

REYNALDS CROSS GUIDE TO POST SCHOOL PROVISION



This Guide is aimed at helping young people and their family know what provision is available when they leave school. There are a number of options available and provisions are changing and increasing each year. The main destinations that students from Reynalds Cross progress on to are:

- Go to a local Further Education College.
- Go to an Independent Specialist College.
- Access Social Services Provision.
- Move into supported living accommodation alongside one of the options above.

This guide will focus on these options although there are other destinations, such as voluntary work or employment that may be available and appropriate.

EDUCATION

Colleges offer a wide range of courses including some that are specially designed for people with moderate to severe learning difficulties and physical difficulties. Before applying to a college the following points need to be considered

- What are the entry requirements for the course, and can they be met?
- What kind of support is available and does it meet the needs of the applicant?
- How easy is it to get to the college and what are the transport arrangements if required?
- What have previous students gone on to do after the course has ended?

There are two main types of college that previous Reynolds Cross students have moved onto,

1. Local Further Education Colleges
2. Independent Specialist Colleges

Specialist Colleges tend to cater exclusively for students who have additional needs whereas local FE colleges will have courses for all abilities which includes additional needs programmes. You have to apply for additional funding for specialist colleges and a place will only be awarded if the Local Authority feels the student's needs can't be met in a local college. The Authority will always consult with local colleges first before looking at more specialist provision. The Local Offer website can give details of which colleges fall under the term Local FE Colleges.

Below you will find a list of Local FE colleges followed by a list of the most popular specialist colleges within easy access. To find out more about specialist colleges use the Natspec directory as listed below or talk with your Careers Advisor.

All of the Local FE colleges offer a range of Entry Level courses in a range of vocational areas. A lot of the colleges will offer Pre-Entry courses aimed at students who need a lot of additional support.

These courses focus on life skills and personal development skills that the students will need in order to lead as independent a life as possible.

To access any college provision either local FE or specialist students will need to have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

Further Education Colleges

Solihull College

Offer a range of courses for students with moderate to severe learning difficulties from Pre-Entry through to Level 1. Students with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP) are able to access mainstream learning within the College. Learning Support Assistants will help students with additional needs to access appropriate courses. The college is situated over two campuses listed below:

Blossomfield Campus,
Blossomfield Road,
Solihull B91 1SB

Woodlands Campus,
Auckland Drive, Smith's Wood,
Solihull B36 ONF

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Website: www.solihull.ac.uk

<http://www.solihull.ac.uk/demographic/16-to-19/category/foundation-learning/>

Warwickshire College

Warwickshire College has several campuses around the County. All have access to the inclusion team. The Inclusion Team's role is to ensure students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) get support from Learning Support Assistants and Educational Communicators who signpost supported students to appropriate progression routes. The College Dyslexia specialists work with a number of students for support interviews, Dyslexia screening, full Dyslexia assessments for students applying to university and 'one-to-one' support for Dyslexia.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES FOR ALL CAMPUSES

0300 456 0047

info@warwickshire.ac.uk

Fax: 01926 318111

Website. www.warwickshire.ac.uk

Stratford College

The college offers both pre-entry and entry level courses. It runs courses on life skills and personal development.

Address: The Willows North, Alcester Rd, Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 9QR

Phone:01789 266245

Website www.stratford.ac.uk

South and City College (Birmingham)

The college offers a wide range of both Pre-Entry and Entry level course across its range of locations.

Location:

Programmes are based at the following centres:

Hall Green Centre, Cole Bank Road, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 8ES

Ladywood Centre, 46-68 Stour Street, Ladywood, Birmingham B18 7AJ

Fordrough Centre, Bordesley Green, Birmingham B9 5NA

Golden Hillock Centre, 103-105 Golden Hillock Road, Small Heath, Birmingham B10 0DP

Handsworth Centre, Soho Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B21 9DP

Bourneville Campus (formally Bournville College),
1 Longbridge Lane, Longbridge,
Birmingham B31 2AJ

South & City Contact Details

General Enquiries: 0121 694 5000 | hello@sccb.ac.uk | [Enquire Online](#)

Website: www.sccb.ac.uk

Victoria College Post 19 Centre

Victoria College is for students aged 19+ with profound and multiple learning disabilities and complex medical needs. It provides physiotherapy, nursing and speech and language therapy on site.

