

Q: Can I access any support over the summer?

Ethos College have appointed three transition mentors to help with any issues you may have regarding college. They will have already made contact you and will continue to do so over the summer. They will also visit you in the new academic year to check you are receiving the support you need.

Q: Will I be able to go to the toilet when I want/need?

Yes. If you have a medical need college will already be aware of this. For most, there will be an expectation that as a young adult you can manage your needs in your own time but if you ask you will be allowed to go!

Q: I had a scribe, supervised rest breaks/extra time for my GCSE exams will I get one for exams in college?

Yes, your SENDCo will have passed any access arrangements to college so that you will continue to receive support for examinations.

Q: Do I need to supply my own stationery?

Yes, although there are bursary funds and hardship grants available. See links at the end of this leaflet.

Q: Who do I go to for support at college? Will there be a designated person?

Yes. All colleges have a student services, where you can get help and advice from a person or Team. If you have declared on your application that you have SEN (either via an EHCP or a My Support Plan) you will have already been passed to the SEN Team so they are aware of you upon enrolment.

Most faculties and departments have designated support staff who help in lessons, so you have the option of speaking to them too.

Further details are available on the Student Support services area of the College website.

Q: Are free bus passes available for college?

If you have an EHCP you may be entitled to help with transportation. Some colleges have a bus service, but you will need to check student support website for final details.

Q: What are the start and finish times of college?

Varies between college and course. Most courses are three days not 5.

Starting at College

Q & A

Q: When do I start?

Enrolment usually takes place after GCSE results day.

You will have a detailed timetable of events posted out to you over the summer. Keep checking your mail!

Q: Can I bring my own food?

Yes. Although you may need to check college's procedures during COVID-19.

Q: Will you provide me with a laptop as I had one at school?

This will most likely be assessed by the SEN team. If you had the use of a laptop at Ethos this information will have been shared with college. They will most likely conduct some tests with you to see what needs you have.

Q: Are lunches in the canteen expensive?

This depends upon what you choose to eat!

If you received free school meals while at school, you will continue to be eligible for these at College. Your parents must have proof that you are entitled and you must reapply each year. Further information is available on each college's Student services website.

Q: I have an EHCP will I get financial help with transport to college?

Yes. At your transitional EHCP review your SENDCo will have submitted a case for travel being needed. This will either be via a taxi or subsidised bus fare.

It is worth noting that all colleges offer hardship support for travel, regardless of SEN background, although each case will be examined on a case by case basis.

Q: I am entitled to F.S.M will I get these at college and how does it work?

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Useful Links

huddnewcoll.ac.uk/student-life/supporting-you

kirkleescollege.ac.uk/student-support/

greenhead.ac.uk/covid-19-update/588.html

greenhead.ac.uk/student-bursary-fund/50.html

wakefield.ac.uk/about-us/student-support

bradfordcollege.ac.uk/help/

barnsley.ac.uk/student-life/

calderdale.ac.uk/advice/

greenhead.ac.uk/supported-learning2/46.html