

STUDY PROGRAMME PROSPECTUS



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WELCOME TO HOOPLE STUDY PROGRAMME



At Hoople Study Programme, we are committed to helping young people with their next steps in life, whether they be employment, education, further training, or skills for independent living.

We are funded by the Department for Education to provide a tailored programme aimed at meeting the individual needs of all students, helping to ensure they reach their full potential. We welcome young people aged 16 to 19, as well as students up to the age of 24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Our experienced and supportive team are well equipped to work with students who have social, emotional and mental health needs, or who may have found mainstream education challenging.

Through a structured and engaging learning experience, our Study Programme combines substantial vocational qualifications, meaningful work experience, and essential English and Maths skills. By combining practical learning with personalised support, the programme is tailored to meet each student's individual needs and career aspirations, preparing them for progression into higher education or the workplace.

We are proud that in 2022, our programme was rated 'Good' by Ofsted, reflecting the dedication of our team and the achievements of our students.

The duration of the programme varies according to individual needs, typically ranging from one to three years. The programme generally runs over four days each week during term time, with personalised timetables tailored to suit each student.

Choosing the right next step is an important decision for both students and their families. I look forward to working alongside you to support a successful future built on confidence, independence and achievement.

Sharon Hempton-Smith
Senior Manager for Quality and Compliance

WHY CHOOSE HOOPLE STUDY PROGRAMME

- ✓ Personalised Learning
- ✓ Vocational Qualifications
- ✓ Work Experience
- ✓ English & Maths Support
- ✓ Socialise with other students
- ✓ Pastoral Support
- ✓ Career Advice and Guidance
- ✓ Life Skills



“Hoople provides me with a brilliant place to learn in a more calming atmosphere. I wouldn’t cope in a normal college environment. Enrichment is amazing, it gives us a place to build our social skills. I get the attention I need to succeed.”

Fabian (Student)

“I feel like my confidence has really grown since I started at Hoople. The staff are supportive and they always say something positive, like if you want to achieve anything in life don’t let anyone bring you down. Hoople has helped me to gain my independence, helped me to achieve qualifications, and helped me to become a teaching assistant through my work experience.”

Jessica (Student)



OUR CURRICULUM

The main aim of a Study Programme is to provide breadth and depth to a student's education, provide experience that helps to prepare them for the workplace, and to ensure a focus on English and Maths development. To cover these aims, the Study Programme is made up of the subjects outlined below, however programmes are tailored to meet students individual learning needs:

English and Maths - Functional Skills

To support students with Maths and English skills at a level, which will enhance their learning and progress them onto higher qualifications. We follow the national curriculum for functional skills, and provide students with fundamental skills to use through daily life, the workplace and future life.

Vocational Qualifications

These qualifications support students in preparing for further study, employment, and future life.



Work Experience

To provide students with practical experience, enhancing their employability and offering valuable insights into their chosen career path.

We work with many local businesses, across many industries including retail, hospitality, health and social care, charities and many more.

Social, Emotional and Enrichment Activities

These activities support with social and emotional needs, and to prepare for future life. Such as social activities, life skills, budgeting, cookery and event planning.



SUPPORT SERVICES

Pastoral Support

Each student has a dedicated Form Tutor to support them with physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

Educational Health Care Plans

We work closely with the Local Authority to support students with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP), to ensure identified needs and support provision can be met.

Safeguarding

Sharon Hempton-Smith
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Lee Morgan
Deputy Safeguarding Officer (DSO)

Stacey Knill
Deputy Safeguarding Officer (DSO)

The safeguarding team can be contacted during office hours on 01432 383500. We all have a duty of care to safeguard and promote welfare, and to enhance awareness of the broader welfare spectrum, specifically the issues facing young people in our society.

Bursary and Free Meals

We are committed to closing the attainment gap between students from disadvantaged and more advantaged backgrounds, and we aim to ensure that every young person benefits from a place in education and training. Support is available for eligible students through Department for Education funded 16-19 Bursary Fund, and Free Meals. The application form can be downloaded on our website. Alternatively, you can email us and we will send you an application form. Our contact details can be found at the end of this prospectus.

Transport

If transport support is required to enable the student to attend the Study Programme, you may be eligible to receive support via Herefordshire Council. Please contact Herefordshire Council College transport team via www.herefordshire.gov.uk/public-transport-1/school-college-transport.

Career Advice Information and Guidance

Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) is provided throughout the student's time on programme, and is individual to their needs. We have dedicated job coaches who support students with applying for their next steps after programme, whether that be further education or employment. Students are supported to access work experience, and we also work with external agencies to support them with their goals for education and employment outcomes.



APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for the Study Programme, you will need to complete an application form. This can be downloaded here: <https://www.hoopleltd.co.uk/media/uiafskua/v24-hoople-study-programme-application-form.pdf>

We also receive applications for students on behalf of the Local Authority through Educational Health Care planning consultations.

On confirmation of eligibility for the programme, you will be invited in for an informal visit, where the aspiring student will be asked questions such as personal and career ambitions and learning needs. We will discuss the suitability of the programme to ensure we can meet any specific needs.

The aspiring student and parent/guardians will also be given the opportunity to tour our facilities, meet some members of the team, and ask any questions. After this session, if the student would like to enrol, we will make contact to confirm a conditional offer onto programme, and send all enrolment information.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much does it cost?

There will be no charge to you as the students' placements are funded either through Government funding or via the EHCP funding. However, all students will require stationery to start and may need additional items throughout the academic year. If you need assistance with these costs, please let us know.



How long does it last?

Students are initially enrolled for one academic year. Regular reviews will be conducted to assess progress, and based on these evaluations, a decision will be made regarding whether they will be required to stay for an additional year.



When can I start?

We welcome a new cohort of students every September, but we also take on new learners throughout the year. Please get in touch, and we can discuss your individual needs.



Where will I attend the Study Programme?

The Study Programme is based in the ground floor wing of Hoople's head office building, Auxilium House, located at Legion Way, Hereford HR1 1LN.



Will there be opportunities to gain work experience?

Work experience is for students who are enrolled in their second year. This ensures that learners have acquired sufficient foundational knowledge in their first year, which prepares them to engage effectively in practical settings.



Will I get any help or support?

You will be assigned a dedicated tutor who will guide you throughout your learning journey. This tutor will work closely with you to understand your individual goals, strengths, and areas for improvement. They will offer personalised advice and strategies to help you stay motivated and focused.



What happens after?

The study programme is designed to assist you in reaching your next steps, whether that is pursuing further education, an apprenticeship, a traineeship, or employment. For learners who do not fit into these categories, additional support can be provided through various organisations to help you achieve your goals.



CONTACT US

We'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss placements or have any questions at all.

Alternatively, you can find more information, bursary and free meal application, term dates, and policies on our website.



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