

## Post 16 Options

Information on Post-16 options:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16>

### Further Education, Progression into Independence, Work and Life Courses

Lots of young people continue in education as a Post-16 option, on supported courses. Many colleges offer courses with lots of support in the classrooms but also during breaks and lunchtimes:

<https://localoffer.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/4530/Sixth-form-colleges-and-universities-for-ages-16>

Fairfield Specialist College offer flexible residential, day and weekend courses:

[www.ffc.ac.uk](http://www.ffc.ac.uk)

Special Schools with sixth forms in Wiltshire:

[www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk)

[Exeter House School - Home](#)

The Salisbury Academy for Inspirational Learning is a new free school for SEND students ages 4-19 and will open in early 2024. See this website for more information:

<https://localoffer.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/4530/Sixth-form-colleges-and-universities-for-ages-16>

Wiltshire College offers mainstream, foundation and personalized studying programmes here:

[www.wiltshire.ac.uk](http://www.wiltshire.ac.uk)

[www.wiltshire.ac.uk/the-college/learning-support](http://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/the-college/learning-support)

Other local colleges that offer mainstream and foundation courses include:

[www.sparsholt.ac.uk/information-support-resources/](http://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/information-support-resources/)

[www.bathcollege.ac.uk](http://www.bathcollege.ac.uk)

[www.newcollege.ac.uk](http://www.newcollege.ac.uk)

[www.totton.ac.uk](http://www.totton.ac.uk)

Further schools/colleges can be explored via:

<https://localoffer.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/4496/Education-employment-and-training-adulthood>

[The Deaf Academy](#)

## Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are real jobs where you learn, gain experience and get paid. An apprenticeship should give you the skills, knowledge and experience for a chosen career. Apprenticeship vacancies specify entry requirements and any qualities the employer is looking for. You can search for live vacancies and also set up alerts for upcoming apprenticeships opportunities via:

[Find an Apprenticeship.gov.uk](https://findanapprenticeship.gov.uk)

[Get My First Job](#)

[Student Apprenticeships](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Please also check for local vacancies on college websites, such [Wiltshire College](#).

The Wiltshire Employment Support Team help, support and advise on a range of aspects of starting an apprenticeship, from travel training to helping assess strengths and find the right option. Find out more here:

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/west/>

Work Wiltshire also have opportunities and information about apprenticeships and you can find out more here:

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/home/apprenticeships/>

The following resource shares some useful information on apprenticeships for people with a learning disability:

[www.mencap.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-02/20120.009%20LDWW2019\\_Factsheet%207.pdf](http://www.mencap.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-02/20120.009%20LDWW2019_Factsheet%207.pdf)

## Supported Internships

Another option is a supported internship, where you would spend most of your time in the workplace usually for at least 6 months, and you have support from a qualified job coach. You also have a personalised study programme, including the chance to study a relevant qualification, if suitable, and English and Maths to an appropriate level. You need to have an Educational, Health and Care Plan and you may also be eligible for Access to Work Funding:

[www.gov.uk/access-to-work](http://www.gov.uk/access-to-work)

Further information on supported internships can be found via:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16#supported-internships>

Supported internships are delivered in partnership with Wiltshire College and Wiltshire Employment Support Team. The application window is October until 31 January 2025. You can find out more and apply here:



**FutureSmartCareers**

<https://localoffer.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/4533/Supported-Internship>

[www.wiltshire.ac.uk](http://www.wiltshire.ac.uk)

[Bath College](#)

[Mencap Supported Internships](#)

[BOSS Supported Internships](#)

[Shaw Trust Supported Internships](#)

[Health Education England](#)

## **Traineeships**

Another option that might interest you is a traineeship. These are created to meet your needs and prepare you for what employers are looking for. You also get support to improve your English, Maths and digital skills.

To start a traineeship, you'll need to have an Education, Health and Care plan. You should receive support with expenses for travel and meals. You should still continue to receive any benefits you currently receive. Traineeships are designed to prepare you to do an apprenticeship.

Supported Internships are Wiltshire College and the Wiltshire Employment Support Team.

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/apprenticeships-and-traineeships/traineeships-and-school-leaver-programmes>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supported-internships-for-young-people-with-learning-difficulties/supported-internships>

<https://www.gov.uk/find-traineeship>

## **Other useful resources and information**

The SENDIASS Gloucestershire and SENDIAS Somerset provide information, advice and support on matters relating to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities ([SEND](#)). The service is offered to parents and carers of children and young people aged between 0 and 25 years old:

Wiltshire: [www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/wiltshire-sendiass/#:~:text=Wiltshire%20SENDIASS%20provides%20a%20free,and%20their%20parents%20and%20carers.](http://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/wiltshire-sendiass/#:~:text=Wiltshire%20SENDIASS%20provides%20a%20free,and%20their%20parents%20and%20carers.)

16-19 Bursary Fund:

[www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund](http://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund)

Access to work Scheme:

[www.gov.uk/access-to-work](http://www.gov.uk/access-to-work)

Health Care Travel support scheme through the NHS:

[www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/help-with-health-costs/healthcare-travel-costs-scheme-htcs](http://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/help-with-health-costs/healthcare-travel-costs-scheme-htcs)

National Autistic Society:

[www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)

Supported employment and job coaching for people with disabilities:

[www.maximusuk.co.uk/all-insights](http://www.maximusuk.co.uk/all-insights)

Support with education, skills and work through Mencap:

[www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/employment](http://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/employment)

Support for young people and their families within Wiltshire:

[www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Home\\_Page](http://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Home_Page)

More individual **job-coaching** support is available from the Wiltshire Employment Support Team (WEST). You can find out more here:

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/west/>