

CALDERDALE COLLEGE LOCAL OFFER SEN INFORMATION 2016/17



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WHAT OFSTED SAID?

“Students with additional learning, social or physical need benefit from very effective support.” (OFSTED 2014)

“Support for students is planned well and is very effective in helping learners with additional learning, social or physical needs to succeed and progress to further qualifications within the College.” (OFSTED 2014)

“The College deploys additional learning support effectively in lessons to help students achieve.” (OFSTED 2014)

“Initial assessment identifies students’ starting points, aspirations and support needs and is used well to plan study programmes.” (OFSTED 2014)

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WHY CHOOSE CALDERDALE COLLEGE?

- Coming to Calderdale College was the right decision 99%
- Calderdale College creates a safe environment 98%
- My tutors treat me with dignity and respect 99%
- The teaching on my course is good 98%
- I am able to go to my tutor for support and advice 98%
- The course will help me in my chosen career 98%
- I have made new friends 96%
- I know what is expected of me as a learner 100%

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How will you know I need extra help?

For many of you, we will have attended your school review and will have been told about your needs.

C&K Careers and Calderdale MBC will also tell us about you.

They will all tell us how you work best, your interests, what you want to do when you leave school and so on.

But, you know yourself better than anybody else does so the more you can tell us the better we can help you.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2. What should I do if I need extra help?

Please make sure you tell us on your application form if you have a learning need or disability. We will contact you to talk about any help you need. We will attend your interview with you if you need us to.

Once at College you can talk to our highly qualified staff who will assess your needs and discuss your support with you. Your Personal Tutor will also work closely with you.

The one thing you shouldn't do is wait and try and manage on your own, the sooner you ask for help the better it is.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

3. How do you help students with an SEN?

You and your parents/carers, will be involved in discussing all aspects of your support and between us we will agree the best support package for you.

We can provide 1:1 support, in class support, note taker, out of class sessions or you may prefer to drop in to our Study Space in B20.

We have specialist Dyslexia tutors, BSL communicators and a wide range of assistive technology for you to use. If you have physical needs an Access Worker can help you to and from class and at break times.

Tutors can provide your work in large print or on coloured paper and at exam time we will make sure you get extra help if you need it.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

4. Will I learn independence skills for when I leave College?

All College courses help you to develop independence skills, including helping you to study on your own if you can.

You will follow a Study Programme which will give you opportunities to do enrichment activities which may include money skills, work skills, personal health issues and healthy living.

We offer Employability and Work Skills courses at Entry Level specifically designed for SEN learners which focuses on all independent living skills.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

5. Who can I talk to if I am worried about something?

You can talk to your Progress Coach or support worker about any concerns with your course work.

If you are worried about anything else the Student Services Team will be able to help. They can help with money issues, benefits or personal problems and they are open every week day.

The Student Services Team are based on A floor and you will meet them at your College Induction.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

6. How will I know how I am doing on my course?

All SEN students will have a regular tutorial. At this you will discuss your progress and agree targets with your tutors.

Your progress is reviewed every term and a report produced for you and your parents/carers.

Targets set are about your course work and also about developing your independence skills.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

7. Do staff here have specialist training?

All staff at College do Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Safeguarding as part of their training which is updated every 2 years.

The Support Manager and Co-ordinators are fully trained Key Workers and also have specialist support qualifications.

Dyslexia Tutors are trained to Level 7 and BSL Communicators to a minimum Level 3.

Sometimes we use outside agencies. At the moment we are working with CAHMS, CSS, Mixenden Activity Centre, William Henry Smith School (for Art Therapy), Speech and Language team and Educational Psychologists.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

8. Can I take part in all College activities?

We positively encourage you to take part in all aspects of College life.

We will make sure that support is with you which means you can take part in such things as fund raising, sport and College trips.

We thoroughly risk assess all activities with help from the College Health and Safety Officer to make sure that you are safe when taking part.

If your course includes work experience we will go with you if you require support.

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WHY CHOOSE CALDERDALE COLLEGE?

- “Everyone is friendly and welcoming.”
- “Support staff are sound.”
- “My BSL Communicator is good. I am deaf and College is good.”
- “In the first few weeks I received a lot of support from my tutors that introduced me to my new subject of Bricklaying.”
- “Student Support was there to help me and make me comfortable at the College.”
- “The tutors are very helpful and the students are welcoming.”
- “The library is good.”
- I liked the support I was given which helped me to settle into College and make new friends.”
- “I was able to make my own work in Art and be creative and ask for help when I needed it.”
- “I was nervous when I walked in but...I made new friends and my teacher is nice. I will go for help if I need it. I think it’s going to go well for me at Calderdale College.”

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