

FOUNDATION LEARNING



Supporting your needs, building your confidence.



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Welcome to the **Foundation Learning** department of TyneMet College. This guide will give you a simple outline of what we can do at TyneMet to support you and your young person.

PAVING THE WAY TO NEW EXPERIENCES

TyneMet's Foundation Learning department is for young people aged 16 to 24 with special learning needs or learning difficulties. Our team are passionate about making sure that our students are given access to a range of learning, life and work experiences at a pace that suits them and with all of the wrap around support they need.

WE HAVE FOUR DIFFERENT PATHWAYS

01

PREPARATION FOR LIFE SKILLS



This is for students with complex needs and includes areas such as developing greater independence skills, exercise therapy, emotional literacy, communication, sensory stories and ICT.

02

PREPARATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING



This pathway helps students in areas such as managing money, personal safety, cookery and home skills, travel skills, health, wellbeing and citizenship.

03

PREPARATION FOR PERSONAL & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



The focus here is around developing social skills, managing anxiety, emotional literacy, health and wellbeing, preparation for work and community action.

04

PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT & SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS



Preparation for Employment and Supported Internships – this is a great pathway for those who have developed the independence and social skills to enter the world of work and includes being on a work placement in a real work environment.

All of the pathways include classroom, practical and enrichment activities.

WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

We offer our Foundation Learning students a package of support which is unique to them. Our aim is to work with our students to give them skills and confidence, as well as meet new friends and explore lots of new opportunities, at a pace that suits them. Simply put, we make sure our students have the best experience they can with us so that they can be the best they can be in the future.

Our team are friendly and supportive and passionate about working with young people. Benefits of being part of the TyneMet Foundation Learning family include:

- Excellent teaching and support – officially the best in Tyneside.
- Small class sizes
- Planned and supported transition from school to college
- Individual learning plans and targets
- Vocational tasters
- Work experience
- Enterprise skills
- Access to Speech and Language therapy, Physiotherapy and Occupational therapy
- English & maths
- North East Sport Academy - Pan Disability Football Academy

WHAT'S NEXT?

We would like to invite you to book a telephone call with our specialist team. The call should take no longer than an hour and will be in two parts. Part 1 will look at the right pathway and part 2 will look at the individual EHCP and what we need to do to make sure the right support is in place. We will call you for both parts.

All you need to do to book your call is contact Maria Crutwell via email, maria.crutwell@tynecoast.ac.uk or call 07394418221.

“My placement whilst studying at TyneMet College was at Sainsbury’s. I was quiet and reserved when I started my placement, but soon started to build relationships with colleagues around the shop. After my placement, I was offered a contract. This great opportunity was a direct result of my college course which increased my confidence and self-esteem so much that I am now able to work in a team environment.”

Natalie Rickerby

“Staff plan challenging programmes for learners who have high needs.”

“Learners follow individually tailored programmes that enable them to develop their independence and skills for adult life in line with their personal targets.”

“Safeguarding incidents are responded to appropriately and referrals are made to external agencies to keep learners safe.”

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