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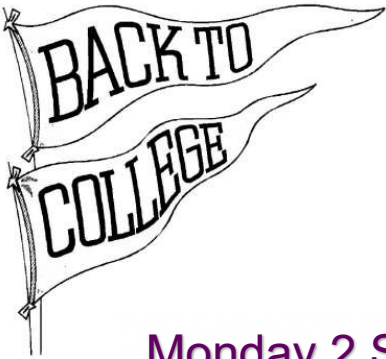
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Community Café  
Monday—Thursday  
10.15—11am

General Information

**Summer Term**  
Term Begins Tuesday 23 April 2019  
Bank Holiday Monday 06 May 2019  
Bank Holiday Monday 27 May 2019  
Half Term Tuesday 28 May – Friday 31 May 2019  
Term Ends Friday 19 July 2019



Monday 2 September 2019

INFORMATION, ADVICE & GUIDANCE



Summer Term, 2019 Issue 2

Welcome back to the Summer Term!  
  
Last term we asked for your views of the College. 12 responses were received and this is what you said ...

2018-2019 Parents and Carers Views of the College	Happy	Very Happy
Please rate how satisfied you are with the academic and personal progress made by your son/daughter at Birtenshaw College	42%	58%
Are you kept well informed about how your son/daughter is getting on?	Yes: 100%	
Please rate how satisfied you are with the leadership and management of the college.	42%	58%
Please rate how satisfied you are that your son/daughter is supported and encouraged to become independent.	42%	58%
Please rate how satisfied you are with the level of communication between Birtenshaw College and yourselves.	42%	58%
Please rate how satisfied you are with the safety of your son/daughter at Birtenshaw College.	17%	83%
Please rate how satisfied you are with the range of activities provided for your son/daughter.	42%	58%
Please rate how satisfied you are with the transition arrangements for your son/daughter to settle in Birtenshaw College.	25%	50%
Please rate how satisfied you are with your son/daughter's experiences at Birtenshaw College overall.	33%	67%



We value our partnership with parents and carers and your input is essential in ensuring that each learner achieves their potential and the best outcomes for adult life.  
  
Please continue to let us know how we can further support your family.

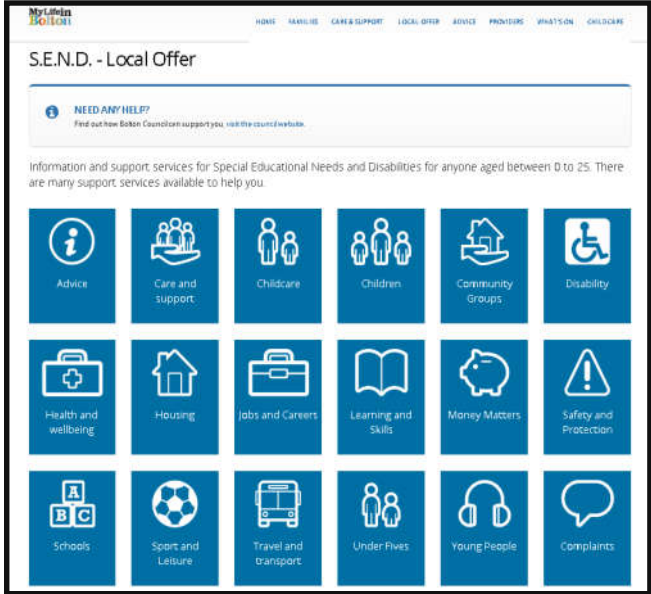
# The Local Offer

Section 30 of the Children and Families Act 2014 requires local authorities to publish a Local Offer which sets out in one place information about provision they expect to be available across education, health and social care for children and young people in their area who have SEND.

