



PURE COLLEGE

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Hello and welcome to Pure College

Each academic year brings new opportunities, fresh faces, and exciting developments at Pure College. Whether you are just beginning your journey with us or continuing to build on previous success, we are proud to welcome all students into our supportive and ambitious community. With a focus on preparing young people for the world of work and life beyond college, we are committed to providing a high-quality, evolving experience that meets the needs of every student.

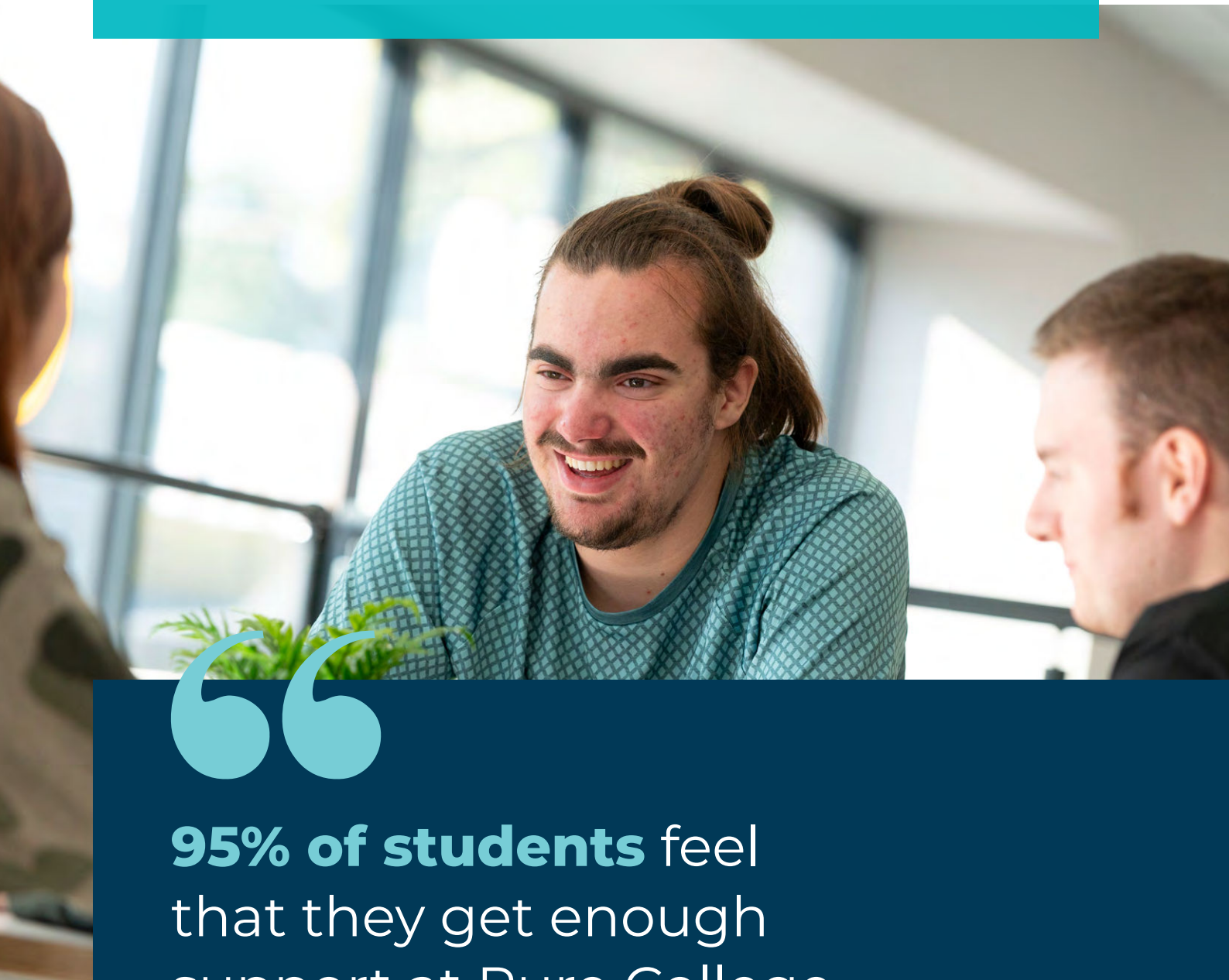
In response to feedback from our students, we have enhanced our work placement offer to provide longer, full-week placements. This approach gives students the chance to become truly immersed in their roles, gaining valuable, real-world experience that strengthens their personal and professional development.

Our provision continues to grow year on year. With increasing student numbers, new additions to our dedicated staff team, and a broader range of placements, industry visits, and enrichment activities, we are always looking for ways to improve and innovate. These experiences are designed to help students build confidence, develop key skills, and take meaningful steps toward employment and independence.

We value strong relationships with students, families, and carers, and encourage open communication at all times. Sharing successes, ideas, and concerns helps us work as a team to support every student to thrive.

At Pure College, our committed team is here to help each student realise their full potential; in the classroom, in the workplace, and in life.





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95% of students feel
that they get enough
support at Pure College

Student Questionnaire 2025

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Entry Criteria

All students must have an Education Health and Care Plan. We welcome students at all levels of learning with courses starting at Entry Level 3. Your attitude to learning and commitment to working hard and trying new things is more important to us than what qualifications you have achieved so far. It is also vital that you have a good attendance record.

We want to see that you're aiming to gain employment and become more independent- in how you travel, socialise, and complete tasks at work or in the community.

