

## **Specialist Colleges**

### **Cambian Dilston College of Further Education**

#### **General Info:**

Dilston College is a specialist provider for young people with Autism, Learning Disabilities and Complex Needs. Dilston College offers a wide range of specialist interventions and options for learning. This includes providing a total communication environment. There is an opportunity for learners to access accredited routes from pre-entry to Level 2. As part of their course, learners are offered the opportunity of work experience. There are also a range of vocational learning environments available including café and bakery, horticulture and estates management and a vocational learning kitchen. For more information, contact: **01434 632692** or visit <https://www.cambiangroup.com/specialist-education/our-colleges/autism-colleges/cambian-dilston-college/>



#### **Possible Pathways:**

##### **Skills for Work**

Please contact Dilston College directly for further information about this Curriculum Pathway.

##### **Skills for Independence**

The Independent Living Skills curriculum is designed to develop learners' readiness for independent or shared community living. This is achieved by focusing on the skills required to live as independently as possible and to make a successful transition out of college. For all learners, this will involve identifying long-term transitional aims to ensure that the skills they develop can be successfully transferred into their post college placement.

##### **Skills for Communication and Wellbeing**

Our autism specific curriculum is designed to meet the needs of learners with complex communication difficulties. This is a highly structured and experiential learning programme which develops and reinforces communication and functional skills. The curriculum is based upon a total communication philosophy, with the utilisation of a wide range of tools and methods to develop learners' understanding and help them to be understood.

### **North East Autism Society – Thornbeck College**

#### **General Info:**

Thornbeck College offers personalised learning programmes for neurodiverse learners. Learners access programmes that support their social inclusion. The curriculum aims to prepare learners for life and work. English and Maths are embedded within learning opportunities to promote confidence and independence.

For more information contact Thornbeck College on: **01325 328088** or visit <https://www.ne-as.org.uk/thornbeck-college>



#### **Possible Pathways:**

##### **Preparation for Work**

This is an individualised study programme for learners with an EHCP between 16 and 25 years old who would like to progress to work or further training. Learners identify their goals for work, life and future learning. There are 5 vocational pathways available.

### **Learning For Living Programme**

This is an individualised study programme for learners with an EHCP between 16 and 25 years old who would like to learn to live independently and/or get prepared for work. The learners aim to become as independent as possible. Learners will have opportunities to develop practical skills such as cooking or shopping.

### **Supported Internship Programme**

The Supported Internship Employability Programme is an individualised programme for learners between 16 and 25 years old with an EHCP who want to aim to move into employment and need extra support to do so. The programme usually runs for about a year. The programme involves the learners working closely with a host employer whilst gaining additional skills outside of the workplace. Sensory Programme

This is an individualised programme for learners between 16 and 25 years old with an EHCP who would like to develop their social communication skills and ability to self-regulate. Learners will develop strategies to overcome barriers to their learning.

### **ESPA College**

#### **General Info:**

ESPA College provides an educational experience for learners with Autism between ages 16 and 25 years old. ESPA colleges are based in Sunderland, Middlesbrough and Newcastle. Their aim is to raise aspirations and improve lives. The curriculum focuses on Social Communication, Emotional

Literacy and Self-Management. The curriculum also includes Functional Skills Maths, English and ICT from Entry 1 to Level 3. The curriculum is supported with a range of employability options too.



For more information, contact ESPA on: 0191 5102611 or visit <http://www.espa.org.uk/>