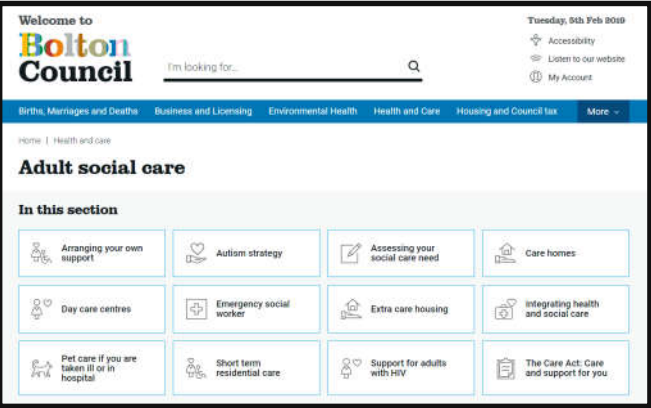


### Bolton's Local Offer

The Local Offer provides a single point for information to help families access details about services available to them :



[www.localdirectory.bolton.gov.uk/send.aspx](http://www.localdirectory.bolton.gov.uk/send.aspx)



[www.bolton.gov.uk/adult-social-care](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/adult-social-care)

## Transition 1

The Department of People (Children and Adults Services) are currently reviewing the Transition Offer for young people alongside partner agencies. The scope of this is to apply to young people from age 14 upwards and is known as Transition 1.

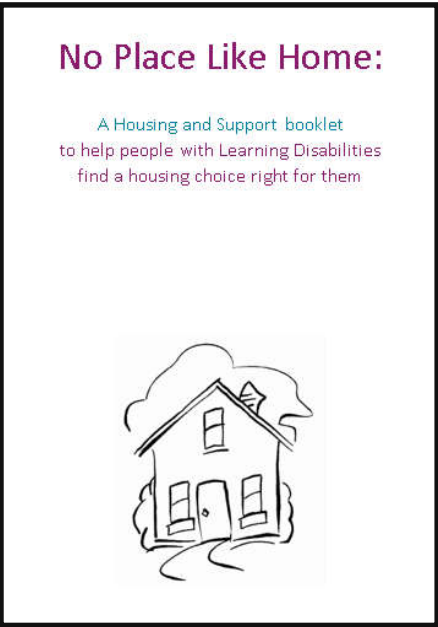
## Transition 2

Transition 2, which refers to the transition of adolescents to adulthood (when education ceases), will be reviewed by the Local Authority following Transition 1.



# Information, Advice and Guidance

If you would like a copy of these booklets, please let us know !



# Diary Dates



Tuesday 7 May	Preparing for Adulthood meeting (10am)
Tuesday 2 July	Preparing for Adulthood event
Wednesday 3 July	Summer Market
Monday 8 July	Sports Day
Wednesday 10 July	End of Year Celebration



## Information, Advice and Guidance



fightback.boards.net  
facebook.com/FightBack4Justice  
@FB4JOfficial

We are a group that helps disabled people in the borough and beyond with free legal and we are benefits advice and advocacy.

Welfare benefit advice/appeals undertaken, and disability benefit applications completed by fully qualified lawyers and a buddy system for medicals.

**Chloe Hamilton and Michelle Cardno,**  
Managing Directors of  
Fightback4Justice.

Fightback4Justice is an award winning, non-profit organisation, providing specialised, expert advice and help on various welfare benefit claims; from advocacy and representation at court to guidance with forms for PIP, ESA & DLA.