Contact Details

- Contact Name: Clare Scattergood
- Address: Victoria College, Bell Hill, Northfield, Birmingham, B31 1LD
- Telephone: 0121 477 0274
- Website: <http://www.victoriacollege.bham.org.uk>
- Email: head@victoria.bham.sch.uk

Specialist and Residential Colleges

Natspec is the membership association for Specialist Colleges. The colleges give young people with a learning difficulty or disability the chance to become more independent and to learn in an exciting environment with personal support. The Natspec Specialist College Directory and College Finder will show you where each college is located and how they can support students. College websites and admissions teams can also help you to understand what the college offers.

www.natspec.org.uk/

Below are listed Solihull's local Specialist colleges.

HEREWARD COLLEGE

- **Brief Description:**
A further education college based in Coventry for young people with disabilities and additional needs
- **Course Length:**
36 weeks per year
- **Residential or Day:**
Residential and day
- **Course Dates:**
Courses start in September
- **Maximum Number of Students:**
300
- **Age Range:**
14+ years

Contact

**Hereward College
Bramston Crescent
Tile Hill
Coventry
CV4 9SW**

- Telephone: 024 7646 1231
- Email: admissions@hereward.ac.uk
- Website: http://www.hereward.ac.uk

Queen Alexandra College

- **Brief Description:**
QAC supports people with a wide range of disabilities including visual impairment and autism, (including individuals with Asperger's syndrome) those with moderate to severe learning difficulties, students with physical disabilities and those with other needs.
- **Course Length:**
38 weeks per year
- **Residential or Day:**
Residential and day
- **Course Dates:**
Courses start in September, however we may be able to accommodate new starters throughout the year dependent on programme choice
- **Maximum Number of Students:**
200
- **Age Range:**
16+ years

Queen Alexandra College
Court Oak Road
Harborne
Birmingham
B17 9TG

- Telephone: 0121 428 5050
- Email: enquiries@qac.ac.uk
- Website www.qac.qc.uk

Glasshouse College

- **Brief Description:**
Independent specialist college for young adults with learning and behavioural difficulties
- **Course Length:**
36 weeks per year
- **Residential or Day:**
Residential and day
- **Course Dates:**
September to July
- **Maximum Number of Students:**
80
- **Age Range:**
16 - 19 years (or up to 25 with EHCP)

Glasshouse College

Wollaston Road

Amblecote

Stourbridge

DY8 4HF

- Telephone: 01384 399400
- Email: jessica.morgan@ghc.rmt.org
- Website: <http://www.rmt.org>

Argent College

- Residential and Day Provision for Ages 16-25
- Established in September 2015, Argent College resides in a former Victorian factory in Birmingham's historic Jewellery Quarter. Our curriculum is centred on the creation of jewellery - using metal or leather - and useable craft items - such as textiles and candle making, performing arts, horticulture, and catering.
- They have a unique urban rooftop micro farm, where biodynamic produce is grown students to use in their canteens and onsite social enterprise provision - The Hive Organic Cafe and Bakery. The Hive also comprises a gallery and community craft space, providing outstanding work experience opportunities for our students and services for the local community.

Call 0121 663 1270

email Argent College enquiries@ghc.rmt.org

Vittoria Street

Jewellery Quarter

Birmingham

B1 3PE

If the local colleges are unable to meet the needs of your son/daughter, other colleges, including residential settings may be considered. If this is the case, you will need to liaise directly with the Local Authority and your Transition Social Worker to discuss options that are available before considering out of borough provisions.

The following two providers can be funded through a variety of sources including education and social services. Each provider will advise on the best funding stream once you have made contact with them.

Skills Tank

Skills Tank's purpose is to help adults 16+ with learning disabilities/difficulties and behaviours that challenge, mental health, brain injuries and autism.

Admissions/Transmissions Team on 0121 308 6555
email Wayne Hemmings wayneh@carefirstltd.co.uk to discuss how our provision may help.

