




Post 16 Provisions and Offers

A young person's EHCP will remain active up to age 25, if they remain in: further education, training, a supported internship or an apprenticeship. This is not an endorsed list and advice is to visit and assess suitability and appropriateness on an individualised basis.

Additional resources and information can be found on the [Somerset Council website](#).

Name of Provision	Contact details	Description/ Offer
The Grove – Selworthy Sixth Form	Ian Spearman ispearman@selworthy.oak.education	The Grove is committed to equipping post-16 learners with the skills and attributes necessary for adult life. We foster independence, intellectual curiosity, and creative thinking, encouraging learners to take an active role in their education by exploring ideas, solving problems and pursuing their own inquiries. Central to our approach is the development of self-awareness, enabling learners to recognise when support is needed and to seek it appropriately.
<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>Colleges The Imagine the Possibilities Families Guide has a comprehensive section on Making a Success in Further Education in section 4 Imagine the Possibilities - Families Guide.pdf (somerset-ehp.co.uk) If you are eligible you can apply for the 16+ bursary, if you attend college, which can support your equipment, travel cost etc, information about this is here - 16 to 19 Bursary Fund: What you'll get - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;">  </div>		
Taunton College Bridgwater College Cannington College		<p>16 +</p> <p>There are a number of introductory programmes at Taunton and Bridgwater College:</p> <p>Pathways to Independence - Entry Level Taunton College Pathways to Independence - Entry Level Bridgwater College</p> <p>This programme supports learners with SEND or other challenges, helping them build confidence, social skills, independence, and prepare for life after school. It combines classroom learning with real-life experiences to develop practical life, employability, and personal skills.</p> <p>Activities may include sports and fitness, community visits and outings, independent living skills (such as cooking and budgeting), personal and social development, volunteering, social enterprise projects, work experience placements and horticulture.</p> <p>Choices for Independence - Entry Level Taunton College</p> <p>This programme supports learners with PMLD or SLD who have an EHCP, helping them transition from school to college and adulthood. It focuses on developing life and communication skills through personalised, real-life experiences, promoting choice and independence.</p>

		<p>Learning uses a multi-sensory approach and may include cooking, communication activities, life skills, horticulture, community visits, and sensory learning with AAC.</p> <p>Technical Skills Pathway</p> <p>This one-year programme is designed for learners who are unsure about their next steps and need a supportive introduction to further education. It focuses on developing Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) alongside academic progress.</p> <p>You will explore a range of vocational areas, including work placements or group work experience, helping you gain practical skills and enhance your CV. The course builds transferable, employability, and personal skills while encouraging you to take responsibility for your learning and future goals. Your timetable includes English, maths, pastoral support, and practical vocational sessions to help you decide your next steps. Topics may include Motor Vehicle, Construction, Sport and Public Services, Hairdressing/Beauty Therapy, Creative Arts, and Health and Social Care.</p>
Strode College, Street Somerse	<p>Email: courseinfo@strode-college.ac.uk Phone: 01458 844400</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Work & Life Skills (Entry level) https://www.strode-college.ac.uk/courses/our-courses/exploring-work-and-life-skills-/?subject=8396&type= • Step into Learning (Entry level) https://www.strode-college.ac.uk/courses/our-courses/step-into-learning-(entry-level)/?subject=8396&type=
Yeovil College, Yeovil		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for Adulthood https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/course/334162/preparation-for-adulthood-september-2025-start/ • Preparation for Life and Living https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/course/334181/preparation-for-life-and-living-september-2025-start/ • Progression Pathways https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/course/334161/progression-pathways-september-2025-start/
Aurora Foxes Academy, Minehead	<p>Telephone: 01643 708529 Email: fox-admin@theauroragroup.co.uk</p>	<p>Aurora Foxes welcomes applications from young people who have learning disabilities, an EHCP and who aspire to work in the hospitality industry. https://www.theauroragroup.co.uk/services/colleges/foxes-college</p>

Supported Internships

Supported Internships. There are a number of Supported Internship programmes available now in Somerset, which are programmes to build your work skills whilst immersed in a business or businesses. You are supported by a job coach and will work towards employability qualifications as well as continuing to develop your English and maths skills. This could be an option for you after a period of time at college and can lead to employment or a Supported Apprenticeship. Here is an example of the current vacancies to give you an idea - [Vacancies \(somerset-ebp.co.uk\)](http://Vacancies.somerset-ebp.co.uk).

