Wednesdays:** 10am – 2pm at Runcorn Job Centre
- **Thursdays:** 10am – 12 noon at Halton Brook Community Centre
- **Fridays:** 10am – 12 noon at Murdishaw Community Centre

We have a Facebook page where current vacancies are shared. Visit [www.facebook.com/halton.workclubs](http://www.facebook.com/halton.workclubs)

**Working with LHT and our Contractors:**

**Apprenticeship Programme:** LHT’s housing maintenance contractors have opportunities from work placements; apprenticeships to full time jobs – just for LHT residents.

LHT employ apprentices who are fully supported by staff mentors. Many of our apprentices either gain permanent employment or go onto higher education.
**Future Fund:** is a grant of up to £500 aimed at supporting people who live in an LHT home with projects linked to education, training or voluntary work.

**Help 2 Work Fund:** is a grant of up to £100 to support people who live in an LHT home with transport costs, work clothes or resources as they start employment or an apprenticeship.

**Bernie Evans Award:** For LHT tenants and residents who are entering Higher Education with bursaries of up to £1,500. We will help to support tuition fees, course materials, trips or accommodation costs.

**My Work Search:** for those confident in using a computer and the Internet independently, this is an online job search programme which can increase your chances of finding employment.

**AQA’s:** LHT is an AQA registered centre. We deliver a wide range of accredited courses from Event Management to Horticulture.

**Funding Panel Volunteer:** We are looking for people to join our funding panels and help to decide on how money is spent in your neighbourhood. You will gain experience in budgeting, working within a team, decision making and an AQA accreditation - all of which can go on your CV and help you when looking for employment.

To find out more please call 0300 555 0131 and ask to speak to the Regeneration Team
LEADERSHIP THROUGH SPORT AND BUSINESS

FULL-TIME EDUCATION OR TRAINING August 2017 V1

Key contact to discuss recruitment:-
Chris Oliver – 07841 761309
Chris.Oliver@leadershipthroughsport.org
www.leadershipthroughsport.org

Delivery Venues
Kaplan Financial, Cotton House, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, L3 9TP
Liverpool Foundation:-
Liverpool Football Club, Anfield Stadium, Anfield, Liverpool, L4 0TH
Anfield Sports and Community Centre, Lower Breck Road, Liverpool, L6 0AG

OFFER:-
Leadership Through Sport & Business is a national social mobility charity that gives bright, ambitious young people access to careers in accounting and finance. Young people, through a 2 year programme, are given the training and skills to ensure they have a robust foundation for a career in accounting. They study and achieve internationally recognised qualifications from the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT).

Starting with a five-month pre-apprenticeship training programme, that is delivered 4 days a week from the Liverpool Foundation and Kaplan Financial, young people will access a Level 1 Sports Leaders Award; Coaching Qualification; AAT Level 2 and a host of employability skills and exclusive experiences.

Candidates are provided with the training and skills to succeed through exclusive interview coaching, CV workshops, and insight events with leading companies and business people. Candidates will develop transferable skills through training with our football club foundation partners. By learning the skills needed for community coaching, candidates enhance their planning skills, communication skills, abilities to motivate other people, and to work well under pressure. All preparation for the next step, which is a Level 3 Accountancy apprenticeship.

During the 18th month apprenticeship phase, learners will be employed full-time and will receive “day release” to attend AAT Level 3 lessons. The AAT Level 3, also known as the Advanced Diploma in Accounting, comprises five further units: Advanced Bookkeeping, Final Accounts Preparation, Management Accounting Costing, Indirect Tax, and the Advanced Synoptic Assessment.

Recruitment
Interested candidates can complete an on-line application https://ltsb.contextualrecruitment.com/crs/programme-2017/apply or contact Chris Oliver to arrange a face to face meeting or telephone discussion.
Applicants will be invited to attend an assessment day and be successful to enrol themselves onto the programme.
Assessment Day dates are 24th August 2017 (1pm-5pm) and 6th September 2017 (1pm-5pm) both held at Anfield Stadium.

Eligibility Criteria
- 16-21 year olds with an interest in a career in business and finance
- Must have 5+ GCSEs at C and above (Level 9-4)
- Ideally, should have B Grades, at GCSE, in Maths and English (we will still want to speak to learners with C Grades, if they show good commitment)
- Qualities of the learner should include: resiliency, commitment, drive and motivation.

Programme Outcomes
- A full-time career in Accountancy and Finance through an Apprenticeship with an employer within the sector of Finance.
- AAT Level 2 and AAT Level 3 Qualifications
- Level 1 Sports Leadership Award

Bursary/Travel Expenses
For first 5-months of programme, each successful learner is expected to support themselves for travel.

