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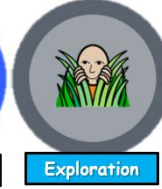


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Discovery Academy
transition and next steps
guide for parents and
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What you can expect from
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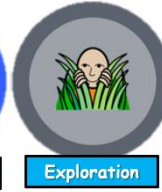


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What you can do to support
your child.



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Who can support and advise me with post 16 transitions in school?

Mr. A Pleass - Careers Lead

Jenny Hallam - Nexus Multi Academy Trust Careers Advisor, in school once every 2 weeks during term time JHallam@nexusmat.org 07955 287635

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Learning
pathways:

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Spring Term Pupil Progress Report 2024-25



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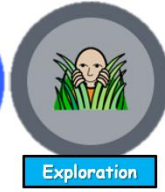
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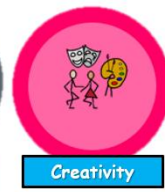
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Timeline for key transitions and planning:

Year 10 - age 14/15

Year 11 - age 15/16

Parents/carers, members of the public and professionals can refer to the service by contacting Sheffield's Safeguarding Hub on 0114 273 4855.

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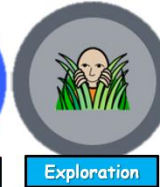
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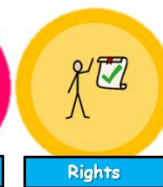
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How can I find out what placements there are?

Sheffield	LocalOffer Sheffield
Derbyshire	www.localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk
Barnsley	Synergy - Enquiry
Rotherham	Rotherham SEND Local Offer – Here you will find help, advice and information about the services available for your child or young person from birth to 25 years with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND).

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What information can I gather before I visit a setting?

Visiting a post 16 provision:

Things to look for:

After the visit:

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Application process (For Year 11's)

At the annual review, you will need to list your 3 preferences (in order) for post-16 transition

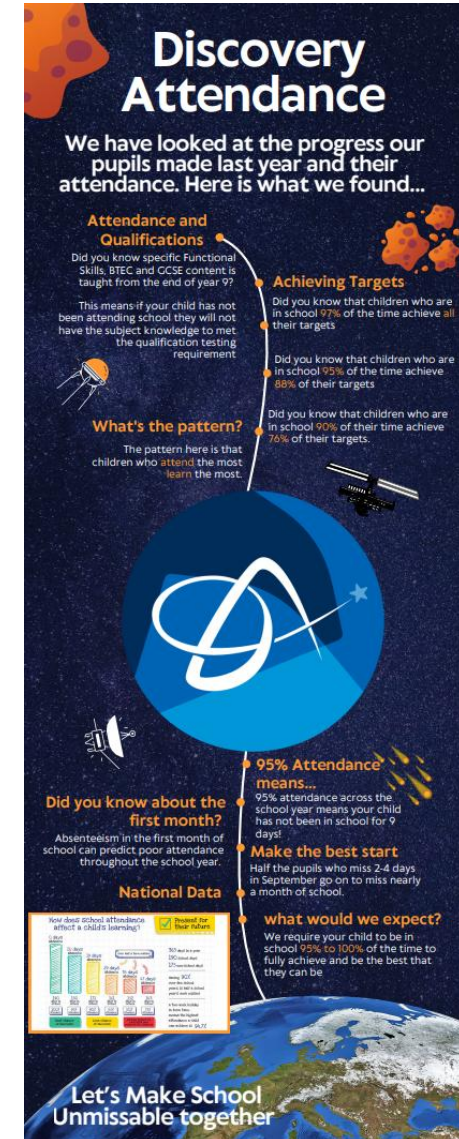
Deadline = End of October 2026

If you need any advice about processes relating to consultations, appeals and Local Authority decision making criteria, then it may be worth contacting SENDIAS. Tel: 0114 273 6009 [Contact — Sheffield SENDIAS](#)

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Sheffield College

Sheffield College offers a wide range of vocational and academic courses that cater to students with different interests, abilities and career aspirations. The college provides excellent support for learners with additional needs, helping students develop confidence, independence and employability skills in a supportive environment.

