

# SUPPORTING **YOUR** TRANSITION TO **COLLEGE**

2023-2024

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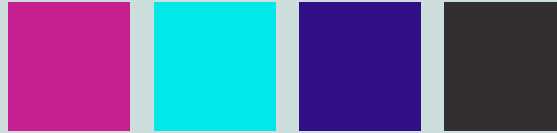
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# Our Transition Support for All Learners







We understand that coming to College is a big step and we don't want you to be anxious or nervous about moving on from a school environment.

We want to ensure that you make the most of our College environment, that you develop your knowledge, skills and confidence and that you progress onto the career of your choice.

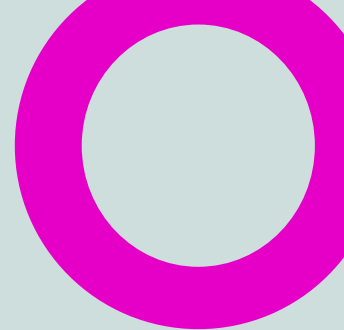
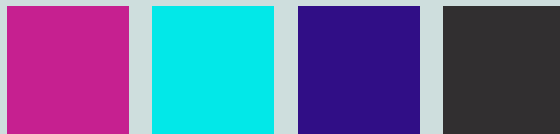
Our very experienced team of staff will offer you a person centred 'transition' to College and fully support you during your time with us.



## WE CAN:

- Arrange an individualised visit for you with a friend, parent or carer to meet staff and look at the College facilities, resources and equipment;
- Provide you with a named contact person at College who you can email or speak to if you have any queries;
- Arrange for a course tutor to ring you to discuss a particular course – what it involves, how it is assessed, entry requirements etc;
- Make a guidance appointment for you if you are not sure which College course to apply for;
- Arrange for one of our learning support and welfare team to contact you to discuss the support we can offer e.g. transport arrangements, work experience, additional learning needs support, exam access arrangements, learning coach support, pastoral coach support, financial support and medical support;

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TO HELP



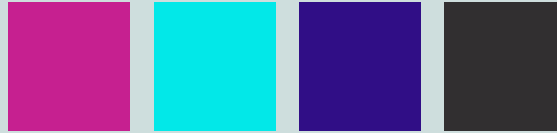
## WE CAN:

- Help you to complete your application to College;
- Invite you to College events which are relevant to the course you have applied for such as the pantomime and shows, art exhibitions, musical performances etc;
- Answer your questions and reassure you about any aspect of College life;
- Arrange for you to speak to current learners who attended your school about College life; and
- Send you details about our College Open Events, Careers Events, Taster Days and our Summer Programmes.

# Our Partner Schools

In addition to the support we can provide for all applicants, we have additional transition arrangements in place for pupils transitioning from one of our partner schools (Ysgol Bro Gwaun, Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi, Ysgol Gyfun Aberdaugleddau and Ysgol Portfield).





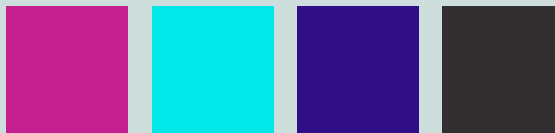
Our bespoke transition arrangements for pupils of these schools include:

- An individual transition plan for the school;
- Arranging with your school for you to visit the College with your friends;
- College presentations at Year 11 Assemblies;
- Curriculum talks during Yr 11 highlighting specific careers and progression opportunities;
- 1:1 guidance appointments with experienced course guidance and learning support staff;
- Attendance at school Parents Evenings;
- Offering individualised College tours; and
- Invitation to specific curriculum taster events e.g. engineering etc.

# Safeguarding Our Learners

We are committed to ensuring  
that all our learners feel safe  
whilst studying at College.





As a college we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously.

We are an Encompass College.

The College has a designated Safeguarding Officer for Looked After Young People.

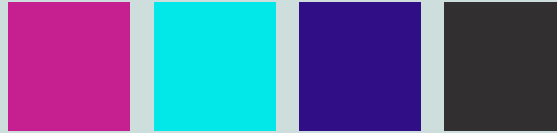
We will be involved in your Pathway Plans and Care and Support Plan Reviews.