Incentives
- A full-time career in Accountancy and Finance
- Working with Liverpool Foundation
- Attend Liverpool FC Football Game
- Accredited Qualifications for Accountancy

Work Experience Opportunities
LTSB will provide candidates with interview opportunities with specially selected employers offering paid apprenticeships normally lasting 18 months. LTSB works hard to provide young people with outstanding placements at blue chip corporations, as well as local and regional businesses within the sector of finance, and commercial organisations, financial institutions and accountancy firms, to give young people not only the very best apprenticeship experience but also the opportunity of working for these organisations on a permanent basis at the end of their programme. Employers include EY, RSM, Deloitte and Corporative Bank to name a few.

Specialist Support Available
We work with a variety of learners from all different cultures and backgrounds. Our main mission is to help young disadvantaged learners into a prosperous career in Finance. We are open to every learner interested in our programme and willing to give everyone a chance. However, each learner must hit our eligibility criteria or at the very least, show their interest in a career within Accountancy and demonstrate the necessary qualities we look for in a candidate.

www.merseyinteractive.com

HPS Your Future
Year 11 Transition Support
We are extremely interested in meeting secondary schools to accommodate with Year 11 transition. We like to take part in school assemblies and career events, to discuss our programme as a progression route for a learner or just to give advice about the sector of Accountancy and Finance in general.

Three things for a provider/service to mention if discussing the provision with a young person
1. This is a Fast-Track into a Career in Accountancy and Finance with an Apprenticeship attached – taking 2 years to achieve (in comparison to a College – which would take approximately 4 years to accomplish without the promise of an Apprenticeship at the end)
2. 83% of our learners complete the full 2-years of our programme, with 87% of them achieving full-time employment upon completion
3. This is a legitimate alternative to a College and a real offer to young learners who do not want to return to school or college at Year 12 or Year 13, to young people who do not wish to go to University and to young people who want a career in Accountancy but did not know how to pursue it.

Public Transport Information - up to date as of 29th August 2017, please check train and bus timetables before travelling:-

Liverpool Football Club:-
Widnes Station to Edge Hill Station, take no 27 bus to Anfield.
Runcorn Station to Liverpool Lime Street, short walk to Queens Square Bus Station take no 17 bus to Anfield.

Anfield Sports and Community Centre:-
Runcorn or Widnes Station to Liverpool Lime Street, short walk to Wilde Street take no 18 bus to Grange Street – short walk to the Community Centre.

Kaplan Financial:-
Runcorn or Widnes Station to Liverpool Lime Street then take the underground onto Moorfields Station – short walk to Kaplan.

LEADERSHIP
THROUGH SPORT & BUSINESS

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ASPIRING ACCOUNTANTS / BUSINESS LEADERS!
Social mobility charity Leadership Through Sport & Business is entering its sixth year of delivering a life-changing accountancy apprenticeship programme. This year we’re expanding to Liverpool with our amazing partners Liverpool FC Foundation and Kaplan – and we’re looking for talented young people from backgrounds that don’t normally get the chance in major firms.

This 2-year programme develops young people personally and professionally, and better prepares them for the business world. You start with a four-month pre-apprenticeship training programme that includes a Sports Leaders Award, Coaching Qualification, AAT Level 2 and a host of employability skills and exclusive experiences which prepare you for your Level 3 Accountancy apprenticeship. Last year we placed our young people from our Manchester cohort in firms such as EY, RSM and The Co-Operative Bank – this year, you can take the first steps towards an amazing and profitable career!

- Are you 16-21 years old, and hungry for an opportunity in a major firm?
- Are you interested in a career in business and finance?
- Have you got the ability, but just need the chance to show it?
- If you’ve got at least 5+ GCSEs at C and above, with minimum 8s in Maths and English, we want to meet you.

For more info, please email chris.oliver@leadershipthroughsport.org or call 07841 761309, or apply directly at https://tsbc.contextual-recruitment.com/crs/programme-2017/apply
### Key contacts to discuss recruitment:
Claire Bradbury - 07985 245 696 / 01928 569 255  
claire-communities@hotmail.co.uk  
brenda-communities@hotmail.co.uk  
www.power-in-partnership.co.uk

### Delivery Venues:
- 3-5 Alcock Street, Runcorn, WA7 1NA  
- 7 Queens Avenue, Widnes, WA8 8HR

### POWER IN PARTNERSHIP (PiP)

**Offer:**
Power in Partnership launched in 2011 with the purpose of assisting young people from across the community who are not in education or employment. Their model includes work experience and taster days in several vocational areas, English and maths is embedded into all sessions and wrap around support assists the retention and achievement of young people. Courses are personalised around the needs of learners who can progress through programmes to support their personal development.