With strong links to local employers, practical learning opportunities and clear progression routes into further education, apprenticeships and employment, Sheffield College helps students prepare successfully for adulthood. Its inclusive approach, experienced support staff and focus on developing real-world skills make it an excellent post-16 option for many students at Discovery Academy.

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Hillsborough Campus (The Sheffield College)

Hillsborough Campus (The Sheffield College) can meet the needs of many Discovery Academy pupils by providing a supportive further education environment with a wide range of vocational and practical courses. The campus offers opportunities for students to develop subject-specific skills, independence, confidence, and employability through hands-on learning and real-world experiences.

Dedicated learning support teams can help students with additional needs to access their courses and achieve their goals. For Discovery Academy pupils who are ready to move into a larger college setting, Hillsborough Campus provides clear progression routes into further education, apprenticeships, training, and employment while encouraging greater independence and personal development.

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Olive Grove Campus

Olive Grove Campus can provide Discovery Academy pupils with a supportive and structured post-16 environment that focuses on developing the skills needed for adulthood. Through personalised learning programmes, students can continue to build their confidence, independence, communication, and employability skills while working towards meaningful outcomes.

The provision offers opportunities for practical learning, community engagement, and preparation for future pathways, helping young people develop the knowledge and skills required for further education, employment, supported internships, or greater independence. The nurturing approach and individualised support can be particularly beneficial for students who thrive in smaller learning environments with strong pastoral care..

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Bloom at Crystal Peaks

Bloom at Crystal Peaks offers a supportive and personalised post-16 environment that can meet the needs of many Discovery Academy pupils. With a strong focus on independence, employability, wellbeing, and life skills, Bloom helps young people develop the confidence and practical skills needed for adult life.

Small group learning and tailored support enable students to work towards individual goals at a pace that suits them, while opportunities for community engagement and work-related learning help prepare them for future employment, further education, and greater independence. The nurturing approach and emphasis on personal development make Bloom a positive transition option for students who may benefit from a smaller, more supportive setting than a traditional college environment.

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Nacro

Nacro offers a supportive and inclusive learning environment that is particularly well suited to students who benefit from smaller class sizes, personalised support and practical, hands-on learning. Their programmes focus on developing confidence, independence and employability skills, helping young people prepare successfully for adult life.

Nacro provides a range of vocational courses that allow students to learn in real-world contexts while building essential skills for work and further education. Staff are experienced in supporting learners with additional needs and work closely with students to help them overcome barriers to learning and achieve positive outcomes.

For many Discovery Academy students, Nacro's flexible approach, strong pastoral support and focus on personal development make it an excellent pathway into further training, employment or independent living.

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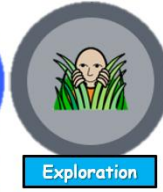
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Sheaf Training

Sheaf Training offers a supportive and practical learning environment that is well suited to many students at Discovery Academy.

Their personalised approach, smaller learning groups and focus on vocational skills help students build confidence, independence and employability skills. Through hands-on learning and industry-relevant qualifications, students can engage in meaningful learning experiences that match their individual strengths, interests and future aspirations.

The nurturing environment and emphasis on preparing young people for adulthood make Sheaf Training an excellent progression pathway for students who benefit from practical, applied learning opportunities.

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Landmarks Specialist College

Landmarks Specialist College can meet the needs of Discovery Academy pupils by providing a highly personalised and supportive post-16 environment for young people with special educational needs and disabilities. The college focuses on developing independence, communication, social skills, employability, and preparation for adulthood through tailored learning programmes.

Students benefit from small group teaching, specialist support, community-based learning opportunities, and practical experiences that help them build confidence and life skills. Landmarks' emphasis on individual outcomes ensures that each student can work towards meaningful goals, whether progressing to supported employment, further education, greater independence, or active participation in their local community.