For any safeguarding queries, or to notify us of your concerns, please email: [safe@pembrokeshire.ac.uk](mailto:safe@pembrokeshire.ac.uk)



# **Support for Learners with Additional Learning Needs (ALN)**





Pembrokeshire College has a dedicated Learning Support Transition Team who will provide person centred support to help you move into the College environment.

One of the team:

- Will attend your School Annual Review or Transition Review and provide information on the College's additional learning provision (ALP) and offer advice and guidance on College course choices;
- Work with you, your school, parents, carers, and Career Wales to ensure that we have the correct information about how best to support you during your transition and admission to College;
- Offer you an individual or small group transition visit to the College;

# Support for Learners with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Continued...

- Ask you about your wishes and dreams for your future;
- May observe you in your classroom setting in school to assess your learning support needs;
- Discuss how your learning support needs will be met when you come to College;
- Help you make an application to College and support you through the admissions process;
- Advise you on Transport available and the application process;
- Provide links to applying for financial support to help you during your course;
- Provide you with dates of the College Open Events, Transition and Link Days;



- Provide you with a named contact at College who will work with you to develop your personalised transition into College;
- Help produce or update your One Page Profile (OPP);
- Help you apply for exam access arrangements;
- Support you to access College facilities and equipment;
- Signpost you to advice on transport, health, financial support and student services;
- Provide access to a wide range of assistive and adaptive technology, e.g. reader pens, laptops, speech to text software, photosymbols;
- Support you throughout your time in College; and
- Support you with your next steps once you are ready to leave College.

# Support for Learners with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Continued...

In order to do this, we will be asking you for your consent for the school to share your medical or learning support information so that we can ensure that we can fully support you during your College programme. You will be asked to complete a learning support questionnaire as part of your course application.

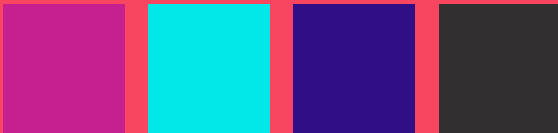
If you have any queries about the learning support available at College, or if you want to arrange a transition visit, please email: [learningsupport@pembrokeshire.ac.uk](mailto:learningsupport@pembrokeshire.ac.uk).

For further information on our ALN support, Universal Learning Provision and Additional Learning Provision, please visit our Additional Learning Support and Inclusion information page on the website.

# Support for Learners who are Anxious, Phobic, Have Medical or Health Needs

We have a dedicated Health Care Professional who supports learners who have medical or other health needs.

They will ensure that your information is shared with your tutors and will support you throughout your transition into College and during your time at College.

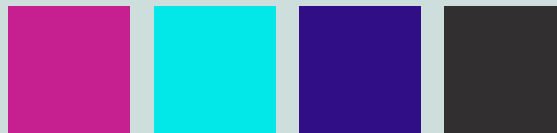


# Support for LGBTQ+ Learners

There is a dedicated Learning Support and Equality Manager who supports learners who may have questions about being part of the LGBTQ+ community in College. There is a PRIDE group that meets weekly to offer support to all LGBTQ+ learners and allies. Specific guidance and signposting to other LGBTQ+ is also provided.







# Support for Learners who are Looked After/Care Experienced

There is a dedicated Wellbeing Officer who supports learners who live, or have previously lived, in care and care leavers.

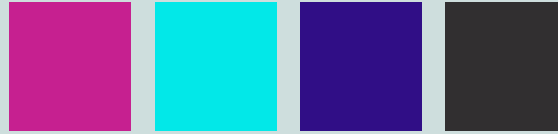
They will support you throughout your transition into College and during your time at College.

# Support for Learners who are Young Carers

There is a dedicated Carer Lead who supports learners who are carers.

If you help anyone because of their illness, frailty, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, and if they cannot cope without your support, and the care you give is unpaid, then you are a carer.





# **Support for Learners who are More Able & Talented (MAT)**

At Pembrokeshire College we recognise, support and celebrate talent in all areas. The College offers its own bespoke More Able and Talented (MAT) programmes as well as the opportunity to participate in national strategies such as the WorldSkills Competition Series and the Seren programme.

# Support for Learners who are More Able & Talented Continued...

## A-level MAT Opportunities

The College is pleased to offer its own annual schedule of live and recorded university-led masterclasses and workshops, from globally recognised institutions such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford and a wide range of other prestigious Welsh and Russell group universities.