Taunton College	For any queries about this course, contact Jane Irons at IRONSJ@btc.ac.uk	18 + <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SASP Supported Internship • Bridgwater Health and Social Supported Internship • HPC Supported Internship • Pathway to Employment: Avon and Somerset Police • Digital Supported Internship Taunton/ West (16+ to be considered) • Musgrove Park Hospital Supported Internship
SS&L	You can contact Somerset Skills and Learning at enquiries@sslcourses.co.uk . You can also call the team on 0330 332 7997	16 + <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bold & Brave: Young Somerset Taunton Supported Internship Bold and Brave: For more information contact boldandbrave@youngsomerset.org.uk , or call the team on 01278 722100
Strode College	Jasmine Jade jjade@strode-college.ac.uk	18 + <p>This employment programme is aimed at young people aged 16-24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and a desire to get a job. This person-centred course aims to provide you with the support, skills and guidance you need to transition into employment.</p> <p>https://www.strode-college.ac.uk/courses/our-courses/supported-internships-entry-lev/?subject=8396&type=</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Street Internship
Yeovil college	For further information call 01935 423921 or e-mail info@yeovil.ac.uk	18 + <p>https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/course/334163/supported-internships-september-2025-start/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Supported Internship: South (16+ to be considered) • Leonardo/ Sodexo & Kuehne + Nagel Supported Internship • Yeovil District Hospital Supported Internship

Specialist Residential and Day Provision Colleges

You may want to explore next steps in a further education residential setting, that meets your child's needs. Again, this could be after finishing year 11, instead of going to the 6th form, or could be in their year 12, 13 or 14, after spending some time in the 6th form. Making a year on year decision. There are a range of specialist residential colleges options across the country, they can be found here - [Search Results - Which School? for Special Needs \(specialneedsguide.co.uk\)](#) – this is a really good guide of residential specialist provision, but can be overwhelming.

Cambian Lufton College – Yeovil	Sophia Cursons Sophia.Cursons@cambiangroup.com is the direct contact and head, talking through support needs, or sharing their EHCP can establish if they are able to meet needs.	An option locally to consider could be Cambian Lufton College - Which School? for Special Needs (specialneedsguide.co.uk) , they offer residential provision.
InFocus – Exeter	Contact t: 01392 454200 e: enquiries@infocus-charity.org.uk	InFocus College offers bespoke further education courses for 16-25 year olds from across the UK. They are able to provide both residential and day placements to young people with a wide range of additional and complex needs - InFocus Specialist College for Vision Impairment & Complex Needs .

Day Provision/Respite

There are a range of residential provision in Somerset and surrounding area. These are something to be considered through Direct Payments in the holidays and school breaks, alongside an education package or instead of. If instead of, this will result in an EHCP being ceased if no longer in formal education. Each setting will have their recommendations around meeting need and making visits to explore options is always advised.

Reflect (PMLD) Futures Taunton/ Bridgwater	Disability support services Reflect Hestercombe House & Gardens (reflectfutures.co.uk) Contact: Email: enquiries@reflectfutures.co.uk Steve 07907 949162 or Mark 07445 009159	Intensive Interaction, sensory storytelling, messy play and musical interventions to build skills and improve awareness. Work to experience the outdoors and increase opportunities to be part of the community they live in. Hestercombe Gardens, Shepton Mallet, West Hewish
Greendays (Taunton)	01823 433836 enquiries@greendaysdaycare.co.uk https://www.greendaysdaycare.co.uk/	Work preparation and activities. Taunton. Outcome based.
My Day Care Services (Taunton, Bridgwater, Wellington & surrounding areas.)	Our Services – My Day Care Services lucy@mydaycareservices.com	My Day Care Services supports people with learning disabilities. We work in small groups, and also offer bespoke 1 to 1 support packages.
Meadowbank, (Taunton)	07715 210921 Meadowdayservice@hotmail.com	Farm based/land based activities in Taunton Meadowbank Day Service Taunton Facebook
Compass Everyday (Taunton)	01823 282823	Taunton day opportunities for those with learning disabilities and / or autism including those with profound and multiple learning disabilities or higher-level

