

Assistant Head – Curriculum (Vocational Pathway)
Post 16 Learners with a range of Special Educational Needs.

Supporting Information

Newfriars College

Newfriars College is a Specialist FE College with 220+ learners aged between 16 and 25 who have a range of Special Educational Needs. At Newfriars, we are creating a vision that places our learners and their families at the heart of everything we do. The College is committed to a multi-disciplinary approach to meeting learners' needs and promotes high quality professional development for all staff.

Newfriars College provides a Preparation for Adulthood curriculum for young people who have a range of SEND including complex needs. The College is working with young people and their families to give them the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge they need to live their best possible adult life – be that in employment, volunteering, further study, independent or supported living. In 2022 Ofsted judged the College 'Good' with 'Outstanding' judgements for Behaviour and attitudes and for Personal Development.

At Newfriars College we offer a broad curriculum offer delivered a wide range of accredited courses including GCSE and NCFE as well as our innovative College 'Step Up' RARPA Qualification programme. We pride ourselves on providing an innovative, outward-facing, practical, skills based, personalised curriculum offer for all of our young people to ensure we support the breadth of needs of our young people at the College.

From September 2024, there will be c. 90 learners on the Vocational Pathway in addition to c. 18 learners on three separate Supported Internship programmes. Of the 90 learners, c. 20 will be completing a programme at our Newcastle-Under-Lyme 'Community Junction' provision.

We work collaboratively with our local community and with our parents/carers. Our rich curriculum offer is outwards facing actively engaging our young people with their community. We have a wide range of community and volunteer opportunities as well as College based 'real-life' learning opportunities. There is considerable scope for creativity and development of new opportunities.

We offer our curriculum across three Pathways: Vocational Pathway, Independent Living Pathway and Supported Living Pathway. Our curriculum offer embeds additional therapies and assistive technologies and communication to meet the individual needs of our young people.

More information about the college can be found at our website:

<https://www.newfriarscollege.org.uk/>

Newfriars College works in collaboration with the Shaw Education Trust which is a growing, multi-academy trust based in Staffordshire, Birmingham and the North West. Our sole aim is to enable every one of our young people to thrive and reach their potential as well as enjoying their time at the College.

As part of our collaboration with the trust, our colleagues benefit from high quality professional development and will be supported in their career progression by our experienced leadership team.