

# **Further Education Courses**

**In Leicester and Leicestershire  
for students with learning difficulties  
and/or disabilities**

**connexions**

**LEICESTER SHIRE**

**September 2011**

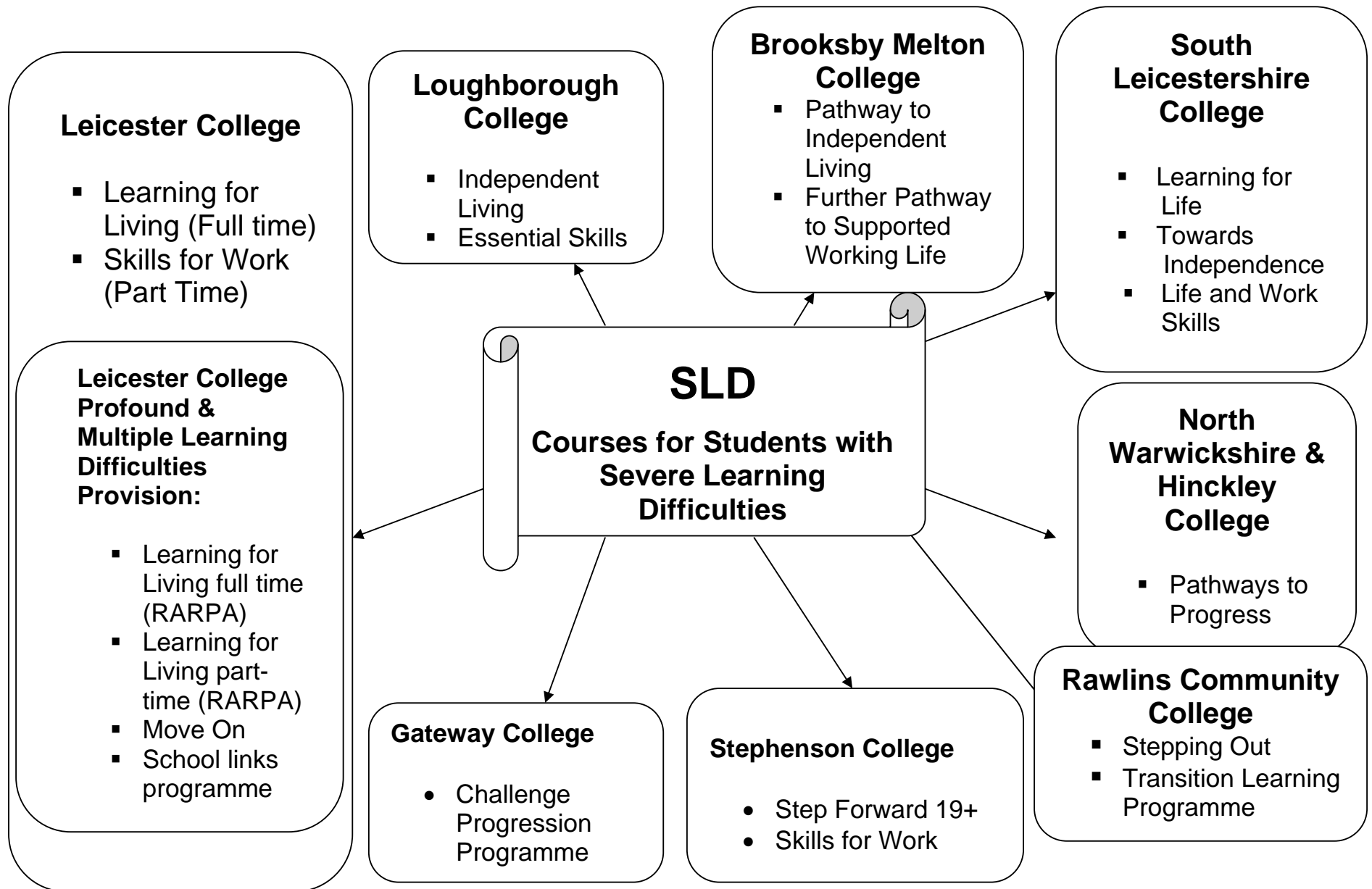