1. **CCG funded programme** for young people not ready for a full-time timetable who may be socially isolated or anxious that aims to maintain the young people through high crisis/high support need situations. It runs as a small peer support group of 6 young people for 1 day per week. Sessions will be themed around need and young people will also complete ‘why the world of work’ and ‘good citizenship’ booklets whilst exploring English and maths.

2. **First Steps To** - One day volunteering and two days in-house working on certificates that include a Level 1 Employability Certificate OR Level 1 Creative Craft Award, maths and English from Entry Level 1 up to Level 2. The vocational areas covered are Arts, Creative Crafts, Cookery, Sewing, Music, Mechanics, Construction and Hair and Beauty. It is delivered over 15 hrs per week over 12 weeks and is roll-on, roll-off for 16 to 18 year olds with progression to full-time education, traineeships or apprenticeships.

3. **Traineeships** - 1½ days work experience supported by 2 days in house that includes preparation for work experience, maths and English from entry level 1 up to level 2, a Level 1 certificate in preparation for volunteering followed by 6 weeks of full-time work experience. It is delivered over 18 hours per week over 20 weeks for young people aged 16 to 24 with progression to an apprenticeship or full-time education.

Young people can access mentoring and will receive support with intensive job search towards end of provision.

### Recruitment
- Self-referrals, young people transferred from Riverside College and referrals from other agencies. Work closely with engagement services to support recruitment onto courses.

### Eligibility Criteria
- Working Futures: young people NEET or unemployed aged 16-29  
- First Steps to: young people NEET aged 16-18  
- Traineeships: young people NEET aged 16 to 24

### Programme Outcomes
- Progression onto Level 1 and 2, full-time courses, employment, apprenticeship  
- Improved confidence, skills and employability

### Bursary/Travel Expenses
First Steps To and Traineeships - £10-£17.50 bursary / Working Futures - £8.00 per day (to cover meals and travel)

### Work Experience Opportunities
- Traineeships: 1½ days per week & a full-time 6 week placement  
- First Steps To and Working Futures medium programme – 1 day per week

### Year 11 Transition Support
Attend sessions in year 11 to promote provision and work towards a smooth transition for young people after leaving school. There are Open Days in the summer for young people to come along and familiarise themselves with the venue and staff.

### Specialist Support including Support for Young People with Special Educational Needs or Disability
Programmes are open to all. Additional learning support is available and PiP also specialise in supporting people with various barriers to engagement such as low educational attainment, offending, drug and alcohol issues, homelessness, learning difficulties, mental health issues etc.

### Three things for a provider/service to mention when discussing the provision with a young person
1. Relaxed, friendly approach  
2. Excellent support mechanisms in place  
3. Good range of vocational areas covered through Arts, Craft, Music, Photography, Construction, Hair, Beauty, Sewing and Cookery

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www.merseyinteractive.com  
HPS Your Future  
hotspot participation
Public Transport Information - up to date as of 22nd October 2014, please check bus timetables before travelling:
http://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/publictransport/bus-timetables.aspx

3-5 Alcock Street, Runcorn, WA7 1NA
110 from Widnes Green Oaks, Murdishaw Centre, Runcorn Shopping Centre & Castlefields Centre to Runcorn High Street

7 Queens Avenue, Widnes, WA8 8HR
82A from Runcorn Shopping Centre, Runcorn High Street, Widnes Green Oaks to Queens Avenue, Ditton
SR did not achieve at school and had difficulty with basic skills. He joined Power In Partnership as part of his agreement with the Youth Offending Team.

SR had a slow start and rebelled against us, often due to his worries about court dates and family arguments. However in time he realised that PIP was there to support these setbacks and he soon became a valued member of the learners’ team.

SR achieved all his qualifications and a big part of his continuing engagement was because of the opportunity he had with Halton Housing Trust (HHT).

SR preferred to be out doing manual work than in the classroom studying.

He worked as part of the HHT team on tenants’ gardens, removing rubbish and landscaping as required. He proved to be a team leader and acted as mentor to other members of the team.

The staff found him to be a good influence on the team and as one of the more experienced learners he was invaluable to the overall project.

PIP wrote a reference to the Judge who heard SR’s case and commented on how he seemed to have stabilised his offending and “turned a corner”.

SR began a Level 1 in Plastering last year with PIP a full year course together with English and maths. He passed with flying colours and today is studying for his Level 2 Plastering which will be complete by July 2015.

