

## College Pathways

### East Durham

#### **General Information:**

East Durham College is based on 4 sites which are in ED6 Sixth Form, The Technical Academy, Houghall Campus and Peterlee Campus. There are a range of facilities available to students at East Durham College including an agricultural centre, a boxing gym, a beauty salon and a learning resource centre. The Houghall Campus is on the outskirts of Durham and is specialist in land based studies. The Peterlee Campus is home to a wide range of vocational pathways. East Durham College is the largest provider of further education to students with SEND in the North East.

For more information, contact East Durham College on: **0191 5182000**

**(Peterlee Campus) 0191 375 4700 (Houghall Campus)** Or visit: <https://www.edc.ac.uk/>



#### **Possible Pathways to explore:**

##### **Derwent Autism Provision**

The Derwent Autism Provision at East Durham College is a post-16 provision. The learners all require additional support as they transition into and out of college. Some individuals may have had an unsuccessful placement before. Learners can expect to develop their social and emotional skills while improving their life skills.

For more information visit:

<https://www.edc.ac.uk/study/course-finder/derwent-autism-provision-individualised-programme> (East Durham - Derwent Autism Provision)

##### **Foundation Studies**

Foundation Studies at East Durham College is a post-16 provision. It is open to a range of young people all of whom require some form of additional support as they transition from school to college life. This provision is available to those with Learning Difficulties, EHC Plans, those who have found a mainstream education environment difficult and those who have not completed examinations as expected.

Foundation Studies at Peterlee Campus offers the opportunity for young people to experience and develop their interest and skills in a wide range of subject areas including; Media, Performing Arts, Catering, Retail Skills, Painting & Decorating, Woodwork, Art & Design, Hospitality and much, much more. Foundation Studies at Houghall Campus looks to provide an introduction to land based or animal based provisions.

For more information visit:

<https://www.edc.ac.uk/study/course-finder/foundation-studies-houghall-campus> (Foundation Studies - Houghall Campus)

<https://www.edc.ac.uk/study/course-finder/foundation-studies-peterlee-campus> (Foundation Studies - Peterlee Campus)



## **New College Durham**

### **General Information:**

New College Durham currently ranks in the top ten percent of colleges in the UK. The curriculum at New College Durham is designed around close working relationships with employers, and the development of skills and behaviours needed in later life and work.

For more information contact New College Durham on: **0191 3754000** or visit <https://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/>



### **Possible Pathways to explore:**

#### **Foundation Studies**

Foundation Studies is designed to introduce the learner to a range of skills aiming to prepare them for later life and work. There are a range of courses ranging from Entry Level One. Classes in foundation studies are small and are organised to meet students' abilities and needs.

#### **Preparing for Independence**

This programme is part of the Foundation Studies offer and is suitable for students with Special Educational Needs who need further support in developing their individual skills whilst preparing for adulthood. There are no formal qualifications required to access this course. Maths and English skills will continue to be developed with specialist staff.

## **Derwentside College**

### **General Information:**

Derwentside College is in the top 5% of colleges nationally for their Vocational Education Offer. There is a range of catering and sports facilities onsite for students to access. The college also operates its own hair salon which is open to the public. Derwentside College is proud of the

achievements of its students and the relationships it has made and strengthened with local employers.

For more information, contact Derwentside College on: **01207 585900** or visit

<https://www.derwentside.ac.uk/>



### **Possible Pathways to explore:**

#### **Vocational Studies**

Vocational Studies is an Entry Level full time programme of study that gives learners the vocational and study skills to enable them to progress to a Level 1 course, employment or training.

The aim of the Vocational Studies curriculum area is for learners with a range of Special Educational Needs to develop independence and prepare for adulthood. During the learner's time at college, they will have a personal tutor who is responsible for all aspects of their learning programme and will support learners to make progress towards outcomes through an individualised approach.

There are no formal entry qualifications required.

## **Bishop Auckland College**

### **General Information:**

Bishop Auckland College are proud of the unique atmosphere they have for students. They are ambitious for all of their learners. The college is based 5 minutes from the town centre and has easy access to transport links. Bishop Auckland College offers a wide range of vocational courses from pre-entry to Degree level including Supported Internships and Apprenticeships.

For more information, contact Bishop Auckland College on: **01388 443000** or visit <https://bacoll.ac.uk/>

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#### **Aspire**

In the college, there is a specialist high needs area, "Aspire" where programmes are destination led and are meaningful for the learners. The programmes range from Pre-entry to level 1. In Aspire, there is support made available to the learners throughout the sessions, during breaks and lunches. Students follow individualised programmes to meet their long term independence, preparation for adulthood or preparation for work goals. Travel training can be a key part of the learning offer too.