## **This guide is in 2 sections:**

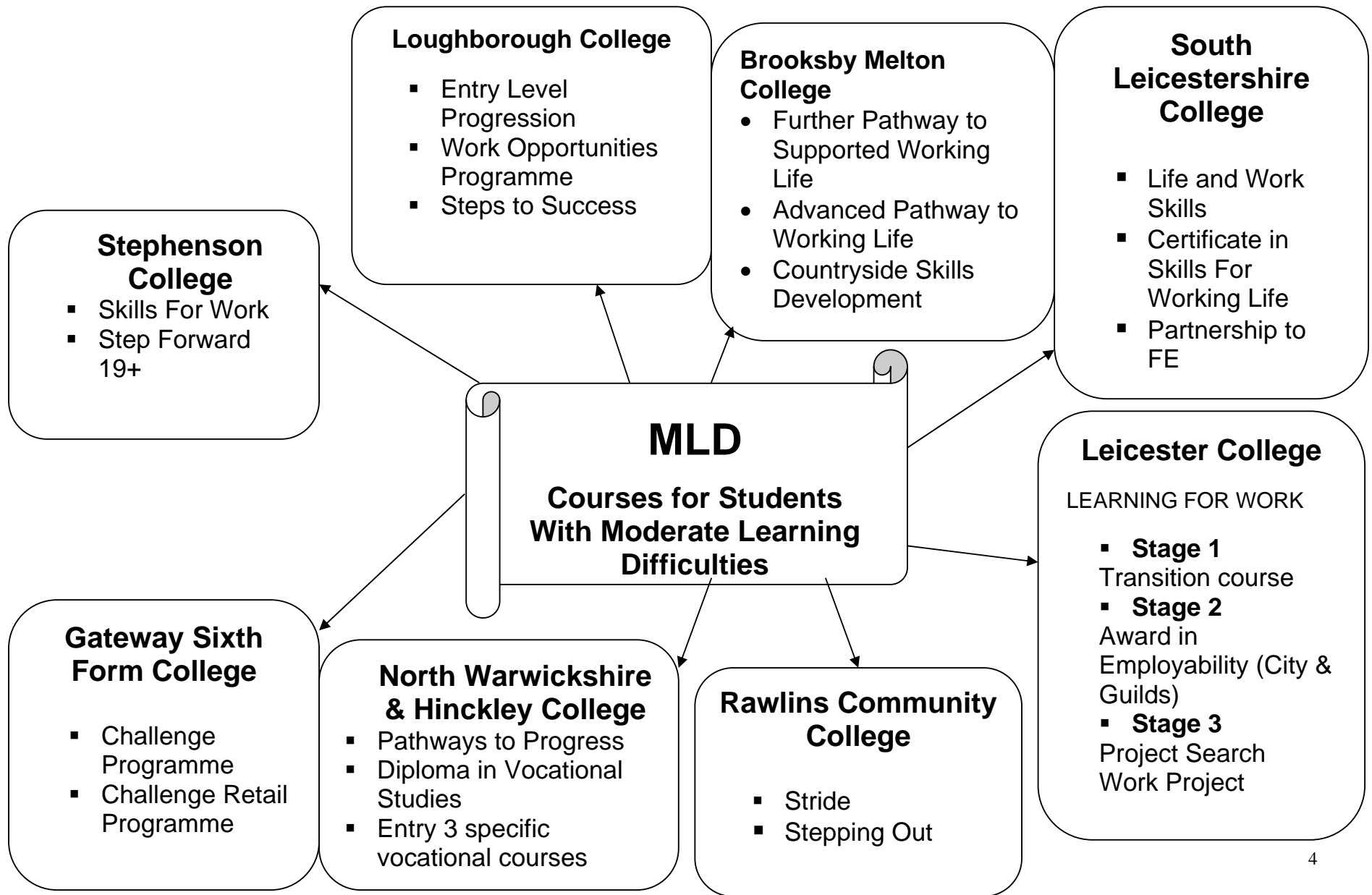
	<b>Page</b>
• <b>Section One gives an overview of courses</b>	<b>3</b>
• <b>Section Two gives information and contact details for individual courses</b>	<b>5</b>