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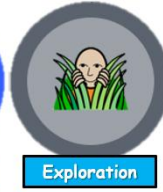
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Bents Enterprise Works

Bents Enterprise Works provides a supportive and practical post-16 pathway that helps young people develop the skills, confidence and independence needed for adult life.

The provision focuses on employability, personal development and real-world learning experiences, making it particularly suitable for students who thrive through hands-on and vocational approaches to learning.

Students have opportunities to build workplace skills, gain valuable experiences and work towards positive destinations such as employment, training or further education. The supportive environment, personalised guidance and emphasis on developing independence help learners progress at their own pace while preparing for life beyond school.

For many Discovery Academy students, Bents Enterprise Works offers an engaging and meaningful next step that promotes confidence, resilience and successful preparation for adulthood.

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Kelford Enterprise Works

Kelford Post-16 can provide a highly supportive and personalised pathway for Discovery Academy pupils by offering a nurturing environment that focuses on developing independence, communication, employability, and life skills alongside accredited learning.

Their curriculum is tailored to meet the needs of young people with a range of special educational needs and disabilities, helping students build confidence, prepare for adulthood, and access meaningful work experience opportunities.

With a strong emphasis on individual support, small group learning, and community engagement, Kelford Post-16 enables students to make successful transitions into further education, employment, supported internships, or independent living

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Kenwood Academy Sixth Form

Kenwood Academy Sixth Form offers a supportive and inclusive environment where students can continue their education while developing greater independence and confidence.

The provision provides a range of academic and vocational pathways, allowing students to study subjects that match their interests, strengths and future aspirations.

Students benefit from dedicated pastoral support, opportunities to develop leadership and personal skills, and guidance with progression into higher education, apprenticeships or employment. The familiar school-based setting can also provide a smoother transition for young people who value continuity and structured support.

For many Discovery Academy students, Kenwood Academy Sixth Form offers an excellent opportunity to continue learning, build independence and prepare successfully for their next stage of life.

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Provider	Best Suited For	Key Strengths	Considerations
Sheffield College (Overall)	Students seeking a broad range of vocational or academic qualifications in a mainstream setting	Extensive course offer, progression to higher-level study, apprenticeships and employment, specialist learning support available	Large campuses and busy environments may be challenging for some students with higher support needs
Hillsborough Campus (Sheffield College)	Students interested in vocational, technical and practical learning within a mainstream college	Wide range of vocational courses, practical learning facilities, opportunities to develop independence, supported transition to employment and further study	Requires students to manage a larger campus and increased independence
Olive Grove Campus (Sheffield College)	Students looking for employability-focused, vocational and hands-on learning opportunities	Strong links to industry, practical skills development, work-related learning, progression into employment, apprenticeships and vocational qualifications	Mainstream college environment may not suit students requiring highly specialist support
Bloom at Crystal Peaks	Students who benefit from a smaller, nurturing environment and personalised support	Individualised programmes, focus on independence, life skills, wellbeing, employability and community engagement, strong staff-student relationships	Smaller range of qualifications and vocational pathways compared to Sheffield College