You will also have the opportunity to complete our own bespoke A-level Award and Extended Project Qualification.

If university is not your destination, we are also able to provide you with workshops and projects led by Working Options in Education.

As learners showing great academic success, you will also be supported to participate in the national Seren network if you have met the criteria set by the National Seren Executive board. These are noted below for 2023/24, please be aware that they are subject to change:

- » The learner has achieved 6 A\* grades or more.


More information on the Seren Network and the Pembrokeshire Regional Hub can be found here: [Seren - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](https://www.seren-hwb.gov.wales)



# Vocational MAT Opportunities

As above, you will find that the College is able to provide you with an annual schedule with access to guest speakers, workshops and activity from local and national industry leaders depending on your area of study and excellence.





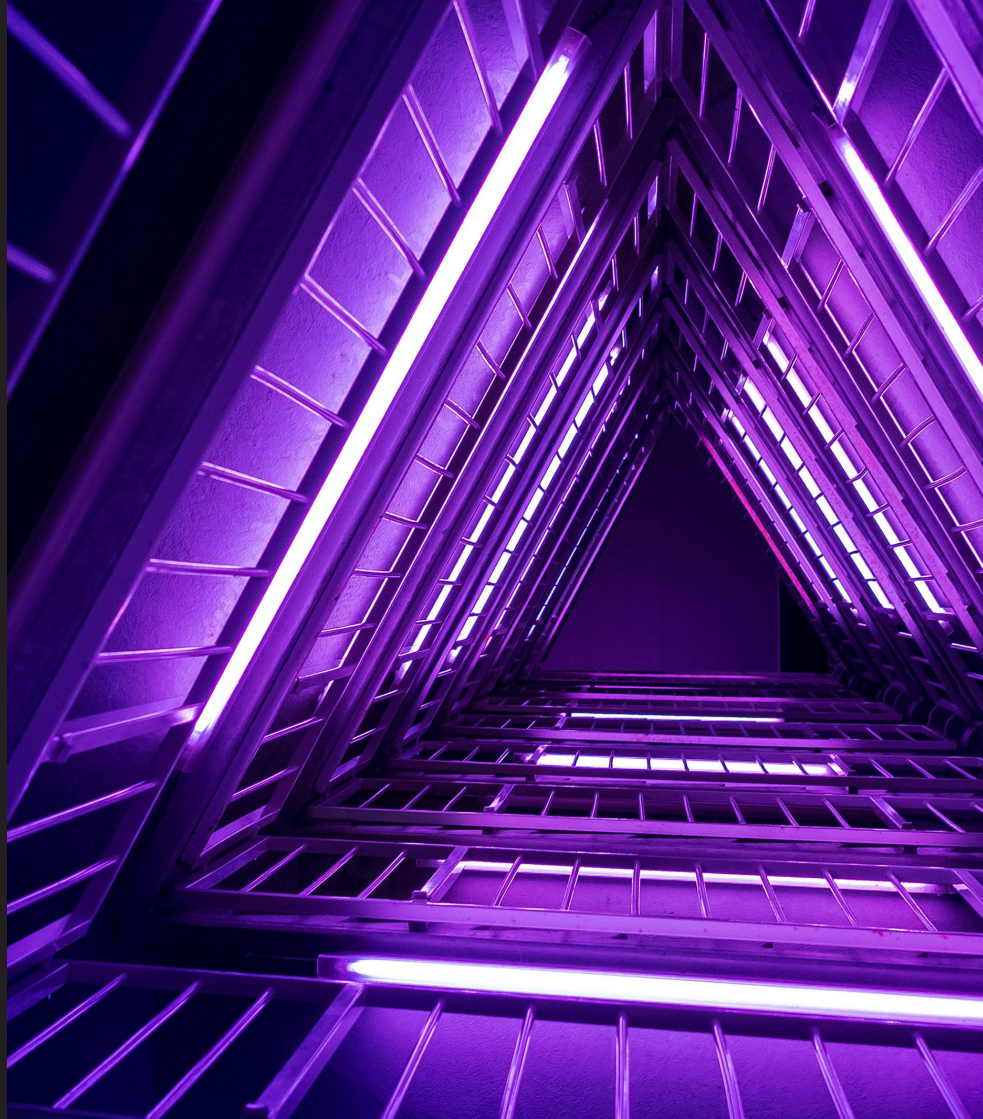
The College offers its own exciting Destination Programmes in many vocational areas, as well as the opportunity to participate in the internationally renowned WorldSkills Competition Series.