We think, as a young parent, SR is most certainly going to be able to provide for his young family for the rest of his life. PIP intend to assist SR in obtaining work after his level 2 course is complete.

October 2014
TP came to PIP with assistance from Social Services.

TP had left home at sixteen after a family argument and didn’t feel she could return. She had engaged well at school but did not achieve any further academic qualifications as she would not attend college.

She started with Power In Partnership on a Riverside Employability course and discovered she enjoyed the administrative side of the job, often assisting staff with office duties.

TP went on to complete a Business Administration Level 1 and a Business Administration Intermediate Apprenticeship based with PIP and part of her duties included handling the administrative side of the Halton Housing Trust Trainee (HTT) scheme. The duties involved ensuring that the trainees signed-in each day, their paperwork was up-to-date and they had been issued with the required PPE. TP checked timesheets, pick-up points and van details (petrol, mileage etc).

TP showed good organisational skills and had an aptitude for this type of work.

The HHT scheme enabled her to discover her abilities and skills in this field and helped progress her to achieve.

Whilst on the course we encouraged TP to make contact with her family and after a short time attending counselling, she returned to her parents.

TP is now living independently with her long-term boyfriend, has a beautiful baby daughter and a career to return to in reception or business administration.

October 2014
Offer:-
Pro Sport Education offers provision that extends the skills and experiences of young people aged 16 to 18 and supports them on a pathway to employment, an apprenticeship or further education:-

Traineeships will run across either 14 weeks where the young person will study a Level 2 BTEC in Work Skills, or 26 weeks where young people will study a Level 1 BTEC in Work Skills. Both Traineeships will provide young people with the opportunity to gain a minimum of 100 hours work experience in an area that is linked to their employment interest and develop their maths and English. There will be bursaries of £30 a week for learners that are fully engaging with the programme.

Study Programmes

- **Employability Leadership** course runs for 26 weeks and will provide young people with the opportunity to advance their leadership skills, focus on their employability by studying for a Level 1 Extended Certificate in Work Skills, develop their maths and English and access some work experience - all good preparation that will lead them onto the Traineeship course. There will be bursaries of £30 a week for learners that are fully engaging with the programme.

- **Sport BTEC** courses are delivered over 24 or 12 months where learners will work towards achieving a BTEC Level 3 or Level 2 Diploma in Sport (Development, Coaching and Fitness). This course includes the opportunity to gain valuable industry related work experience, whilst gaining an understanding of what types of employment pathways there are within sport. Each learner will receive a tracksuit, be eligible for trips abroad and have the opportunity to gain paid work whilst they learn.

Each learner will have an IAG Advisor to support them and their engagement with their course, review needs and to ensure that they have considered and planned an appropriate pathway leading on from the programme.

Recruitment

Pro Sport Education works closely with referral partners to support the engagement of young people and promotes provision through social media and careers fairs. Before each learner starts a course they will be invited to an interview to determine whether the course is the right pathway for them.

Eligibility Criteria

- Traineeship and Employability Leadership – no entry requirements
- Level 2 BTEC in sport – 3 x GCSE grade 3/D or equivalent
- Level 3 BTEC in sport - 5 x GCSE grades 4- 9/ A-C or equivalent

Programme Outcomes

Traineeship programmes lead to Apprenticeships, employment, or further education.

Study Programmes lead to Traineeships, Apprenticeships or University.

Bursary / Travel Expenses

Whilst on programme each learner will receive a bursary of £30 a week.

Work Experience Opportunities

Learners will have the opportunity to access work experience after attending for a minimum of 6 weeks: weekly blocks for study programme courses and usually 1 day per week for traineeship courses.

Year 11 Transition Support

Pro Sport Education will invite young people into the centre for a day to familiarise themselves with the venue and staff.

Three things for a provider/service to mention when discussing the provision with a young person

1. Pro Sport Education is a flexible alternative to college or school
2. Pro Sport Education creates a relaxed environment to learn
3. Learners will have opportunities to earn paid employment whilst studying.