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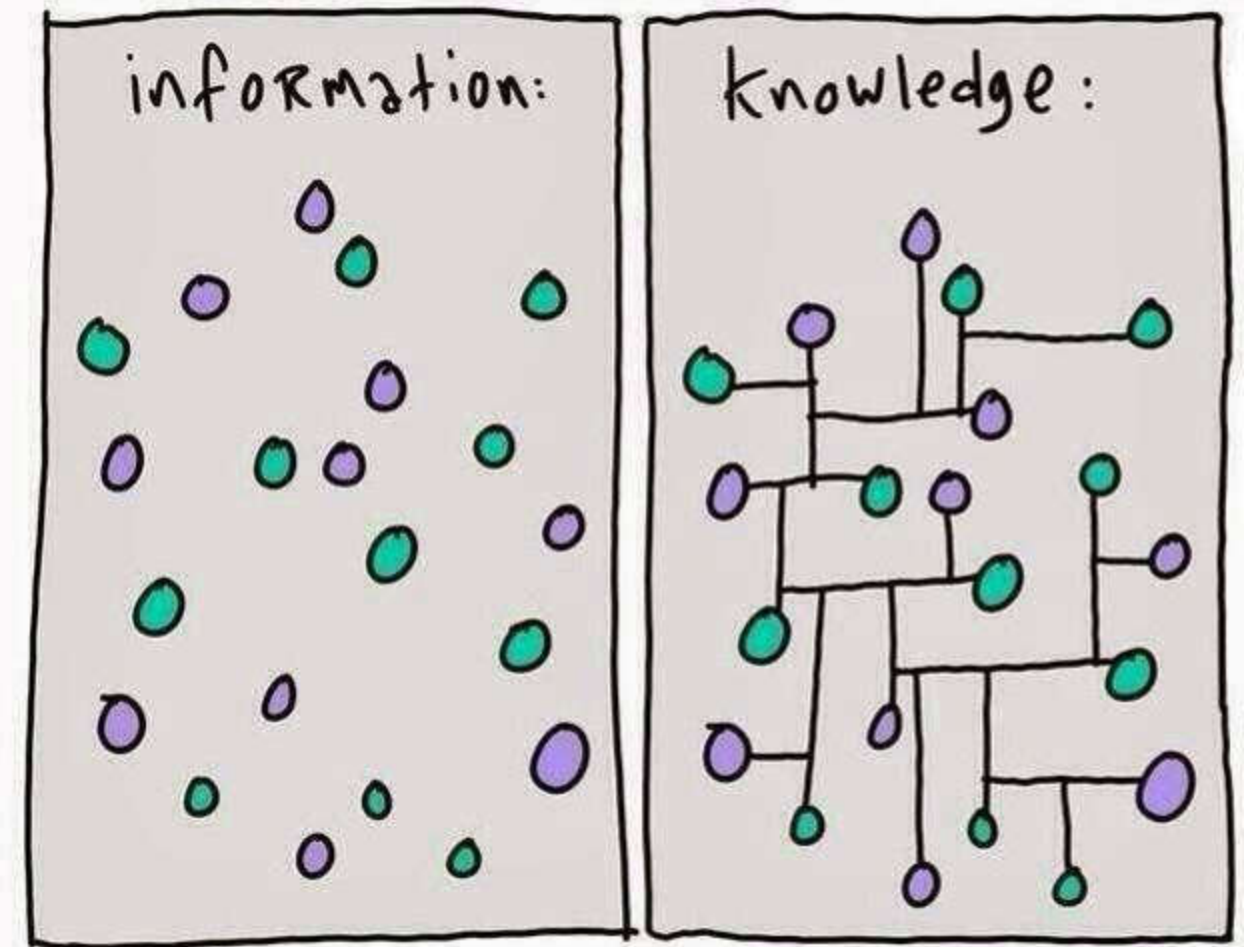
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**Sarah Roberts, Managing Director of Kaleidoscope Brokerage.**

Based in Bury, Kaleidoscope offers a range of services including recruiting personal assistants. Sarah is mum to a daughter with support needs and also a learning disability nurse. Sarah has a wealth of experience in supporting families.

## Preparing for Adulthood Event

7 May & 2 July 2019



On Tuesday 2 July we will be hosting our Preparing for Adulthood Event. This event will host a number of organisations from Bury, Bolton and neighbouring authorities whose main aim is to support learners with either finding work, being healthy, living on their own and being part of the community.

The **Preparing for Adulthood meeting on Tuesday 7 May 2019 (10am—12pm)** will be an opportunity for you to take part in the planning of this event and to identify organisations to attend. Please do let us know, if you are unable to make this meeting, of any services or organisations in your local area that we could invite.