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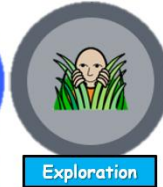
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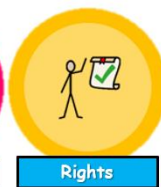
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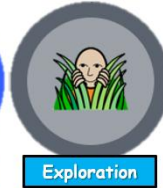
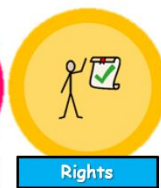
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Provider	Best Suited For	Strengths	Potential Considerations
Sheffield College	Students able to access a larger mainstream college environment with some independence	Wide range of vocational and academic courses, SEND support available, progression routes to higher-level qualifications, apprenticeships and employment	Large and busy campus environments may be overwhelming for some Discovery students who require higher levels of support
Nacro Education Centre	Students needing a practical, supportive pathway focused on employability	Small class sizes, vocational learning, employability skills, personal development, supportive staff and flexible approach	More limited course range compared to a large college; primarily focused on vocational routes
Sheaf Training	Students who learn best through hands-on experiences and work-based learning	Strong employability focus, practical vocational courses, work placements, supportive environment, industry links	Less suitable for students seeking traditional academic qualifications or extensive campus-based experiences
Bents Green Specialist College	Students with significant SEND needs who require specialist support	Highly personalised learning programmes, therapeutic support, preparation for adulthood, life skills, communication and independence development, experienced SEND staff	Focuses on specialist provision rather than wider mainstream college experiences
Kelford Post-16	Students requiring a nurturing, structured specialist environment	Excellent preparation for adulthood, personalised curriculum, independence training, communication development, community access opportunities and supported work experience	Less emphasis on traditional college life and mainstream qualifications compared to larger FE colleges
Bloom at Crystal Peaks	Students who benefit from a smaller, community-focused setting with personalised support	Emphasis on independence, employability, wellbeing, social skills and life skills, flexible learning pathways, supportive staff relationships	Smaller range of qualifications and vocational options compared to Sheffield College

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Comparison of Sheffield College, Nacro and Sheaf Training for Discovery Academy Students

Area	Sheffield College	Nacro	Sheaf Training
Learning Environment	Large college setting with a wide range of students and facilities.	Smaller, supportive learning environment.	Smaller training provider with a personalised approach.
Course Types	Broad range of academic, vocational and technical qualifications.	Mainly vocational and employability-focused programmes.	Predominantly vocational and work-related learning opportunities.
Support for SEND Students	Learning support teams and specialist support available.	Strong pastoral support and tailored learning programmes.	Individualised support with a focus on building confidence and engagement.
Class Sizes	Generally larger classes due to the college environment.	Smaller groups that can provide more personalised support.	Usually smaller groups and a more nurturing environment.
Independence Development	Encourages independence through navigating a large college environment.	Supports gradual development of independence and life skills.	Strong focus on confidence-building, employability and practical independence skills.
Preparation for Employment	Industry links, apprenticeships and progression routes to higher education.	Emphasis on employability, work readiness and vocational qualifications.	Practical work-related learning and preparation for employment pathways.
Best Suited For	Students who are ready for a larger, more independent post-16 setting and may wish to progress to higher education or advanced vocational study.	Students who benefit from additional support, smaller classes and vocational learning.	Students who thrive in practical learning environments and benefit from a highly personalised approach.



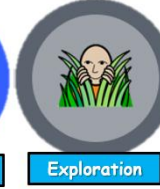
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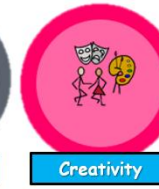
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What can I get support with?

- Travel to and from college
- Essential equipment such as books, uniform, kits etc.
- Meals on the days when you are in college
- Course trips/visits

Who's eligible?

- Young People in Care
- Care Leavers
- Students in receipt of Income Support
- Students in receipt of Employment Support Allowance (ESA) who are also receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments (PIP)

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Summary for Discovery Academy Students

- Students with higher levels of independence and aspirations for mainstream college courses may thrive at Sheffield College.
- Students who prefer practical learning and employment-focused pathways may find Nacro or Sheaf Training particularly beneficial.
- Students with more complex SEND needs who require specialist support, structured pathways and preparation for adulthood are likely to benefit most from Bents Green Specialist College or Kelford Post-16.
- Students needing a smaller, nurturing environment with a focus on independence, wellbeing and life skills may be well suited to Bloom at Crystal Peaks.

For Discovery Academy, having access to this range of providers is valuable because it enables pupils to transition into an environment that matches their individual strengths, aspirations, support needs and long-term goals, whether these are employment, supported internships, further education, independent living or community participation.

