

**Specialist College for
young adults aged 19-25
with an education
health and care plan**

link19college.ac.uk



WELCOME

LINK19 College is a specialist Post 19 institution for 19-25 year old learners who have a current Education, Health, and Care Plan. We offer our young adults, who have a range of learning needs, including communication and interaction, a full time study programme providing personalised pathways to develop key employability and life skills.

LINK19 College recognises that every individual is unique. Our aim is to provide support and set challenges for learners so that they can achieve, reach their potential and succeed.

We will develop learners academically, personally, socially and emotionally. We will provide flexible pathways, offering a range of accreditations adapted to meet each learner's needs, while increasing their independence.





VISION

LINK19 College aims to increase the opportunities for employment and independent adulthood for a range of young adults with significant needs whose statutory education has been within a specialist setting.

The ethos of LINK19 College has been developed with four core values:



RESPECT



SUPPORT



SUCCESS



CHALLENGE







PROVISION

LINK19 College aims to provide an outstanding and supportive learning environment which allows everyone to succeed with high self-esteem and respect for others so they are able to take their place in the community with confidence and pride.

Our aim is to:

- **support and challenge learners to achieve success**
- **provide schedules to develop employability and life skills**
- **create personalised pathways to prepare for life within the community with appropriate support**

LINK19 College provides flexible pathways offering a range of accreditation that is adapted to meet each learner's needs, whilst increasing their independence at a suitable pace.

LINK19 College offer the following pathways:

- **Catering**
- **Retail**
- **Hospitality**
- **Construction and Ground Maintenance**
- **Horticulture and Animal Care**

All learners will continue to learn Functional Skills Maths and English; all pathways are also supported by relevant work placements.



ADMISSION

Eligibility criteria for admission to LINK19 College:

- **Learners are only eligible for a place if they have an Education, Health and Care Plan and LINK19 College identified as a suitable placement named in the learner's EHCP.**
- **Learners are only eligible if LINK19 College is suitable as a provision for the learner.**
- **Learners are only eligible if they are able, with support, to develop key employability and life skills.**

In addition:

- **The nature of the learner's needs and previous educational experience are not detrimental to the safety and well-being of all learners educated at LINK19 College.**
- **Learners needs and educational requirements cannot be met in mainstream provision**

All places are subject to availability of funding. Staff and LINK19 College will assess referred learners in their existing provision (if possible) before their place is confirmed. This is to ensure that the college is able to meet learner's needs. Formal risk assessments may be necessary to identify the medical or care needs of an individual in order to determine suitability and/or compatibility with the needs of existing learners.





OUR COLLEGE

At LINK19 College we offer a highly personalised and inclusive approach to learning. We empower learners to take ownership of their own destiny by supporting them to progress and achieve to the best of their ability. We develop their confidence and support them in learning the necessary skills needed in the next stage of their life.

We aim to provide a happy and calm environment to enable learners to develop their confidence through effort, success and praise.

Supported work placements enable some Post 19 learners to take their previous work experiences to the next level.

The learners work alongside a Work Placement Support Worker who will provide practical guidance and practical clarification within a placement.

LINK19 College is fortunate to have a host of partner organisations who share our vision for young people with SEND. Like LINK19 College they recognise that learners can make a real contribution in the work place whilst developing skills in their chosen pathway. We are developing the range of organisations in our community who are making a valuable contribution to LINK19 College learners' progress.



COMMITMENT

The directors of LINK19 college have a strong commitment to the future of this college and are proud of its continued success. We are confident that LINK19 college will provide an excellent learning journey for young adults with significant learning needs.

The College is committed to contributing towards the successful future of our learners. We aim to prepare them for their next steps, creating opportunities to develop their employment and independent living skills. We will work collaboratively and in partnership with specialist organisations to maximise expertise and resources.

LINK19 College will provide all learners with equality of opportunity and embrace its statutory obligations. We will guarantee an environment free from racial, sexual orientation, gender, age, religious belief, cultural and physical discrimination.

Whether you are a learner, parent, carer or employer, we aim to provide a quality service meeting each learner's individual needs. We want every learner to achieve their potential and be successful in their chosen pathway.

You will be very welcome to visit LINK19 College. Please contact us to make an appointment.





KENT SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS TRUST

LINK19 College is a partner of Kent Special Educational Needs Trust (KSENT), a co-operative trust for Kent special schools. The partnership encourages existing and future SPIs in the surrounding area to work collaboratively towards improved provision across the county building upon good practice.

Partnership with KSENT provides systematic opportunities for staff working together on curriculum development, assessment, observation, moderation, coaching including peer review opportunities for action research and developing leadership programmes in special schools and SPIs.



LINK19 College, North Kent College, Link Centre, Block H
Lower Higham Road, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2JJ | Tel: 01322 629733

Registered Office: LINK19 College Ltd, Ifield School, Cedar Avenue, Gravesend, Kent DA12 5JT
Tel: 01474 365485 | Email: enquiries@link19college.ac.uk www.link19college.ac.uk