	Compass Everyday Compass Disability Services	needs as well as those with lower level needs. Compass Everyday gives the opportunity to try new things, share time with others, have fun all while having a personalised, full day with great care and support.
Tubers Academy (Taunton & Exeter)	ALTERNATIVE PROVISION Tubers - The Video Creators Academy	Taunton Tubers Academy is an inclusive and welcoming environment where young people of all backgrounds learn professional video production and digital media skills. Students learn 1:1 or in small groups through a curriculum of skills and video projects, helping improve their feeling of achievement and self-worth as well as their communication and social skills.
Stepping Out (Bridgwater)	Stepping Out Sue and Justin Philcox, 01278 686351 / 07874951298 https://steppingout.org.uk/ Facebook @SteppingOutSomerset	An ongoing education and training programme which provides work experience, volunteering, life skills, mental well-being, social and leisure opportunities, including qualifications if appropriate. Health and social care related activities will also be provided as needed.
Discovery – Dimensions (Bridgwater)	https://discovery-uk.org/contact/	Discovery exists to support people choosing to go out or to stay in, make friends and have relationships and find and develop skills and interests. It means building on and developing people's strengths to help them manage their home, vote, work or volunteer.
Blossom in Somerset (Bridgwater and Burnham on Sea)	07516 491797 http://www.blossominsomerset.co.uk/	Blossom provides opportunities for adults with learning disabilities to meet people and participate in new and fun activities in a safe and welcoming atmosphere.
Sweet Surprise (Ilminster)	Sweet Surprise Ilminster Facebook 01460 54225	Work preparation and activities.
The Hub (Yeovil)	Home The Hub (thehubyeovil.co.uk)	Work preparation environment, plus activities.
Able2Achieve The Winking Frog / A2A Day Service/ Coombe Farm (Yeovil)	Learning Disability Able2achieve Ltd England – based in Yeovil 01935 429430	Supports individuals with learning disabilities, mental health, and other associated disabilities. Support individuals in a variety of different ways from everyday living skills to attending social events such as concerts.
Eastfields of Bower Hill (Somerton)	Home Eastfields of Bowers Hill	Equine based care farm situated near Somerton, daily inclusive activities.
Ark at Egwood (Merriott)	Ark at Egwood – Changing Lives Within Our Community	Outdoor based activities in Merriott. Suitable for people with mild-moderate LD / mental health issues.
Imagine, Learn, Create (near South Petherton)	Jess Hyslop- 07779222996 / jesshyslop@hotmail.co.uk https://imaginelearncreate.net/	Art and craft based activities, near South Petherton.
The Field (near Langport)	Wilder Woods Contact - ursula@wilderwoods.org	We provide a variety of inclusive opportunities at Hallr Wood in Charlton Mackrell and Drayton Woods, near Langport. We also have a thriving growing project in Baltonsborough, Wild Roots.

Other Useful Information

NHS Support Services:	<p>The "Moving on from children's healthcare – transition" refers to the process of preparing and transitioning young people with long-term health conditions from children's to adult healthcare services. This typically begins between the ages of 14 and 25, with the goal of ensuring a smooth and supportive move to adult services as their needs evolve.</p> <p>The NHS have developed a website where you can gain a range of information and knowledge around NHS support but also around the transition process. There are a range of videos that really support the process - Moving on from children's health care – transition - Somerset NHS Foundation Trust</p>
Adult Social Care Support	<p>The Somerset Council provides a range of services to help individuals live independently, manage health conditions, and receive support. For general inquiries, the Adult Social Care Team can be reached at 0300 123 2224. Here is more information about services available - Care and support for adults</p>
Transport and Bursary	<p>Colleges will all have information on the public transport routes to college and some will run their own buses on specific routes. Check out their website or contact them directly for more information and apply early if required.</p> <p>You can find more information here: Over 16 student transport</p> <p>If your child has an EHCP and needs to access specialist transport, make sure this is part of their annual review at school. You will need to apply direct to the County Council to arrange specialist transport.</p> <p>Colleges will have differing criteria for discretionary 16 to 19 bursaries. Check for details on their website or at open events and again, apply early.</p> <p>Some courses have kits that need to be ordered. A bursary may allow you to loan a device (laptop or tablet) for college work and can also support transport costs including bus and trains (check with the college).</p>