Public Transport Information – for information on bus timetables, please go to:-
http://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/publictransport/bus-timetables.aspx
EMPLOYABILITY LEADERSHIP COURSE

(16-18 year olds)

1st 4sport Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Activity Leadership

Level 1 Extended Certificate in Work Skills

Level 2 Principles of Coaching Sports (POCS)

Maths and English Functional Skills

Bursaries Available

info@prosporteducation.org.uk

01925 878 250

www.prosporteducation.org.uk
### Key contacts to discuss recruitment

**Schools Liaison and Admissions Team:**
- **Helen Smith**, Head of Schools Liaison, Marketing and Admissions
- **Melissa Turk**, Deputy Head of Schools Liaison and Admissions
- **Laura Hough**, Senior Officer
- **Jayne Smith**, Head of Skills and Enterprise (Apprenticeships and Employer Training)
- **Millie Kilshaw**, Administrator

### Delivery Venue
- **Riverside College, Kingsway, Widnes WA8 7QQ**
- **Tel:** 0151 257 2022
- **Email:** courses@riversidecollege.ac.uk
- **Web:** www.riverside.ac.uk

### OFFER:-

1) **Full Time Courses – at all levels:**
Riverside College offers a wide range of vocational courses from entry to level 3 in the following sectors Business and Retail, Catering and Hospitality, Computing and IT, Construction and Building Services, Engineering and Motor Vehicle, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy and Media Makeup, Health, Early Years and Education and Health and Social Care.

These are full qualifications offering students a mix of vocational skills, academic knowledge, English, maths and work experience in our state of the art restaurant, kitchens, salons and workshops.

For vocational courses in Applied Science and Animal Management, Creative Arts and Media, Performing Arts, Nursing Cadets, Engineering, Childcare and Education, Computing, Sport and Uniformed Services, students should be referred to Cronton Sixth Form College (www.cronton.ac.uk).

2) **Apprenticeships**
A wide range of Apprenticeships are available from Level 2 to degree level; typically it takes one to two years to complete however some may take longer due to the nature of the programme. The College offers Apprenticeships in Brickwork, Business, Carpentry and Joinery, Catering and Professional Cookery, Customer Service, Electrical Installation, Engineering and Manufacturing, Fabrication and Welding, Hairdressing, Health and Social Care, IT, Laboratory Technicians, Motor Vehicle, Plumbing, Retail, Sport and Warehousing.

Our Employer Services team actively liaise with local and regional employers to generate Apprenticeship vacancies which are advertised on our website at http://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/apprentice-vacancies/

3) **Foundation Studies**
This course offers provision for students with learning difficulties or disabilities, aiming to improve the skills and competencies needed to live independently and gain employment. The course is taught in small groups and is tailored to meet the student’s individual needs.

The course is taught through projects, which provide a theme for work over a number of weeks; these include subjects such as enterprise, horticulture, retail, administration, IT/media and arts; with a special focus on sourcing and providing appropriate work experience to prepare students for the world of work. Students are assessed to ensure they are placed on the right level of English and maths.

Each application will be looked at carefully and a place offered to the learner based on the suitability of the course after a discussion with parents, carers, relevant agencies, previous establishment and the learner themselves. Students are supported to ensure a smooth transition from their previous provider. Students are supported throughout their programme by highly qualified and trained staff that have extensive experience of working with students with all levels of ability and support needs.

### Recruitment
Students should apply through www.riverside.ac.uk, by attending an open event at the College or filling in and posting an application form. Full time courses start in September; any enquiries after this time will be considered on an individual basis and will depend on how much course content students have missed if they do start late. Apprenticeships and Foundation Studies enrol throughout the year.
Eligibility Criteria
All courses have varying entry criteria that need to be met; these can be found in the College prospectus and on the College website. Students can apply for any course and our Admissions Tutors will work with them to identify the right course for them given their previous qualifications and their aspirations. Entry level qualifications require no formal previous qualifications; however students must demonstrate a passion for the subject and a desire to learn.

Programme Outcomes
Achievement of full qualifications and progression through the levels. Example: a level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma is the equivalent of A levels and is recognised for entry to university. For other students the full VRQ/Diploma’s give them all of the skills required by employers to start their career.

Bursary / Travel Expenses
- Free bus travel with Halton Transport (passes can be used during the day, evening and weekend)
- Free College meals
- A College bursary of £15 per week

Eligibility criteria apply for all of the above. For bus travel students must be studying full time on a course or apprenticeship and live more than 1.5 miles from the campus.

Work Experience Opportunities
- Apprenticeships – full work experience programme.
- Full Time Courses – work experience opportunities across all sectors are available and the extent depends on the course / industry requirements.
- Foundation Studies – work experience programme is built into the full programme and is developed with the student appropriately. We work closely with local employers and services to provide a range of supported employment opportunities

Specialist Support Available
- Personal Tutor: all students are assigned a Personal Tutor who will guide them through the course, track achievements, help students access the wide range of support available and celebrate all of their successes.
- Pastoral Support Team: this team will support students with their attendance, in meeting deadlines and liaising with students to ensure they maximise their learning; providing help and support with any other issues that could be affecting their College life.
- Study Support: this support team helps students who may be experiencing difficulties coping with their College work or feel that they could do better with some extra help through 1:1 sessions and group workshops.
- Learning Support: these tutors work with students who have special educational needs and disabilities e.g. dyslexia or Asperger’s Syndrome.
- Local Offer: Please see the College website for information on the Local Offer

Year 11 Transition Support
A full programme of sampling days, assembly presentations, classroom-based sessions, lunch time drop-ins and in-school interviews are offered to schools.

