

LOCAL OFFER

Kendal College welcomes applications from students with learning needs. The College is committed to providing all students with an accessible and positive learning experience from Entry level to Higher Education.

The College is experienced in meeting the educational needs of students with learning differences, whether specific learning difficulties, physical disabilities, sensory impairments, or medical conditions. Through our skilled subject lecturers and our specialist Learning Services team, barriers to learning are minimised, allowing students to participate successfully in college life and achieve their learning goals. The preparation for progression into further education, training and employment is a fundamental part of the programmes on offer at Kendal College. Individual study programmes are tailored to ensure success.

PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD

Kendal College embraces the national agenda for the 'Preparation for Adulthood'. And plans for the four pathways:

1. Employment
2. Living Independently
3. Community inclusion
4. Health

The college works in collaboration with Local authorities and CCGs to place young people and their families at the centre of their provision planning, to ensure the best outcomes; Focusing on Building aspirational attitudes, beliefs, and values, concentrating on what is positive and possible, enabling young people to make informed decisions about their lives.

LEARNING SERVICES

Learning Services provide advice, guidance and support for students who are identified as having a special educational need or disability. These students may have a diagnosed learning need or an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan. Learning Services at Kendal College aims to develop independence, supporting students through the transition to further study or training and in the preparation for adulthood.

A focus is on aiding individual student's personal development and pathways to employment. At Kendal College, we work closely to ensure that barriers to learning are minimised within all sessions. This is through a commitment to clearly articulated objectives and interactive teaching.

TRANSITION

The Learning Services Team works closely with local schools and the local authority to ensure that transitions of all learners are effective and successful. This often includes attending EHCP or transition meetings. Learning support in this instance is supported by funding from the Local Authority in which the student is a resident and may continue to be provided until the student is aged 25, where continuing in education is still appropriate.

We invite all students who have declared a learning need the opportunity to meet with an FE SENCO prior to enrolment to begin the process of preparation for starting College. Taster sessions and familiarisation visits are encouraged to support a smooth transition to studying at Kendal College.

INCLUSIVE TEACHING & LEARNING

We are committed to providing an inclusive experience for everyone who studies at Kendal College.

Teaching staff are involved in providing a range of inclusive practices, including innovative approaches to assessments and engagement with students on an individual basis to ensure that you get the best out of your time with us. If you have a concern about your programme of study, you can contact your Course Tutor in the first instance or speak to a member of the Learning Services Team. In liaison with the Learning Services Team, they will try to find a solution which best suits your needs.

Reasonable adjustments can be made to support you on your course and ensure you are not at a substantial disadvantage compared to your peers. Adjustments are based on individual requirements and evidence of need.

SUPPORT ON YOUR PROGRAMME

They can include:

- Use of a computer
- Exam access arrangements
- Extended deadlines for assignments
- Receiving hand-outs in advance of lectures
- Use of coloured overlays
- Borrowing equipment, e.g. laptop, netbook, tablet
- Alternative assessments, e.g. a presentation, video, blogs rather than an essay

Let us know if you feel you are entitled to reasonable adjustments and extra support. A member of our Learning Services Team can meet with you to discuss your needs.

LEARNER INCLUSION PLANS

Five percent of our learners at Kendal College have an EHCP and/or are classed as a High Needs Learner. A High Needs Learner are those learners whose learning needs require extended support and funding from the Local Authority. High Needs Learners receive the highest level of provision and care, through an interagency support plan in conjunction with the local authority.

Learners with EHCP's have termly reviews as well as their annual EHCP review with the local authority.

Once you have disclosed a learning need or disability to the Learning Services Team, we will produce a Learner Inclusion Plan (LIP) for you, outlining your support needs.

The LIP is made available to your tutors, so that your support needs are considered within the delivery of sessions. (All students have termly reviews with the course tutor and learning services, if appropriate).

It is always best to talk to your tutors about any difficulties you are having on your course at the earliest opportunity, so that changes and additional support can be put in place if required.

A member of the Learning Services Team is available to discuss your difficulties. Information is not passed to anyone outside of the Learning Services Team without your consent.

ACCESSIBILITY

Kendal College is disability accessible. The building at either Campus is suitable for students with physical and sensory impairments.

Procedures are in place for students and staff safety, including risk assessments and evacuation plans.

The college has two lifts on main site, providing access to all floors of the college and one lift at the Creative Arts Campus.

This information is clearly detailed on the college website, through course information, pre-course interviews and through course and learning support staff.

The college has clear informative signage throughout the college.

The college has accessible toilets on each floor of the main site and at the Creative Arts Campus. These toilets are fitted with a panic alarm and are compliant with Health and Safety regulations and British Standards regulations.

Kendal College has six designated disability accessible car parking bays for students on a daily basis. These are conveniently located close to accessible entrances and lifts.

In addition to the Blue Badge scheme, with prior arrangement, the college operates its own badge system for students that required specified parking requirements.

Availability of Equipment:

All Kendal College Students can pre-book the use of FREE portable electrical equipment while on the college campus to support them in their studies. These range from computers, laptops, tablets, and iPad. All of which have access to the college wifi and email. Some students may be eligible for a long-term loan of a netbook for the duration of their course.

STUDY DEVELOPMENT

Study Development is available to all students at Kendal College to help you develop your academic skills.

You can book 1:1 tutorials with a Learning Facilitator, based in the Learning Centre to focus on key areas that you would like to improve. The Learning Facilitator can offer 1:1 or group sessions offering advice and guidance on your planning process, your study strategies, essay and assignment planning, note-taking and mind mapping, presentation skills and referencing. The Learning Facilitator can also offer help with CV's and interview techniques.

To book a group or 1:1 tutorial, contact the Learning Resource centre on **01539 814749**.

PERSONAL EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) can be drawn up if you need support in the event of an emergency, for example you are unable to hear a fire alarm or have mobility difficulties.

We contact students with sensory impairments and mobility issues to carry out PEEPs. The completed PEEP is then sent to the health and safety officer and relevant tutors.

If you feel that you need a PEEP, but you have not heard from the Learning Services Team, then please get in touch.

CONTACT DETAILS

To arrange to see a member of our Learning Services Team, or discuss your access or learning needs further please contact us:

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