Colebridge Trust

Offer a series of employment and skills based projects aimed at supporting people into some form of paid employment. This includes tackling the multiple barriers that exist, to help people back onto a pathway to employment. This includes support for mental and physical health and learning difficulties.

TEL: 0121 770 7555

EMAIL: enterprises@colebridge.org

Junction
100 Chapelhouse Road,
Chelmsley Wood,
Birmingham,
B37 5HA.

SOCIAL SERVICES PROVISION

Support for adults and young people aged 18 and over

Young people aged 18 and over who have additional needs are entitled to an assessment under a law called The Care Act. During the assessment the young person will be supported to identify if they have care and support needs. If the young person identifies any care and support needs they will be assisted to develop a plan outlining how those needs can be met. This is called a Care and Support Plan. The plan may include details of support from family and friends, information and advice that has been given and how they will access existing community and universal services.

If the young person's care and support needs are eligible under The Care Act part of the plan may include funding from Adult Social Care to purchase services. If the young person receives funding as part of their Care and Support Plan this is called a Personal Budget. If the young person has a personal budget, there are a range of services they can purchase to meet their individual needs. Parents and carers of young people who have care and support needs are also entitled to an assessment and support plan.

Day care services in Solihull for people with learning disabilities

Specialist day services for adults with an assessed learning disability are organised into hubs across the north and south of the borough. This is to enable you to be as independent as possible, socialise with others, access the local community facilities and learn new skills or hobbies.

You will also be encouraged and supported to make your own choices, be treated with dignity and respect.

You can take part in a range of activities including:

- cookery
- arts and crafts
- beauty therapy
- yoga
- drama
- sports - archery, cycling, football
- horse riding
- going to local entertainment places or places of interest
- using local gym and sports facilities

The main hub for the south of the borough is:

- The Hive at Park View Monkspath Hall Road, Solihull, B91 3LU

A second hub is located at

- The Courtyard, 30 Hob's Meadow, Solihull, B92 8PN

The Courtyard is a partnership project with a local scout group, St Mary's Church plus many other community groups and volunteers. A variety of activities take place at The Courtyard including an upcycling group, tending to the garden, drama/poetry sessions at the

church. People are also given the opportunity to open up the church and welcome visitors, giving them a real sense of independence.

The main hub for the north of the borough is:

- Colebrook day centre, 291 Bosworth Drive, Chelmsley Wood, B37 5DP
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We also have two smaller hubs based at

- 23a Pike Drive, Chelmsley Wood, B37 7US and Three Trees Community Centre, Hedingham Grove, Chelmonds Cross, B37 7TP.

Pike Drive is a four-bedroom house with a changing place facility. It provides a relaxed, homely environment and enables people to develop their daily living skills such as laundry, tidying the garden and preparing food.

- Three Trees is a vibrant centre in the heart of the community allowing people to socialise with new people and take part in a variety of activities. Being located in the Chelmonds Cross village centre the community hub has good public transport links and also enables people to visit the nearby shops and amenities.

At all of the hubs we can provide personal care and individual support that meets specific needs, as well as provide assistance with eating meals, medication and mobility.

If you would like more information or are paying for your own care and would like to use the service, you can call us on 0121 704 8007.

Day care services in Solihull for people with physical disabilities

Our Green Acres service is available for adults with an assessed physical disability and sensory needs at the Park View building. Day services for people with physical disabilities and complex needs, may be provided in small groups or individually.

Green Acres offers a range of activities, including:

- hobbies and crafts
- learning new skills such as gardening, cooking and household chores
- rehabilitation support
- keeping active and independent
- therapeutic activities - mindfulness, relaxation
- going to local entertainment places and places of interest
- physical activity including mobility exercises

If you would like more information or are paying for your own care and would like to use the service, you can call us on 0121 704 8007.

There are also a range of private day care centres in Solihull and the local area. As part of the process, social care ask that parents look at Park View initially as this is in borough.

If Park View are unable to meet, there are other, private providers that can be considered. You will need to discuss these first with your social worker.