# **SECTION ONE**

## **Overview of Courses**

	<b>Page</b>
• <b>Courses for students with Severe Learning Difficulties</b>	<b>3</b>
• <b>Courses for Students with Moderate Learning Difficulties</b>	<b>4</b>





## **SECTION TWO**

### **College and Course Information**

# College and Course Information

## Index

<b>College</b>	<b>Page</b>
Brooksby Melton College	7
Gateway Sixth Form College	10
Leicester College	11
Loughborough College	17
North Warwickshire and Hinckley College	19
Rawlins College	21
South Leicestershire College	22
Stephenson College	24

# Brooksby Melton College

## Location and contact:

**Helen Herries**  
 Melton Campus  
 Asfordby Road  
 Melton Mowbray  
 LE13 0HL  
 01664 855444

**David Motteram**  
 Brooksby Campus  
 Brooksby  
 Melton Mowbray  
 LE14 2JL  
 01664 855444

Courses on Offer	Duration	Contact Details	Target Group	Any Other Information
<p><b>Pathway to Independent Living</b></p> <p>Entry level 1 Diploma in personal progress</p>	<p>1 year course</p> <p>Full Time</p> <p>(3 days a week)</p> <p><b>Progression:</b>                      Advanced pathway to independent living.</p>	<p>Helen Herries</p> <p>01664 855 444</p>	<p>SLD</p>	<p>This course suits students who want to develop their independence, life skills, work experience, practical skills and self confidence with lots of support. Modules include: Transport and travel, safety in the home/kitchen, Daily living skills, Enterprise, Creative activities, Sport, Living Healthily, Communication skills, ICT, Accessing the Community and leisure time, Personal presentation, Developing skills for the work place.</p>

<p><b>Further pathway to supporting working life.</b></p> <p>Entry level 2 Certificate / Diploma in Independence and work</p>	<p>1 year course</p> <p>Full Time</p> <p>3 days a week</p> <p><b>Progression:</b> Advanced pathway to working life.</p>	<p>Helen Herries</p> <p>01664 855 444</p>	<p>SLD / MLD</p>	<p>This course suits YP who want to develop their independence, life skills, work experience, practical skills and self-confidence and Undertake a supported work placement. Experience vocational tasters. Modules include: Transport and travel, Safety in the home/kitchen, Daily living skills, Enterprise, Creative activities, Sport, Healthy living, Communication skills, Accessing the community and leisure time, Personal presentation, English, Math's, ICT, Supported work placement within the College, Food prep and cooking at home, maintaining a garden.</p>
<p><b>Advanced pathway to working life</b></p> <p>Entry level 3 certificate / Diploma in vocational studies, personal and social development</p>	<p>1 year course</p> <p>Full time</p> <p>3 days per week</p> <p><b>Progression:</b> A Full-time Level 1 main stream college vocational course with additional learning</p>	<p>Helen Herries</p> <p>01664 855 444</p>	<p>MLD</p>	<p>This course suits students who want to develop their vocational skills and prepare for the world of work, with a willingness to develop literacy and numeracy skills. Work experience is offered alongside literacy and numeracy in the following area: Performing arts, Childcare, IT/Business, Hair&amp; Beauty, Animal care,</p>

	support.			Horticulture, Construction, Equine, Retail
<b>Country Skills Development</b>  <b>Brooksby Campus</b>  NPTC Entry level 2 and 3 skills for working life	1 year Course  Full time (3 days)  Progression: The course provides a good solid ground and you will be able to build upon this and gain entry onto other courses within the college.	Helen Herries  01664 855444	MLD	This course offers a useful and practical introduction to the general land based environment for students progressing from the foundation for life and learning courses. A practical course that offers a range of land based skills, including working with farm and small animals, Estate skills, landscaping, horticulture skills, and practical conservation skills.