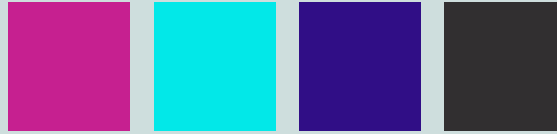
More information on WorldSkills can be found here:  
[WorldSkills UK | Raising Apprenticeships & Technical Education Standards](#)



# Transition for Welsh Speaking Learners

There is a dedicated Welsh Language Development Team who support Welsh speaking learners to access College transition support in Welsh or bilingually. The team will ensure that your language choice is fulfilled and that you will be given opportunities to use Welsh throughout the transition process. If you would like to access transition support in Welsh, please email: [ja.morgan@pembrokeshire.ac.uk](mailto:ja.morgan@pembrokeshire.ac.uk)





# Support for Learners who are 14-16

Pembrokeshire College is delighted to be working in partnership with Ysgol y Greenhill, Ysgol Harri Tudur and Ysgol Caer Elen to deliver day release vocational courses at our Haverfordwest campus.

The alternative curriculum is worth two GCSEs and teaches 14-16-year-olds skills for life and work. BTEC First Certificate in Engineering is timetabled in the participating school's GCSE options grid. Learners are taught craft skills in industry standard workshops, which prepares them to progress to an apprenticeship, a BTEC Diploma or A-levels at school or College.

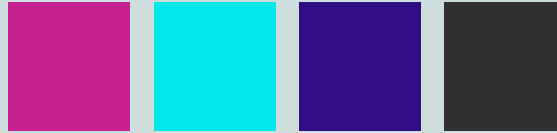
For enquiries please email:  
[admissions@pembrokeshire.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@pembrokeshire.ac.uk)



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## Our Transition Events





Pembrokeshire College offers a range of events and activities so that you can get to know what College is all about:

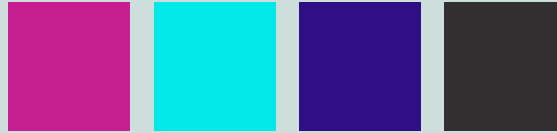
- Open Evenings\*
- Yr 11 Transition Days
- 1-1 Tours\*
- 1-1 Guidance Appointments
- Careers Events
- Taster Days
- Bistro Evenings
- Art Exhibitions
- Theatrical and Musical Performances

\*refer to the College website for more information

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## Our Transition Partners





Transitions which are properly planned in a timely manner and co-ordinated around the needs of the learner are proven to dramatically increase retention and progression to further education and training and ultimately sustainable employment.

The College works with a range of multi-agency transition partners who are also involved with the learner to make sure that the correct information about the learner is shared in order to ensure a successful transition to College.

Our Key Transition Partners include:

- » Parents and Carers
- » Careers Wales Advisors
- » The Transition Officers, Heads of Year and ALNCo of each of the Pembrokeshire Secondary Schools
- » Pembrokeshire County Council Social Services, Inclusion and Education Teams

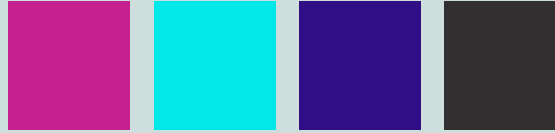


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**Need More  
Information?**







For more information, or updates on what is happening at College, check out our website or follow us on social media:

-  **pembrokeshire.ac.uk**
-  **@PembsCollege**
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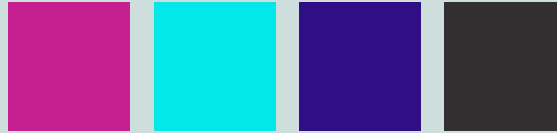
On our website you'll also find information on: transport, financial support, the College's Universal Learning Provision (ULP) and Additional Learning Provision (ALP).

For learners with more complex learning needs and who wish to develop their life skills please visit our Life Skills Academy.

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# Questions





If you have any questions, or wish to arrange a visit, then please email:

[admissions@pembrokeshire.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@pembrokeshire.ac.uk)

We look forward to supporting your successful transition to Pembrokeshire College.

See you  
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