



MacIntyre Academies
Venture Academy

Transition Guide
2024/2025

Transition Guide for after Venture

We understand that this can be a scary time for families.

What does the future hold?

What happens after year 11?

What is the next step?

We have put this guide together to help you as much as possible and provide you with information about your child's transition to either, college or supported living and employment.

Venture Staff are here to help you with the next step, whatever you decide to do as a family.

This guide contains information on:

- Further Education
- Apprenticeships
- Supported Internships
- Finances and Benefits
- Transport for students over 16 years old
- Where to go for help

FURTHER EDUCATION



<https://natspec.org.uk>

Applications for school or college should be made in the autumn term of Year 11.



APPRENTICESHIPS

Young people who are looking for an apprenticeship or training should start their search in the spring term of Year 11. Please click the logo or go to

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

A Supported Internship is a study programme that combines education, work and training for young people with special educational needs aged 16 to 24. It provides a supported work placement that will help build the skills and confidence needed to enter the world of work.

The programme is structured to enable young people to get paid employment in the future by acquiring the skills through work in a variety of businesses.

There are qualifications at college alongside the internship. The students will be with the college for a year and at least six months of this will be in unpaid employment. Where possible, the young person will move into paid work at the end of the programme.

Please click the logo below to access supported internships or supported learning or go to :

- <https://wcg.ac.uk/page/1027/supported-internships>
- <https://wcg.ac.uk/page/28/supported-learning>



supported internships



for supported learning.

FINANCE AND BENEFITS

- On turning 16 your child:
- Can claim benefits in their own right. However, if they stay in full-time non-advanced education or some types of training, parents can choose to carry on claiming for them as part of their family. You will need to weigh up which option is likely to leave your family better off.
- Can receive Direct Payments in their own right.
- Will be reassessed under PIP if they have been getting DLA Advice <http://bit.ly/dlatopip>
- Your child can also apply for Universal Credit if they are entitled to DLA or PIP and have limited capability for work
- 18-25 year olds who make a benefit claim should be invited to meet a work coach at the Job Centre. For those claiming Universal Credit, you should be offered an appointment within a few days of your application. You should be aware that you may be put on a standard rate until a Work Capability Assessment decides if additional components are payable.

Social Worker involvement – can request financial assistance

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

<https://www.scope.org.uk/advice-and-support/>

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

<https://contact.org.uk/practitioners/advice/finance-and-benefits/>

<https://www.sense.org.uk/information-and-advice/benefits-and-money/paying-for-support-for-disabled-children/>

<https://workingfamilies.org.uk/publications/from-child-to-adult/>

<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en>

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

16-19 Bursary

You may be able to apply for a Bursary when you start at your new college which is to help with transport costs, additional course cost & equipment for your course.

- There are two types of bursary, Full Bursary and Discretionary Bursary
- For more information visit <https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund>.

Appointeeship

- A child turning 16 is usually expected to take on responsibility for any benefits they claim in their own right. If they are unable to manage their affairs, you can become their 'appointee' for benefit claims. You must set this up before applying for PIP.
- For more information visit www.gov.uk/become-appointee-for-someone-claiming-benefits

(Personal Independence Payment) PIP claims

PIP must be first claimed between ages of 16 and 65.

Ring 0800 917 2222 to start your PIP claim or [click](#) here to go straight to the online application

NOTE: PIP is payable both in work or not, **and** it is **not** means-tested, so you can claim it whatever your income and savings.

Existing (Disability Living Allowance) DLA claimants will be contacted over the next few years and told when their DLA claim will cease, and given the opportunity to claim PIP instead.

TRANSPORT FOR STUDENTS OVER 16 YEARS OLD

Once students are over 16 you will need to pay for their transport. ~

Help is available if you:

- are over school age and under 19 on the 31 August before your course begins
- live in Warwickshire
- have a maintained Education, Health and Care plan or can provide proof of learning difficulties or
- disabilities
- are attending a full-time course (three days or more per week)
- go to the nearest qualifying special school, sixth form or college offering the qualification/course*
- are unable to travel to school/college unless transport is provided
- have a journey of more than three miles from home to school/college.
Or are unable to travel this distance because of your special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- pay the parental contribution towards transport.

*The nearest school/college that can provide education appropriate to your age, ability, and aptitude. Also considering any special educational needs that you have. Normally the school whose priority area you live in unless otherwise stated by the SEND Assessment and Review team.

Parental contribution for the 2023/24 Academic Year

For those who pay full rate:	For those who pay the reduced** rate:
£870 per year	£435 per year
£87.00 per month x 10 payments	£43.50 per month x 10 payments

** Students or families who receive one of the qualifying benefits listed below are considered to have a low income and will qualify for the reduced rate;

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- the Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- the Maximum Level of Working Tax Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income-related)
- Child Tax Credit (below the relevant threshold of £16,190)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7400)
- Payment can be made by card online or by monthly direct debit.

Please note: transport is provided for the start/end of the school day but adjustments may be made in exceptional circumstances. Transport may be provided as a:

- bus pass
- train pass
- private hire vehicle (taxi)

either click [here](#) or go to

<https://wcc.flexiroute.net/app form SEN 16 18.html>

WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

NEED HELP?

For further help and advice contact:

Your local Citizens Advice at

1st Floor, Chestnut House
North Street
Rugby, CV21 2AQ

The Parish Rooms
Welcome Street
Atherstone, CV9 1DU

Old Market Tavern
25 Congreve Walk
Bedworth, CV12 8LX

10 Hamilton Terrace
Leamington Spa, CV32 4LY

(To book an appointment in

25 Meer Street

Nuneaton call 024 7635 1049)

Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6QB

Switchboard number for ALL calls: 0344 855 2322

Other useful websites

<https://dimensions.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/Documents/Information%20and%20Advice%20for%20Neurodivergent%20People%20and%20their%20Families.pdf>

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

www.autism.org.uk

You can also search for local groups using the [National Autistic Society services directory](#).

www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/parenting-support/5>

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/parenting-support/6>

<https://parentingproject.org.uk/>

<https://www.scope.org.uk/family-services/navigate/>

<https://www.sendparentswarwickshire.com/helpadvice>

[Careers advice - job profiles, information and resources | National Careers Service](#)