**Contact: Helen Herries – Programme Team Manager**

Each full-time student spends one afternoon per week taking part in enriched learning time in mixed ability groups. These regular sessions offer learners an opportunity to choose a particular activity they are interested in and share the activity with similar like minded students. They also run daily lunch clubs where students are able to take part in a range of activities including:

- Karaoke and music
- Art and Craft
- Photography
- Film making
- Researching local history

# Gateway Sixth Form College

**Location:**

Colin Grundy Drive, Hamilton  
Leicester, LE5 1GA

**Contact Details:**

Kerry Reeve  
0116 274 2051

Courses on Offer	Full Time/ Part Time	Target Group	Any Other Information
<b>Challenge Progression Programme</b>	Full-time – approximately 16 hours per week over 3 days per week.	Entry level 1.	The course and college are both on a small scale, and therefore suitable for those who might find attending larger F.E. colleges difficult. The course covers a wide range of subjects including Numeracy, Literacy, IT, and an introduction to vocational areas.
<b>Challenge Programme</b>	Full time-approximately 16 hours per week over 3 days per week.	Entry levels 2 and 3	This course is similar to the above but with a greater vocational emphasis. Students will be able to choose from IT, Horticulture, Travel and Tourism, Business, Sport and Leisure, Performing Arts, Health and Social Care and Art and Design.
<b>Challenge Retail Programme</b>	Retail programme – 4 days a week (including 1 day at work)	Entry level 3 and Level 1	The retail programme is for level 3 students and includes 1 day per week work experience at Tesco

# Leicester College

## CONTINUING STUDIES: PROGRAMME 2

### LEARNING FOR WORK

Contact: Judy Larder

Tel: 0116 2244100

### Predominately BASED AT ABBEY PARK CAMPUS

\*Course Team Leader

Programme	Full Time/Part Time	Additional Information	Progression
<b>Stage 1: - Transition into F.E Programme</b>	Full time 1 year  4 days  CTL*: Sam Newman	This course is designed to develop the student's skills in coping with Further Education at a local college.  Students will undertake work experience and will practice realistic, relevant numeracy/ literacy IT skills to prepare them for their next step. There will be an opportunity to undertake a qualification from a recognized awarding body where appropriate.  Students should be able to travel independently or be working towards this.	<b>Stage 2: - Award in Employability (City &amp; Guilds)</b>  Project Search UK or Work Project – <b>Stage 3</b>  <b>Level 1 course</b>
<b>Stage 2: - Award in Employability &amp; Personal</b>	Full time 1 year 4 days	This course is designed to develop the students' employability skills such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applying for a job</li> <li>• Going for an interview</li> </ul>	Project Search UK – <b>Stage 3</b>  <b>Level 1 course</b>

<b>Development (City &amp; Guilds)</b>	CTL*: Rob Stevens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role at work</li> <li>• Travelling to and from work</li> <li>• Maintaining a work placement</li> <li>• Voluntary work</li> <li>• Working on an enterprise activity</li> </ul> <p>Students will also have the opportunity to practice life skills such as project work and enterprise activities, i.e. setting up an event or producing products to sell.</p> <p>They will be developing team building and also personal skills.</p> <p>Students will work towards achieving a City &amp; Guilds qualification in employment.</p>	
<b>Stage 3: - Project Search UK</b>	Full time 1 year Various days/times depending on work placement  CTL: Sharon Jackman	Students need to be able to travel independently. Work trials linked to Project Search UK run in conjunction with Remploy. Students will complete a minimum of two work placements to a maximum of four, each lasting 12 weeks.	Employment
<b>Work Project</b>	Full-time 1 year 4 days  CTL: Lesley Crooks	Students will be learning about employment skills and carrying out work placements both in college departments and other employers. 3 rotations a year. Looking at applying for jobs and personal finance. Students will work towards AQA qualifications.	Employment

**CONTINUING STUDIES: PROGRAMME 1  
LEARNING FOR LIVING  
FREEMAN'S PARK CAMPUS**

Contact: Stella Williamson  
Tel: 0116 224 2088

Programme	Full Time/Part Time	Additional Information	Progression
<p><b>Learning for Living</b></p>	<p>Full time (Modular) Reviewed each year with a maximum of three years.</p> <p>Approx number of students per class: 8</p> <p>3 days a week 9.00 am – 3.00 pm</p> <p>Supported learning</p>	<p>There are 4 routes on this programme and students will study one or more subject from each one depending on personal choice and the outcome of the initial assessment</p> <p><b>Myself and Others</b> CTL*: Emma Boccetti (E.g. creative arts, sport, citizenship, community activities, travel training, volunteering, moving on)</p> <p><b>Individual Living Skills</b> CTL*: Angela Belfield (E.g. cooking, community studies, catering, money &amp; budgeting)</p> <p><b>Enterprise</b> CTL*: Gary Halford (E.g. Horticulture, recycling, making a product, woodwork)</p> <p><b>Work Training</b> CTL*: Carole Bastock (E.g. Car valeting, office skills, hand and feet boutique, animal care, work skills, EBay Enterprise)</p>	<p>Learning for Work</p> <p>Other Opportunities within the Community</p>