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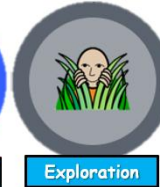
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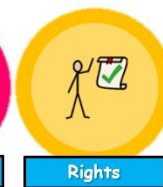
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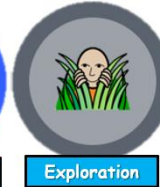
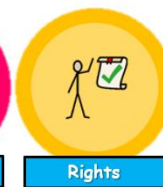
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Sheffield based and neighbouring providers

Post 16 providers	websites	contacts
Sheffield College	Home The Sheffield College	0114 260 2600 info@sheffcol.ac.uk
Sheaf Training	Post 16 course information Lifelong Learning and Skills	0114 403 1007 sheafadmin@sheffield.gov.uk
Nacro	Nacro Education Sheffield Vocational Training Nacro	0114 2722319 studysheffield@nacro.org.uk
Sheffield United Community Foundation College	Sheffield United Community Foundation - Education and Employability	0114 253 7200 Sheffield United Community Foundation, Blades Business Hub John Street, Sheffield, S2 4QX enquiries@sufc-community.co.uk
Sheffield Wednesday Post 16 College	Post-16 Pathways — Sheffield Wednesday FC Community Programme	0114 324 0523 Hillsborough Stadium Sheffield, S6 1SW community@swfc.co.uk
Rotherham College	Rotherham College - RNN Group	01709 362111 Enquires@rnnngroup.ac.uk www.nnc.ac.uk

Post 16 providers	websites	contacts
Communication Specialist College Doncaster	Communication Specialist College Doncaster Doncaster Deaf Trust	01302 386700 enquiries@ddt-deaf.org.uk Leger Way, Doncaster, DN2 6AY
Landmarks Specialist College	info@landmarks.ac.uk There are sites across Sheffield and Rotherham	Landmarks Specialist College 01246 433788 info@landmarks.ac.uk
Chesterfield College	Chesterfield College Group The STEPS Programme - Chesterfield College	Infirmity Road, Chesterfield, S41 7NG 01246 500500 advice@chesterfield.ac.uk

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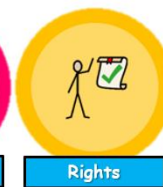


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<p>Kenwood Academy</p> <p>Sixth Form Provision</p> <p>The Kenwood Academy offers full time education for young people with complex social, emotional and mental health needs. They must have a diagnosis or traits of Autism.</p>	Kenwood Academy - Contact Us	<p>kenwood@nexusmat.org</p> <p>0114 2582140</p> <p>9 Moncrieffe Road</p> <p>Sheffield</p> <p>S7 1HQ</p>
<p>UTC Sheffield</p> <p>Offering A Levels and Technical and combined qualifications</p>	KS5 Curriculum - UTC Sheffield City Centre	<p>adminolp@utcsheffield.org.uk</p> <p>Sheffield City Centre</p> <p>111 Matilda Street,</p> <p>Sheffield, S1 4QF</p> <p>0114 308 4500</p> <p>2 Old Hall Road,</p> <p>Sheffield, S9 3TU</p> <p>0114 308 4000</p>

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<p>Learning Curve Group</p> <p>Hair, Beauty & Barbering</p>	Learning Curve Group Hair, Beauty and Barbering	<p>2Nd Floor, Orchard House, Leopold Street, Sheffield S1 2GY</p> <p>0114 275 0201</p> <p>training@learningcurvegroup.co.uk</p> <p>SEND@learningcurvegroup.co.uk</p>
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Day Service providers