Further details regarding the Preparing for Adulthood Event (2 July 2019) will be available nearer the time. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Clare Foster at [clare.foster@birtenshaw.org.uk](mailto:clare.foster@birtenshaw.org.uk)



# Preparing for Adulthood: Housing

## Birtenshaw Supported Tenancies

Birtenshaw Supported Tenancies provide personal care and support to young adults with SEND. Birtenshaw provides a stable, caring environment in which young adults can develop their potential. A supported tenancy offers a high level of independence for the young adult within a safe, supervised environment supported by dedicated, experienced and well trained staff.

Supported Tenancies are a positive way of realising the potential of young adults through developing and strengthening life skills, including social and communication skills, and opening up opportunities for work or further education placements. We believe that through an individual and holistic approach, combined with robust policies and procedures, we can ensure positive outcomes are achieved by the adults we support. The goal is to ensure that all the adults are accessing community activities, increasing their independence and are enjoying their supported tenancy.

### How to refer

To make a referral for Birtenshaw Adult services you can call JP Night (Referrals and Placements Manager) on 01204 304230 or email [referrals@birtenshaw.org.uk](mailto:referrals@birtenshaw.org.uk).

Referrals for services such as Supported Tenancies will need involvement from your Local Authority due to funding.



Preparing for  
**Adulthood**



The Preparing for Adulthood website has a range of resources and case studies that offer advice and guidance for learners, and parents, who are considering supported tenancies as part of their future.

[www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk/downloads/independent-living](http://www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk/downloads/independent-living)

# Connexions

Connexions offer careers information, advice and guidance for young people.

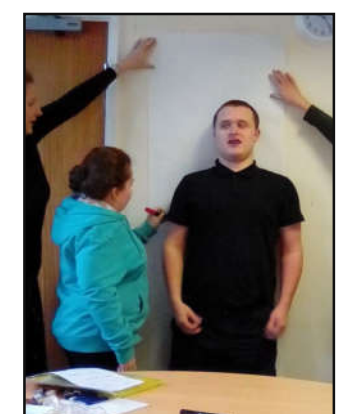
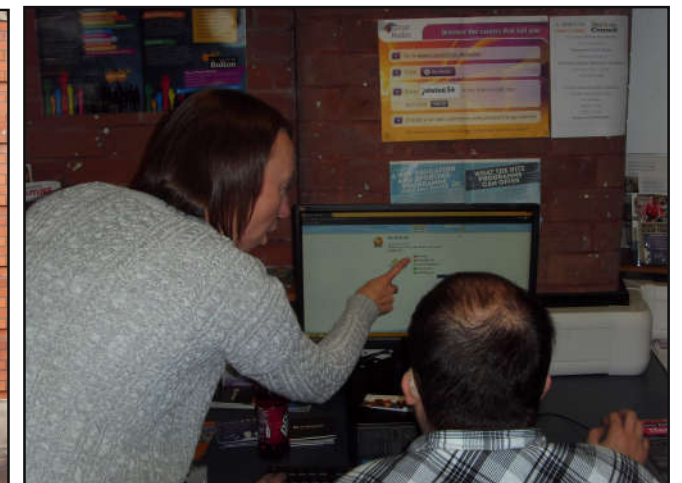
Birtenshaw College has purchased the services of the Connexions Careers Service Bolton. Learners meet with a personal careers advisor for 1 to 1 or group sessions to support planning for their future. Connexions also support families at EHCP meetings and other events.

[www.facebook.com/ConnexionsBolton/](https://www.facebook.com/ConnexionsBolton/)

Send an email to [cx.boltoncentre@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:cx.boltoncentre@bolton.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0800 052 5559

Address:  
Connexions Bolton  
The Base, Marsden Road  
Bolton. BL1 2PF





## Preparing for Adulthood Outcome: Employment

**BuryEST**  
Employment Support and Training



Bury Employment Support and Training (Bury EST) is a Supported Employment Service offering advice, support and practical assistance to disadvantaged and disabled customers (who are eligible for funding) into employment, and meaningful activities such as independent living, independent travel, and life skills. independent travel, and life skills.