Programme	Full Time/Part Time	Additional Information	Progression
<b>Learning for Living Part-time</b>	Part time 1 or 2 days each week 9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.  Supported learning	This programme sits within Learning for Living and the subjects students can study on are car valeting, office skills, City & Guilds cookery, admin skills, sports coaching, small animal care, retail and hospitality. It is designed to focus on the skills needed to move on from college	Learning for Work  Other Opportunities within the Community

All full time students will undertake an initial assessment at the beginning of term. Every student will then be invited to a review to discuss their learning programme for the rest of the year.

There will also be an opportunity for students to go on a residential to practice their social and independent skills. All students will be allocated a personal tutor who they will see on a regular basis to ensure there are no issues and that progress is being made.

## CONTINUING STUDIES

### FRITH FE UNIT

Contact: Francesca Williams

Tel: 0116 225 5364

Programme	Full Time/Part Time	Additional Information	Progression
<b>Learning for Living (RARPA) Recognizing and Recording Progression and Achievement</b>	Full time (Up to 3 years)	This programme is designed for young adults with profound and complex learning difficulties. All learning is person-centred and is focused on the following areas: Creative Studies, Exploring the Environment, Personal and Social Development, My Community and Citizenship.	'Moving On' course  Social care provision in the community.
<b>Moving On</b>	Part time 1 year (1 day per week)	This programme is designed for adults with profound and complex learning difficulties who have completed the Learning for Living full-time Programme.  It is designed to support learners in learning about what is available once they leave Further Education.	Access to activities in the community  Progression to Freeman's Park Campus 'Learning for Living Programme'

<p><b>Learning for Living Part-time (RARPA)</b></p>	<p>Part time Length of time on programme is assessed yearly.</p>	<p>This programme is designed for adults with profound and complex learning difficulties who find it challenging to access mainstream provision. Many of the lessons are delivered one to one with a learner until they are ready to choose to be within a small group setting.</p> <p>Subjects include: Creative Studies-drama, art, music. Personal Development – cookery skills, sport, IT and relaxation.</p>	<p>Widening access to activities in the community.</p>
<p><b>School Links Programme</b></p>	<p>Part-time One day or half a day Per week.</p>	<p>The college organizes transitional links programmes with city and county special schools. These programmes are personalized and organized in partnership with school staff. They provide an essential opportunity to assess if college will be a suitable place for the learner to move onto, helps young people become familiar with college life and enables college staff to make important arrangements around learner's health care needs and develop strategies for providing support should they move onto college. These can start from Year 11.</p>	<p>Full time 'Learning for Living' (RARPA) Programme</p>

# Loughborough College

**Location:** Radmoor Road  
Loughborough  
LE11 3BT  
01509 215831

**Contact Details:** Anita Smith  
**Tel No:** 01509 618077

<b>Courses On Offer</b>	<b>Full Time/ Part Time</b>	<b>Target Group</b>	<b>Any Other Information</b>
<b>Independent Living</b>	Full time	SLD/MLD	Suitable for adult learners and school leavers. Development of life, social and independence skills. Will also include verbal communication skills, making choices and decisions. Includes functional skills, I.T. gardening and sport.
<b>Entry Level Progression</b>	Full time	MLD	Aimed at students at Entry Level 1-3. Development of life, work, social skills, and responsibilities.
<b>Steps to Success</b>	Full time	Student with no GCSE's or grades E, F, G.	Course will include numeracy, literacy and IT skills. Will include vocational options, life, work and social skills and awareness.
<b>Work Opportunities Programme</b>	Full time	MLD – progression from entry level programme	Preparation for work. A work-placement based programme including all the skills for work and independent life style.