All applicants to College are interviewed by an admissions tutor, and invited to College events throughout the year including a New Student Day in July where they can sample their course.

Full liaison takes place with schools regarding support for applicants including any identified support needs. Parents are also communicated with through a variety of methods and to ensure all support is in place before young people start.

Three things for a provider/service to mention when discussing the provision with a young person
1. The College’s results placed the College at the top of the national Department for Education performance tables in 2016 and achieved 100% pass rate and 75% triple distinction and distinction star grades (equivalent to 3 A’s at A level).
2. Extensive opportunities exist for work experience, enrichment activities, master classes from industry experts, opportunities to compete at a national level and to learn in our brand new facilities that include a new restaurant, kitchens, engineering and construction skills centre, enrichment centre, salons and learning centre.
3. The College is committed to providing excellent student support for all students and a friendly, safe and caring environment and has invested in FREE bus transport in order to support students with the costs of getting to College.

Public Transport Information – for information on bus timetables, please go to:-
http://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/publictransport/bus-timetables.aspx and select School Bus Timetables

The College offers FREE bus travel to students through a partnership with Halton Transport. Terms and conditions apply, for this and more details on bus routes go to www.riverside.ac.uk
STUDENT PROFILE

Previous School: Wade Deacon High School
Course: Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering
Progression: Advanced Apprenticeship in Engineering with Getrag

“I have always received full support from the tutors at college both as a full time student and an apprentice. I am looking forward to my new career as a fully qualified engineer.”

Tanya Bull

STUDENT PROFILE

Previous School: Halewood Academy
Course: Level 1 and Level 2 Plumbing
Progression: Plumbing Apprenticeship with Prestige Plumbing and Heating

“The facilities at college are great and really help you to learn the practical skills you need for your career. The tutors always support you to reach your potential.”

Owen Caslin Barnes

STUDENT PROFILE

Previous School: The Grange School
Course: Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing
Progression: Claire’s Barbers

“I have really enjoyed my course at Riverside especially working on the hair and beauty shows and competitions. I also gained practical experience by working in a college salon. I am now looking forward to starting work as a hairdresser and barber.”

Melissa Locke
STUDENT PROFILE

Course: Level 3 Professional Cookery
Progression: City of London University - Hospitality Management

"The tutors at Riverside are great with lots of experience in their subject, they always help you to do your best. I was proud to have been presented with the Student of the Year for the Centre of Excellence in Catering and Hospitality this year."

STUDENT PROFILE

Previous School: The Grange School
Course: Level 3 Diploma in Beauty
Progression: Beautician at Harmony Salon

"The college has a friendly atmosphere and the teaching is to a high standard. I have really enjoyed learning new skills such as manicures and Swedish massage which will help in my future career."

STUDENT PROFILE

Previous School: Thurston Community College
Course: IT Practitioners Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma
Progression: Liverpool John Moores University - Computer Security

"I have enjoyed the 3D modelling unit on my course. I also thoroughly enjoyed building my own website as the specification was to my preference. I am looking forward to going to university and in the future I would like a career in computer security."
We are proud of all of our students here at Riverside College. Student success is at the heart of everything we do and celebrating their achievements is extremely important to us. We are committed to surrounding our students with opportunities to showcase their skills and do this by taking part in local, regional and national events and competitions.
Catering students were one of four colleges who assisted at the Up’s and Down’s Charity dinner

Construction students compete in Skillbuild Competition

Beauty student Caitlin Fairbrother won first place in the regional UK Skills heat

Students compete in Hair and Media Makeup Competition
STUART GELLING INTERNATIONAL (SGI)

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http://sginternational.co.uk/

OFFER:
1) Study Programme – A range of Sports and leisure qualifications are delivered in a practical and classroom environment to develop individuals as coaches together with their employability skills. Theory and practical lessons are linked and relate to the current qualification being studied. Various qualifications include NVQ Level 2 in Activity Leadership, NVQ Level 2 & 3 in Principles of Coaching Sport, NVQ Level 2 in Multi-skills, NVQ Level 3 in Physical Education School Sports. Other relations include Level 1 and 2 functional skills in Maths and English, and gaining weekly coaching experience on a regular basis. These programmes are suitable for 16 – 19 year olds and start in September.

