

Checklist of Support

- Named staff member for care leavers
- Financial advice and support
- Information on our Website for care leavers
- Priority processing for funding
- Pre application help
- Help in organising childcare or transportation
- Guaranteed interview if entry requirements met
- Progression and career support



Guidance and Student Support Staff

If you want to pop in for a friendly chat about anything please contact one of our Learner Advisors:

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INFORMATION FOR LOOKED AFTER YOUNG PEOPLE & CARE LEAVERS





Forth Valley College wants all Looked After Young People/Care Leaver (LAYP/CL) students, to be successful during their time studying here. We want them all to gain a place on an appropriate course, learn new skills, gain qualifications, and progress into a positive destination whether that be further education, higher education, training or employment. We support Curriculum for Excellence by encouraging LAYP/CL students to continuously pursue Lifelong Learning and to always develop their Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work. We want our LAYP/CL students to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

We have dedicated Guidance and Student Support staff at each of our campuses, offering specialist help to students who have been, or are currently, looked after by their local authority or in kinship care.

Our staff understand the challenges people in the care system may face and can offer support in a number of ways.

The support offered is wide and varied and depends on each individual student and what is right for them, but broadly includes:

- 1:1 support and guidance in school or other pre-16 setting
- Support through the pre-entry and application phase of moving on to college
- A guaranteed interview for applicants meeting the criteria for course entry
- Summer school

- Continued 1:1 support when attending college including liaison with delivery staff, the Funding Team and Learner Advisors.
- Help with core skills such as literacy, numeracy, communication, etc.
- Help with student finance, childcare and study issues
- Help to find part-time or voluntary work

Applicants are strongly encouraged to indicate they have been in care via their college online application. This information will allow the Student Services team to contact applicants and ensure they are aware of the wide range of support available pre-entry and on-course, e.g. course choice, financial support, student support and confidential advice available to them.

Summer School

We also run a Summer School which aims to ease the transition to study at college and allows students to meet other students in similar situations and get to know their key workers in college.

- Bridges the gap for those who are, or have been, in the care system between leaving school and going to college
- Assists in smoothing the transition to college life
- Engages potential students in positive activity over the summer
- Enhances potential students likelihood of being accepted onto identified college courses

Summer School highlights:

- Take part in fun team building activities
- You meet new people/make new friends
- You may receive support with your travel costs
- You may get certification for some activities
- You meet college staff
- It is helpful and worthwhile
- You can tour the college facilities
- You will get a chance to try a variety of activities

For enquiries about our Summer School, please contact Scott Harrison at: scott.harrison@forthvalley.ac.uk or on: (01324) 403008.



Our Students Association are developing support networks for those students who are in, or have been in care.

FVSA officers are available on each campus for advice or a chat.



Partnership Working

Former Forth Valley College LAYP/CL students have shared their appreciation of the support they have received in college and how it helped them to successfully complete qualifications and progress into further education, training and employment. One student came from a background in foster care, received support with finances and their Additional Support Needs and attended college on a taster course. With the support and guidance of Forth Valley College staff, and with their own hard work and commitment, this student progressed onto an HN course and is now attending university. We want this success story to be yours as well!