<b>ConnEct Course</b>	As required	Students with chronic illness who are not able to attend school or college on a regular basis because of their health. Available to students from Year 10,	A range of GCSE's and A-levels. Study is primarily on-line. Students have regular contact with a progress tutor, as well as with specific subject tutors.
-----------------------	-------------	--	---

# North Warwickshire and Hinckley College

**Location:**

Hinckley Road  
Nuneaton  
Warwickshire  
CV11 6BR  
(Main campus)

London Road  
Hinckley  
Leicestershire  
LE10 1HQ

**Contact Details:**

LDD Course Co-ordinator: Trish Royle  
024 762 43434

Head of Learning Support Services: Fran Williams  
024 762 43255

Courses On Offer	Full Time/ Part Time	Target Group	Any Other Information
<p><b>Pathways to Progress</b></p>	<p>Full time - minimum of 16 hours per week over 3 days</p>	<p>Entry levels 1 to 3</p>	<p>E1 – Independent living skills, personal and social development.</p> <p>E2 – As above, plus introduction to vocational skills, further development of literacy and numeracy.</p> <p>E3 – Certificate in Vocational Studies. Choose from Leisure and Tourism, Sport, Carpentry,</p>

<b>Pathways to Progress (cont)</b>			IT, Catering, Horticulture and Forestry. Also includes functional skills and employment skills.
<b>Vocationally specific Entry level 3 courses.</b>	Full time – minimum of 16 hours per week over 3 days.	Entry level 3	Separate courses available in Catering, Motor Vehicle, Horticulture and Floristry.
<b>Diploma in Vocational Studies</b>	Full time – minimum of 16 hours per week over 3 days.	Level 1	Improvement of functional skills (literacy and numeracy) plus choice of 2 vocational areas in addition to horticulture and catering.

# Rawlins Community College

**Location:** Loughborough Road  
 Quorn  
 LE12 8DY  
 01509 622 800

**Contact Details:** Rosie Hutton (Stride Course Co-ordinator)  
 June Philips (Stepping Out Course Co-ordinator)  
 Sally Redfern (TLP Co-ordinator)

Courses On Offer	Full Time/ Part Time	Target Group	Any Other Information
<b>Stride</b>	Full time	MLD 16-19 For statemented County students only	3-year course, focusing on Independent Living Skills and Work Skills. Students follow ASDAN award, together with a range of subjects as appropriate including art and design, I.T, and English and math's. LEA funded.
<b>Stepping Out</b>	Full time (3.5 days per week)	Top of SLD range or bottom of MLD range, with accompanying social and/or emotional problems.	2-year course, focusing on Independent Living Skills and Work Skills. Funded through Community Education.

<p><b>Transition Learning Project (TLP)</b></p>	<p>The Transition Learning Programme runs for 38 weeks per year, Monday to Friday, following the academic year, from 9.30am – 3.30pm - one of these days will incorporate a social environment.</p> <p>The programme also offers 9 days of respite in addition to the 38 weeks.</p>	<p>The TLP programme is for students 18+ with a range of learning disabilities and complex health needs. The course is suited to learning, and looking forward to making choices about adult life</p>	<p>Places are agreed through referral from Leicestershire Social Care services transitions team and Connexions.</p> <p>After assessment learners will join a link course agreed by the post 16 provision.</p>
---	---	---	---

# South Leicestershire College

**Location:** Blaby Road  
South Wigston  
Leicestershire  
LE18 4PH

**Contact:** 0116 2643535 (General enquiries) or 0116 2643555 for Information, advice and guidance about all courses.

Contact Details	Courses On Offer	Full Time/ Part Time	Target Group	Any Other Information
Susan Bilson Reshma Kala Ellen Cook Dawn Morris	<b>Independent Living Pathway</b>	16 hours per week over 36 weeks of the year  1-2 years dependant on progression	MLD 16+ Entry level 2-3	Will study: - Community skills (public transport, shopping, taxi's, money, time, road safety, keeping safe, leisure, speaking up) Numeracy and Literacy Home (cooking, nutrition, cleaning, washing, ironing etc) IT Personal Development
Same as above	<b>Vocational/ Independent Living Combined Pathway</b>	16 hours per week over 36 weeks of the year  Usually takes 2 years to complete accreditation.	MLD 16+ Entry level 2-3	Certificate in employability and personal development Work experience placements CV writing Functional skills

