



Sense College Loughborough



Choose us for your Further Education

Sense College Loughborough is a specialist Further Education college, for young people with a wide range of disabilities. We aim to prepare you to be as independent as possible to achieve your long term goals, whether that is employment, voluntary work or getting more involved in your local community. We offer different pathways and work with Loughborough College, to help you gain the skills, experience, knowledge and confidence to achieve these goals.

Workplace skills



You'll learn practical skills and gain work experience within our enterprises. These are our student-led businesses where you'll be doing meaningful jobs in real settings. You'll develop skills such as customer service, communication and health and safety.

You may also have the chance to go on work placement. This might be at Sense College or with a local external organisation. Placements with local companies offer excellent opportunities to experience a different working environment.





Achieve your goals

We'll adapt our support to suit your needs and abilities. We'll offer you activities that are fun and challenging, that will help you develop the skills you need to achieve your goals. Your personal tutor will work closely with you and your family to make sure you are making

progress towards your targets and preparing for life after college. We'll help you to build your personal life skills and learn about looking after yourself. You'll have opportunities to access the local community, become more confident, deal

with new situations, and learn to make choices.



Who can we support?

We can support young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) with a range of disabilities including:

- Learning difficulties and disabilities
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
- Vision impairment
- Physical disabilities
- Communication difficulties
- Mild hearing problems
- Additional healthcare needs, such as epilepsy
- Additional emotional and behavioural difficulties



Visit us!

The best way to find out about the college and decide if we might be right for you is to visit us! Contact our Referrals & Admissions Team to book a personalised visit, or enquire about upcoming Open Days!





Learning for Life Pathway

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Our curriculum

The college's **Learning for Life** pathway is for students who would like to engage more in the wider community. We focus on helping you to develop the skills you need to live as independently as possible. Your timetable will include activities to help you develop your communication skills, explore the senses, build relationships and have fun!

Aspire & Take-Off

Students on the **Aspire** programme work towards targets based on communication, cognition & learning and wellbeing. The focus is on developing skills to work towards greater autonomy and control of everyday living activities. On the **Take-Off** programme, students will have additional targets that will be based in the college enterprises and supported work placements. Students will develop skills, awareness and knowledge of social, living and work opportunities in the local community.



Teaching activities



Students on both programmes may take part in regular activities such as:

- **Sensology** - a sensory workout to wake up the five basic senses
- **Tac Pac** - a sensory communication activity using touch and music equally
- **Sensory stories** - a story or poem told with words alongside sensory stimuli
- **Music & Movement** – includes cardio drumming, sensory walks and music therapy
- **Community access** – gain awareness of local facilities
- **Physio sport** – activities to strengthen muscles, improve balance and coordination
- **Story massage** – combine stories, songs and rhymes with positive touch



You can also do:

- **Cooking**
- **Performing Arts**
- **Gardening**
- **Arts & Crafts**

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Creative & Enterprise Pathway

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Achieving your goals

On our Creative & Enterprise Pathway, we will help you to develop your independence and life skills through different learning activities. You will have an Individual Learning Plan that will help you achieve your goals through manageable targets.



Transferable skills

You will learn useful Maths & English skills through everyday activities, such as writing emails in the College Office, or calculating change at the till in the Bell Bar. Our Independent Living Skills sessions give you the opportunity to practice your budgeting at the supermarket, improve your road safety out in the community, and learn to cook delicious treats in the kitchen!



Creative & Enterprise Pathway

Work skills

Working in our Enterprises will help you to learn about workplace skills. You might be interested in customer service in our Green Shop, computer skills in eBay, kitchen health & safety in the Bell Bar, or administration in our College Office. In these enterprises, you will be providing a real service to the college, visitors and external customers. You may also have the opportunity to take part in work placements outside of college, to develop your skills further.

Wellbeing

Alongside our enterprises, we offer activities to help improve your wellbeing, such as sports, PSHE, gardening, arts & crafts and performing arts. As well as being activities you might enjoy, these sessions can also support you to improve your communication, confidence and choice-making skills.



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If you have goals to develop work related skills, gain a Further Education qualification or move into employment, our Vocational Pathway is for you!

Students in this pathway follow our in-house programme, an FE study programme or a Supported Internship.

We will support you to develop your independence and increase your confidence while also developing skills for the workplace.

In-house programme

Based mainly in our Enterprises, you will learn workplace-specific skills, as well as transferable skills such as organisation, timekeeping, teamwork and communication. You will also have the opportunity to take part in work experience outside of college to further develop these skills in an area of interest to you.

You might take part in timetabled Maths & English and IT sessions, if you are working towards a qualification at Entry Level 3 or above.





FE study programme

Staff at Sense College can support you to study for a qualification at Loughborough College. We will support you during your mainstream lessons as well as during independent study time. When you are not in lessons at Loughborough College, you will take part in sessions at Sense College, which could include PSHE, employability, independent living skills, or Maths & English. Loughborough College courses have their own entry requirements and there are some courses that we would not be able to support you to study. Please speak to our Admissions team for more information.



Supported Internships

If you are on a Supported Internship, you will spend 2 days a week with an employer, and 1 day a week in college. This programme is designed to last for 1 year, with the aim of moving into employment at the end.

Our Employment Coordinator will support you to set up a work placement with a local employer based on your interests and goals.

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Sense College Strategy 2022 - 2025 – one page version

Our vision: A world where no student with complex disabilities is isolated, left out or unable to fulfil their potential

Our mission: To identify and overcome barriers to learning so that every student and supported person has the opportunity to live life to the full

Our key audiences

Students with complex disabilities and their families



People we work alongside

Local authority commissioners

Feeder schools

Local partners

Sense colleagues

Social workers

Our strategic outcomes

1. Students/ supported people and families get the best possible transition into college

- Further develop support for transition in and out of College
- Scale up our support for parents and feeder schools

4. Our local communities have increased awareness of Sense College and the impact of our work

- Working strategically with Sense and other partners, increase our profile and reach
- Extend our community connections for students

2. Students / supported people are enabled to reach their personal aspirations and goals whilst at college

- Strengthen the pathways for students Preparation to Adulthood through co-working with Sense corporate colleagues areas of specialism
- Renew our focus on developing staff expertise in working with complex needs students

3. Our delivery model is responsive to change

- Proactively engage and respond to national SEND strategy developments
- Promote our national expertise, locally delivered

Our strategic goals

To achieve Ofsted Outstanding for our education provision

To achieve Sense Quality Framework Outstanding for our social care provision

Strategic Aims that enable us to deliver

- We will value the best of Sense College East and Sense College Loughborough as we design a clear offer
- We will ensure equality, diversity and inclusion outcomes run through all our activities
- We will exemplify an inclusive and committed approach towards the safety and wellbeing of all college users
- We will further develop the specialism in our college workforce
- We will listen and respond to the changing needs of students and stakeholders
- We will ensure students have access to the best and most up-to-date resources and highly skilled staff so they develop greater independence
- We will promote a culture of continuous and robust quality improvement
- We will remain viable and cost effective
- We will demonstrate effective governance

What will be different ?

- ✓ Go to specialist college for students and families
- ✓ Valued partnerships with feeder schools
- ✓ College of choice for more commissioners