



Key stage 5 and College opportunities for Bishopswood Students

Here is a list of the Colleges in the local area that offer opportunities for young people from 16 onwards who have special needs:



The Henley College

Pathways offers a curriculum tailored to the needs of students with learning difficulties and disabilities. Students will have the opportunity to experience a varied educational programme the context of a leading sixth-form college. The course helps re-enforce and develop basic educational skills and encourages independence and maturity. Subjects covered may include:

- Prep 4 Work
- Communication
- Literacy
- Sensory Program
- Numeracy
- Information Technology
- Personal Skills
- Creative, leisure and physical activities
- Employability Skills
- Work Placements

Where appropriate, students may study for entry level qualifications in Functional Skills English, Maths and ICT. Pathways Plus is a similar course for students over the age of 19 who would like to continue in education.

<http://www.henleycol.ac.uk/courses/full-time-courses/vocational-courses-level-2-and-other/pathways/>



Reading College

Learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities

Our Foundation programmes meet the needs of a broad range of learners; from those with special educational needs or disabilities, to those who may have disengaged from learning in the past or not achieved their full potential.

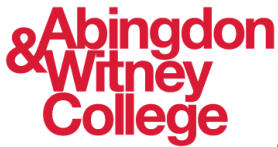
During the one-two year programme, learners are able to try different vocational options or specialise in a chosen subject area. Our students also develop employability skills and continue their studies in English, Maths and digital literacy where required. The programme includes citizenship and personal and social development, as well as work experience opportunities.

<https://reading.activatelearning.ac.uk/courses/career-pathways/foundation-and-support-studies/>

<https://directory.wokingham.gov.uk/kb5/wokingham/directory/service.page?id=7thX3Znpl0>



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Abingdon and Witney College

Life and Work Skills Learning Programme (Pathways)

Pathways is our Life and Work Skills Programme that ensures learners who have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) can find a course that meets their individual needs. Pathways can help you to become more independent, perhaps get ready to start work or move onto another course at college. The courses include exciting and interesting activities such as cookery, sports and craft. You will also have help with English and maths and work with other students on your course. It's a great way to make friends and learn new skills.

<http://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/our-offer/>

Further Information:

Further information about education in Oxfordshire can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/children-education-and-families/education-and-learning/special-educational-needs-and-disability-local-offer>

and for other local authorities can be found on their websites.

Staying in school after 16:

At the moment Bishopswood School is unable to offer a post-16 curriculum but we understand that some young people might choose to transfer to a different school at 16 years old to follow a special needs key stage 5 programme.

Here is a link to the available schools in the local area:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/special-schools-and-bases>

<http://www.reading.gov.uk/SEN>

Young people with Special Needs may be entitled to be in education until they are 25yrs old, please read the paper below which outlines the rights of young people and the obligations of education providers.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/414385/04-14_FE_Implementation_Pack.pdf

All pupils are supported in their transition to the next phase regardless of where they choose to go. A transition period is tailored to the needs of the student and where support is needed it will be provided by the school.