Private day services:

Social Life Opportunities (SoLO):

Evolve is an exciting, person-centred daytime project that caters for adults with high support needs: PMLD/ complex health needs/severe learning disabilities. It runs Monday to Friday 50 weeks a year, and provides a variety of multi-sensory activities creating opportunities for social interaction and learning new skills.

Staffing ratios are based and costed on the needs of the client but typically 1:1 or 1:2 with additional support as required, for example during personal care or trips in the community.

The project increases the skills of the members in a fun way within a social environment. It allows its members to participate in a plethora of activities aimed at meeting different interests and aspirations such as independent living skills, travel training, social skills. Swimming and music remain firm favourites and are regularly offered within the varied programme.

The **Daylight** project runs Monday to Friday from our venues in Chelmsley Wood and central Solihull. It offers meaningful daytime activities via a member-led programme, providing a continually stimulating environment with a maximum of 20 members in each group and 1:4 staffing ratio.

Our aim is to provide a positive and meaningful experience, where people enjoy and look forward to coming to project. The activity programme is formulated from the ideas of the activities that members want to do, voted for democratically by the group and incorporated into a structured and varied timetable. All activities incorporate a core theme of developing and maintaining skills and experiences. Most of all it's about having FUN!

We organise and facilitate a variety of internal and external activities. We regularly celebrate birthdays and have disco, pub

and night club theme activities. We also go out to the cinema and to pub lunches. Theme parks and zoos are popular member choices - as are the Sea Life centre, Cadbury World and Drayton Manor Park. We aim to have one big day trip each year.

Like the larger Daylight group, **Daylight Plus** provides individuals with a more constructive alternative, though specifically for members who need a smaller group environment due to sensory or behavioural needs, and with more places for those who need 1:1 support.

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We work with our members, the people who know them well and other relevant people and professionals involved in their life. This involves regular communication with parents and carers to ensure continuity of care and support, attending and facilitating meetings with social workers, speech therapists, psychologists and more, when appropriate.

Contact Details:

38 Walnut Close
Chemsley Wood
Birmingham
B37 7PU

0121 779 3865

info@solihullsolo.org

www.sociallifeopportunities.org

Solihull Fire Station Annexe

620 Streetsbrook Rd

Solihull

B91 1QY

0121 647 1060

Satori House

Satori House is a modern, exciting and stimulating day centre based in Shirley, Solihull and is the dream of two highly experienced and skilled women, who collectively have worked for more than 30 years with children and adults with severe and profound learning difficulties and who have identified a need for a safe and caring day centre to cater for the needs of adults with complex and high levels of learning disabilities within Solihull Borough.

The aim of Satori House is to deliver a high level of care and stimulating experiences to their service users and to provide a happy and safe environment where everyone who attends can develop to their full potential. We believe that every person has the right to learn and enjoy activities whilst at Satori House, as well as being treated equally and their diverse needs respected at all times. The word Satori comes from the Buddhist tradition of finding harmony with oneself, this is the main aim of Satori House; a home from home where service users can truly find happiness.

Contact details:

Satori House

Adult Day Centre

495 Peterbrook Road

Shirley, Solihull, B90 1HZ

07594 340106

office.satorihouse@gmail.com

www.satori-house.co.uk

Newlands Bishop Farm:

Part of the Family Care Trust, Newlands Bishop Farm gives people with learning disabilities and mental health conditions the opportunity to learn work-based skills. This is provided through our unique work experiences in horticulture, woodwork, gardening, horse care, catering and retail and animal husbandry.

Explore our dedicated Newlands Bishop Farm website to find out more about the service, activities and opportunities available for people in Solihull and the Midlands.

Contact details:

Newlands Bishop Farm

Berry Hall Lane

Catherine De Barnes

Solihull

B912RY

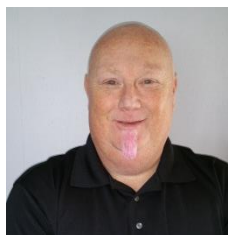
0121 711 2939

www.newlandsbishopfarm.co.uk

The Solihull Directory should also be able to give you a number of organisations you may be interested in.

<https://solihull.mylifeportal.co.uk>

For further help, to identify the best options contact our Independent Careers and Transition Advisor, Dave Hooley



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