2) Apprenticeships – NVQ Level 3 qualifications

Recruitment
- SGI works closely with schools and academies to recruit directly from their environment and year groups and will attend open evenings and career events.
- Uphold close networks with nearby youth centres and clubs.
- Referrals from current students and previous students.

Eligibility Criteria
Study Programme: 16-19 year olds
Apprenticeships: Funding gained for 19+ year olds who generally have completed our study programme.

Programme Outcomes
To become a more mature and developed individual who now has employability skills to gain employment whether that be through our apprenticeship programme or a role elsewhere.

Incentives
- End of second year coaching camps in various locations such as America/Canada.
- Educational visits and reward trips such as stadium tours and professional sports academy visits.
- Residential trips to focus on team-building activities and communication exercises.
- Potential possibility to progress through the apprenticeship programme.

Work Experience Opportunities
- All students can undertake work experience placements both paid and voluntary.

Specialist Support Available
We work alongside the schools to provide a study programme for those who have special educational needs or for those in need of SEN Support this can include the provision of visual aids or coloured paper for dyslexia.

Three things for a provider/service to mention when discussing the provision with a young person
Information necessary for a provider to mention whilst discussing provision with young learners:
1. Programmes and the types of qualifications are in place to suit the learner.
2. There are a range of progression routes after the study programme including apprenticeships, employment or coaching experiences
3. The programme will also support the identification of the types of roles young people can occupy through the skills developed and qualifications achieved.

Public Transport Information – for information on bus timetables, please go to:
http://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/publictransport/bus-timetables.aspx

Runcorn – OBA
Arriva Buses – 79C, 110, X1, 3B, 1, 2
Please check up to date timetables in case of changes

Wallasey – Oldershaw Academy
Arriva buses – 403, 408, 409, 413
Please check up to date timetables in case of changes

Delivery Venues:
Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy (OBA), Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn, WA7 6EP
Oldershaw Academy, Valkyrie Rd, Wallasey, CH45 4RJ
Opening times: Monday to Friday 9:00 – 15:00
OCCUPATION:-
The Vikings Learning Centre is a provider of education and training for school leavers who are out of education, employment or training, or for young adults who are looking to develop their employability and experience to secure permanent work. Working with Riverside College, Vikings Learning Centre offers a range of programmes that enable people to fulfill their potential, become job ready and gain new opportunities:-

1) **Level 1 Award in Employability Skills** (ages 16-18) running over 3 weeks for 2 days per week starting September, or

2) **Level 1 Certificate in Sports and Employability Skills** (ages 16 to 18) with the opportunity to continue with English and maths GCSE or Functional Skills. It will run from October to June with students attending 3 days a week for 6 to 6.5 hours a day.

3) **Level 1 or 2 Certificate in Employability Skills** (age 19+) running over 6 weeks all year and is for young adults who are looking to build their skills and experience to find secure permanent work.

4) **Traineeships** (ages 16-24) run over 10 to 12 weeks for 4 days per week, you will spend 3 days a week undertaking a work placement providing you with the foundation for a future in employment or further training. Many learners receive opportunities to work or volunteer at Widnes Vikings or supporting our business ambassadors.

**Recruitment**
- Roll-on roll-off programmes for 19+ Employability Skills. Contact for more information on start dates for other programmes.

**Eligibility Criteria**
- Young people who are not in education, employment or training aged 16-18 and 19-24 with special educational needs and disabilities
- Programme Outcomes
  - Traineeships, apprenticeships, employment or continuation of study at college or a training provider.

**Bursary / Travel Expenses**
- Students to receive a free bus pass to use on Halton Transport and Arriva Buses throughout the Borough.
- Bursary will be available for students who meet criteria.

**Incentives**
- Free tickets to watch Widnes Vikings home matches in 2019.
- Students to receive sports kit to wear during the course.

**Work Experience Opportunities**
- There will be an opportunity for all students to be involved in work experience at Widnes Vikings and business partners of the club that will look to provide a further insight to work in professional sport but also other areas of work.

**Specialist Support including Support for Young People with Special Educational Needs or Disability**
- Student Support available through Widnes Vikings and Riverside College

**Year 11 Transition Support**
- Vikings Learning Centre will offer all students one to one support through tutorials to support the transition from not being in education or from year 11 into training.

**Three things for a provider/service to mention when discussing the provision with a young person**
1. The course will be completed in a professional sports club.
2. Students will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of work experience opportunities
3. The course will be delivered through an applied learning style rather than the course being very much class room based.

