

Checklist of Support

- ✓ Priority processing for funding
- ✓ Pre-application help
- ✓ Guaranteed interview if entry requirements met
- ✓ Dedicated Learner Adviser
- ✓ Additional financial advice and support
- ✓ Care Experienced Student Bursary (eligibility criteria apply)

Guidance and Support Staff

If you want to pop in for a friendly chat about anything, please contact our Learner Advisory service:

Tel: 01324 403000

Email: learneradvisers@forthvalley.ac.uk

Other Helpful Contacts

student.records@forthvalley.ac.uk
student.applications@forthvalley.ac.uk
funding@forthvalley.ac.uk

Who Cares? Scotland

www.whocaresScotland.org

NUS Scotland

www.nus.org.uk/en/nus-scotland

Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum

www.staf.scot

Scottish Awards Agency for Scotland

www.saas.gov.uk

Information for Care Experienced Young People





Thinking of studying at Forth Valley College?

Forth Valley College wants all Care Experienced Young People to be successful during their time studying here. We want everyone to have the opportunity 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 have dedicated Learner Advisors at each of our campuses, offering specialist help to students who have been, or are currently, in care.

Our staff understand the challenges Care Experienced Young People may face and can offer support in a number of ways.

The support offered is varied and depends on each individual student, but broadly includes:

- **A guaranteed interview for applicants meeting the course entry criteria**
- **Funding applications will be prioritised first for processing**
- **Further financial assistance as required e.g. payment for copies of birth certificates for funding purposes**
- **Access to mentoring opportunities through the Time4Me Project (ages 14-25yrs)**

Applicants are strongly encouraged to tell us they have been in care when applying for their course online so that the above measures can be put in place. Additionally, telling us this information will ensure the following happens,

A Learner Adviser will make contact to offer dedicated 1 to 1 support pre-entry, throughout the learner journey to pre-exit. This could include:

- **Support through the pre-entry and application phase of moving on to college**
- **Practical help in organising accommodation, childcare and/or transportation**
- **Be a key point of contact for signposting to other college support services e.g. Funding, Learner Development Workers, Learning Support etc.**



Are you already a student at FVC?

The Students Association is keen to develop support networks for Care Experienced students and would like to hear from you.



Contact FVSA officers by emailing students.association@forthvalley.ac.uk if you would like to be involved.

Student Voice

“Whilst I’ve been on this [childcare] course, I have struggled with work inside and out of college. The College were especially a great help to me... I have been given one to one sessions with Learning Support. Also, I have accessed counselling to improve my mental health. Student Records helped provide me with authorised absences for illness and personal reasons. The College provides me with funding for EMA and travel.”

(Care Experienced Young Person, age 17, 2017)