<p>The Adventure Service</p> <p>Adventure based day service, trail blazers and short breaks</p>	<p>Chesterfield – 01623 232102</p> <p>Joe Lancashire</p> <p>joe.lancashire@sufc-community.co.uk</p>
<p>The Hive</p> <p>Mild to moderate learning disabilities and Autism</p> <p>Short breaks, holiday clubs, befrienders, residential service</p>	<p>Home The Hive</p> <p>The_hive_sheffield@outlook.com</p> <p>07940007437</p>
<p>The Hub</p> <p>Family-run service provider for adults with autism and learning disabilities in Sheffield.</p>	<p>The Hub S12 - Autism & Learning Disability Support South Yorkshire</p> <p>Unit L, Staniforth Works Main St, Hackenthorpe Sheffield S12 4LB.</p> <p>Email Lis@thehubs12.com 0114 698 6060</p>
<p>MENCAP</p> <p>They offer a variety of social activities and youth groups for young people in Sheffield.</p>	<p>Children's Services at Sheffield Mencap & Gateway</p> <p>0114 276 7757</p>
<p>Fairplay</p> <p>We offer support to children and young people, aged 0-25, and to parents and siblings. Fairplay runs play schemes and Saturday clubs for children, youth clubs, activity days, themed groups, and independent living groups for young people, parent support groups and family trips.</p>	<p>Fairplay - Children & Young People With Disabilities - Chesterfield Charity</p> <p>Fairplay Alexandra Road West Chesterfield S40 1NP</p> <p>01246 203963 - office@fair-play.co.uk</p>

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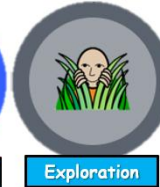
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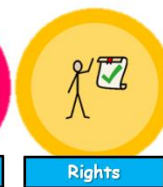
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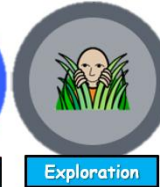
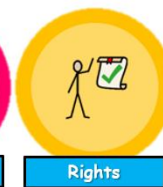


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Other services and support:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working Win can provide free support for young people aged 16+ across South Yorkshire for up to 9 months for you to find work or an apprenticeship.	Working Win - Shaw Trust
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sheffield Futures provide Employment, Careers and Mental Health support.	www.sheffieldfutures.org.uk 0114 2012800 43 Division Street, Sheffield S1 4GE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Opportunity Sheffield (Sheffield City Council).They offer practical support and advice on looking for a job or an apprenticeship including CV-writing, job searching and interview preparation.	Opportunity Sheffield Sheffield City Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Epic Friends <p>Online resources and signposting for young people needing emotional and mental health support.</p>	Home - Epic Friends
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Other services and support:

<p>Preparation for Adulthood (PfA) Team Sheffield</p> <p>Children with Disabilities Team Sheffield</p>	<p>0114 205 7288</p> <p>pfa@sheffield.gov.uk</p> <p>Parents/carers, members of the public and professionals can refer to the service by contacting Sheffield's Safeguarding Hub on 0114 273 4855.</p>
<p>Sheffield SENDIAS</p> <p>Contact — Sheffield SENDIAS</p>	<p>Floor 1, North Wing Howden House, 1 Union Street, Sheffield, S1 2SH 0114 2736009 ssendias@sheffield.gov.uk</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autism Plus <p>Our aim throughout all our services is to transform potential into reality. Our specialist services support Neurodivergent individuals across the United Kingdom to take confident strides toward paid employment. Through funded regional programs, we are bringing the dream of employment closer to reality. Nationally, we extend our reach through Access to Work, ensuring those already employed receive the support they need to not only keep their jobs but thrive in them.</p>	<p>Programmes Archive - Autism Plus SES</p> <p>The Exchange Brewery, 2 Bridge Street Stret, Sheffield, S3 8NS, 0114 3840300 employmentsupport@autismplus.co.uk</p>

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Other services and support:

Disability Rights UK : information, advice and resources for disabled students	
Talking Futures support for parents and guardians looking to explore education and career options with their child	
Access to Work : help to find or stay in work if you have a physical or mental health condition, including financial support	

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