Contact Details	Courses On Offer	Full Time/ Part Time	Target Group	Any Other Information
Same as above	<b>Vocational Pathway</b>	16 hours per week over 36 weeks of the year 1-2 year course dependent upon progression.	MLD 16+ Entry level 2-3	As above plus. Course tasters available in: Business and retail Health and social care Catering Animal care Horticulture Practical skills Construction Childcare  BTEC Routes to work-general employment skills  BTEC Routes to work-construction sector
Susan Bilson	<b>Partnership to FE course</b>	Full time	Mainly Students from Ellesmere college however applications can come from other students/schools. 16-18 only with a statement of SEN. Ideally Must be able to study at entry level 2; however students working at entry level one can access the course with an independent learning package.	Students will attend SLC for 3 days per week, and Ellesmere for 2 days. This will incorporate 3 weeks work experience over the year. Qualifications include Certificate in progression E3 and Diploma in skills E2.

# Stephenson College

**Location:** Thornborough Road  
Coalville  
Leicestershire  
LE67 3TN

**Contact Details:** Gill Hout  
01530 836 136  
[www.stephensoncoll.ac.uk](http://www.stephensoncoll.ac.uk)

Courses On Offer	Full Time/ Part Time	Target Group	Any Other Information
Skills for Work Course level, entry 1 – level 1	2 years Full Time	SLD/MLD. This programme has been designed to meet the needs of people who are not ready for the workplace or unsure of which job to do. The course is designed to help people to develop the skills they will need to successfully seek employment either paid or voluntary.	No formal qualifications are necessary, entry is through interview. Could gain City & Guilds certificates in Literacy and Numeracy and NOCN/NCFE Life skills and/ or BTEC Work Skills Entry Level 1/ 2. A significant part of the course involves vocational options. For example, woodwork, motor vehicle care, childcare, office work, art, plumbing, construction. Opportunity for work experience in chosen area. Progression will be onto a level 1 vocational course or in to work.

<p><b>Step Forward 19+</b> Course level, Pre Entry and Entry level</p>	<p>Up to 3 years full time</p>	<p>SLD/MLD This programme has been designed to meet the needs of people with learning difficulties and or disabilities. The range of difficulties may include students with severe to moderate learning difficulties but with reasonable social skills to those who may find it difficult to cope with some social situations.</p>	<p>Applicants must be 19 years and over. No formal qualifications are necessary and entry is through interview. The course is taught in real world situations with an emphasis on practical work. The activities within the course are designed to take into account the interests and needs of the learners. Could gain NOCN or NCFE qualifications in Life skills.</p> <p>The course aims to extend the experience of the learner and provide a stepping-stone to independent life where existing skills can be put to good use.</p> <p>The course aims to foster a maximum degree of independence and self - confidence to enable learners to participate fully in areas of work and leisure.</p>
--	--------------------------------	--	--

# Connexions Leicester Shire

Contact your nearest Connexions Centre at:

## Leicester

91 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1HL  
Tel: 0116 2627254  
Email: [leicester@connexions-leics.org](mailto:leicester@connexions-leics.org)

## Coalville

5 Hotel Street, Coalville, LE67 3EQ  
Tel: 01530 812231  
Email: [coalville@connexions-leics.org](mailto:coalville@connexions-leics.org)

## Hinckley

51 Castle Street, Hinckley, LE10 1DA  
Tel: 01455 632719  
Email: [hinckley@connexions-leics.org](mailto:hinckley@connexions-leics.org)

## Loughborough

7 Fennel Street, Loughborough, LE11 1UQ  
Tel: 01509 214092  
Email: [loughborough@connexions-leics.org](mailto:loughborough@connexions-leics.org)

## Melton Mowbray

22a Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1AF  
Tel: 01664 569966  
Email: [melton@connexions-leics.org](mailto:melton@connexions-leics.org)

## South Wigston

50E Blaby Road, South Wigston, LE19 4SD  
Tel: 0116 2778090  
Email: [bow@conenxions-leics.org](mailto:bow@conenxions-leics.org)