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There is FREE bus travel to students through a partnership with Halton Transport. Terms and conditions apply, for this and more details on bus routes go to www.riverside.ac.uk
The Vikings Learning Centre is an alternative provider of education and training for school leavers who are out of education, employment or training. Working with Riverside College, Widnes Vikings offer a range of programmes that enable people to fulfil their potential and gain new opportunities.

We are proud to have a 100% pass-rate across all courses, with countless examples of learners going on to gain exciting new opportunities in education, employment or apprenticeships.

Why choose the Vikings Learning Centre?

The Vikings Learning Centre is led by Liam Clark, who was Highly Commended in the 2017 Festival of Learning Awards.

We offer a supportive environment for all learners, with small class sizes and a friendly and informal atmosphere. Our tutors have specialist skills to provide people with the support they need to fulfil their own personal goals. They will get to know you, what you want to achieve and how to get the best out of your talents.

You will have the opportunity to study in the Halton Stadium, the home of Widnes Vikings. This special environment gives students unique opportunities – from developing sports and coaching skills on the iPitch, to enjoying fun team building activities or gaining opportunities for work experience with the Club.

The Vikings Learning Centre will support you to be job-ready and achieve a more exciting future.

Find out more...

To find out how you can benefit from the Vikings Learning Centre, contact Liam Clark, Head of Education, on: liamc@widnesvikings.co.uk / 0151 495 2250.
Apprenticeships: The Benefits

Apprenticeships provide people with the opportunity to work for a real employer, earn a real salary and gain a real qualification whilst gaining valuable workplace skills and experience.

Anyone living in England, over 16 years old and not in full-time education can apply to be an apprentice.

A real job
All apprentices should work for at least 30 hours a week, apart from in exceptional circumstances.

Apprenticeships are available at Intermediate, Advanced and Higher (degree) level, covering more than 170 industries and 1500 job roles, from advertising to youth work via environmental engineering and nuclear decommissioning.

A real qualification
Quality is key and all Apprenticeships must be at least 12 months long and lead to a national qualification that is respected by employers around the world.

A real future
After finishing, the majority of apprentices (85%) will stay in employment, with two-thirds (64%) staying with the same employer.

A third (32%) of all former apprentices had received a promotion within 12 months of finishing, and of those in work, three quarters (75%) reported taking on more responsibility in their job.

Employers think that qualified apprentices are 15% more employable than those with other qualifications.

Kerri, Customer Services Administrator, facemediagroup
“*I think Apprenticeships are brilliant. They’re a chance to take a leap into the real world. I’m dealing with real-life customers and situations all the time, answering calls and emails, checking deliveries, advising customers and interacting with them. It’s all about learning and moving forward, and I’m getting everything I need to move onto the next step.*”

Apprentices’ opportunities for career progression are increasing with the expansion of Higher Apprenticeships. Equivalent to degrees, more of these specialised and highly skilled Apprenticeships are being offered each year, giving people the chance to continue their professional development and fully realise their potential.
Apprenticeship Vacancies

Applying has never been easier, just visit www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship and you will be one step closer to starting your journey to become an apprentice, or

Find out about apprenticeship opportunities across the Liverpool City Region, details on how to apply for an apprenticeship, how to get there and what travel benefits may be available can be found at:-

https://be-more.info/
Traineeships for Young People

What is a Traineeship?
A Traineeship is an education and training programme with work experience that is focused on giving young people the skills and experience that employers are looking for. At its core are work preparation training, English and maths for those who need it, and a high quality work experience placement.

What are the benefits of a Traineeship?
- A Traineeship will put you in a better position to compete for an Apprenticeship or other job.
- The opportunity to build your CV and get vital experience with local and national employers.
- Improving your English and maths skills will boost your chances of getting a job, as well as improving your long term prospects and earning potential over your lifetime.
- Employers are at the centre of Traineeships to ensure they give you the skills you need to secure a job and succeed in employment.
- At the end of the work experience placement you'll get a job interview with the company if a role becomes available or a reference and an exit interview.

How do you find a Traineeship?
If a Traineeship could be the right route for you, there are three options available:
- Register for Traineeship opportunities which will be advertised on www.gov.uk/find-traineeship
- Contact your local college or training provider to see if they are offering Traineeship opportunities.
- If you are in receipt of benefits speak to your individual Jobcentre Plus adviser.
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merseytravel.gov.uk/myticket

For a list of participating operators, visit our website or call Traveline on 0800 082 2828. MyTicket is not valid on night buses, special excursions or trains.
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