Working to an agreed development plan, Bury EST offer "packages" of support, tailored to individual needs, to move people forward to achieve desired outcomes. Bury EST customers working with our support are given the opportunity to try a variety of activities to increase their employability and independence skills.

Bury EST has vast experience (over 25 years) in the supported employment arena and has worked with local and national stakeholders and partner organisations to successfully deliver various supported employment projects.

Based at The Lodge House in Manchester Road Park, Bury and home to The Welly Community Café, we also work in partnership with employers, individuals and organisations to create a socially inclusive and diverse workforce.

To do this, we offer a range of services such as job clubs, employability courses work experiences and job trials. We work closely with employers to guide on tailoring their support and we also offer one-to-one support in work places until both employer and customer feel that working independently is possible.

For more information on the funding criteria to access their service please contact them on 0161 253 6588.



## Preparing for Adulthood: Housing

### Bolton Cares Supported Living

By providing a comprehensive range of personal and physical care packages, Supported Living helps maintain and protect an individual's independence and lifestyle. In addition to our care packages we also provide help with practical matters such as budgeting, cooking and developing social skills.

Our links with colleges, work placement schemes, community services and leisure facilities also open up new opportunities and provide further scope for the individual to develop their aims and ambitions. These services can either be accessed in our Supported Living accommodation or through our Outreach Services in your own home. Supported Living services are offered (but not limited to) people aged over 18, who have a wide range of care needs, including

- complex needs associated with mental illness
- complex physical health needs
- high levels of supervision
- management of behaviour that challenges.

#### Contact details

Head Office:

Thicketford House, Thicketford Road, Bolton, BL2 2LW  
01204 331111

[information@boltoncares.org.uk](mailto:information@boltoncares.org.uk)

[www.boltoncares.org.uk/service/supported-living/](http://www.boltoncares.org.uk/service/supported-living/)



# Preparing for Adulthood Outcome: Friends, Relationships and Community



## Birtenshaw Enrichment Service

Enrichment is a modern, dynamic day support service for young adults with a range of special needs, including cognitive, physical and sensory impairment. The service is open all year round and staffed by fully trained and experienced individuals.

The service is designed to assist participants to live ordinary lives, doing things they want to do. Each person that attends has a personalised plan built around their hobbies, likes and interests. The personalised plan is developed by experienced staff completing an in-depth assessment with the participant and other professionals prior to admission to the service. This ensures an appropriate package of support is in place and bespoke to every individual. Regular reviews and updates of the support plans are completed.

# Preparing for Adulthood Outcome: Friends, Relationships and Community

## Birtenshaw Enrichment Service

The service itself is located at Firwood House, which is co-located with Birtenshaw College. There is a large open plan area, direct access onto a garden which the participants and staff maintain, use of outdoor cabins, an independent kitchen, sensory room, changing facilities and washrooms. There is also access to an onsite fully inclusive gym together with hydrotherapy pools located in Birtenshaw Bolton and Birtenshaw Merseyside Schools.

Participants have use of a fleet of Birtenshaw adapted vehicles to facilitate access the local community and day trips.

This wide range of facilities enables the creation of a person centred support experience for participants ensuring all their needs are taken into account including indoor activities such as cooking, crafts, discos and exercise.



The goal in Enrichment is to provide and facilitate not only a safe environment where are participants can have fun, enhance their social skills and engage with peers, but to promote and develop each participant's life skills.

Whilst out in the community participants can choose to access a range of activities such as bowling, cinema, trips to the beach or country parks. Local theatres or the zoo, the list is endless!

**Whether it's arts and crafts, cooking or mountain climbing, we can make it happen!**

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