We will work with you to make sure the course you have applied for is the right one for you. It might be that one of our other courses is more appropriate, or we might encourage you to apply again the following year.



Student Expectations

Your individual support will be tailored to the needs outlined in your EHCP, Initial Assessment and Pure College Support Plan.

If you have not achieved GCSE grade 4 in Math's/ English you will also continue to work towards this level or a relevant stepping stone qualification identified for you following on from your baseline assessments, this will be detailed in your ILP.



Students are expected to adhere to Pure Colleges values of



Respectful
We treat people the way they wish to be treated



Responsive
We listen to other to adapt in response



Aspirational
We aim high for everyone

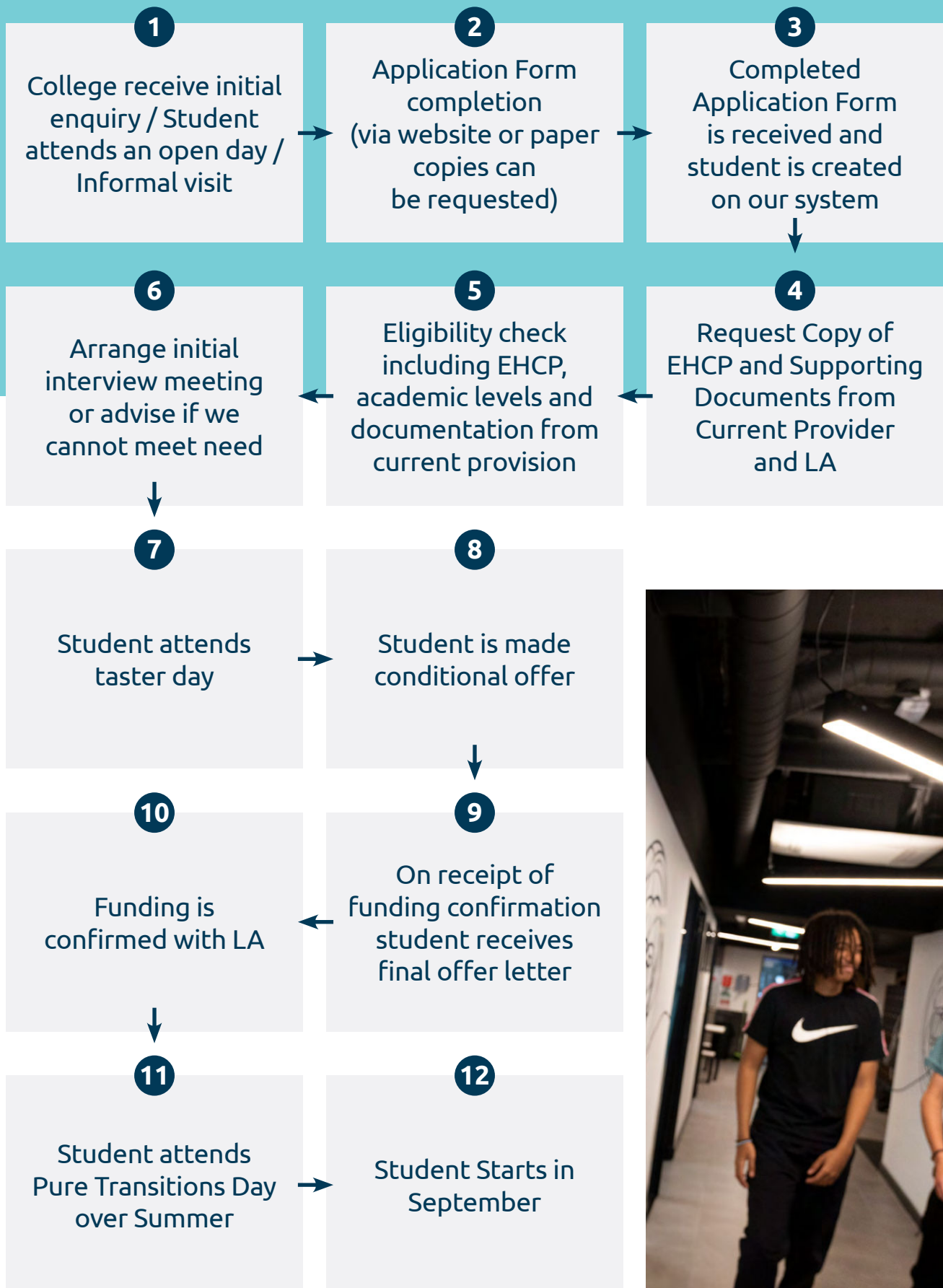


Inclusive
We are welcoming and involve all

Students are expected to

- ✓ Use College facilities and behave generally in a way which respects the needs and aspirations of others to learn, teach and live within the community of the College.
- ✓ Always act with due regard for their own safety and that of others.
- ✓ Respect the property of the College, and its staff, and of students and visitors.
- ✓ Support staff and other students to keep a clean and tidy environment throughout the College.
- ✓ Attend regularly and punctually and inform the relevant member of staff promptly if they are unable to attend a timetabled learning session.
- ✓ Comply with all College policies and procedures, including those relating to Safeguarding and Behaviour.
- ✓ Students will also be held to a high standard for attendance, and should strive for outstanding attendance >98%.

Referral to Admission Process Flow





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From the moment she started at Pure College I can only describe her as a flower blossoming! Her **confidence is growing daily** and she is enjoying learning!

Pure College Parent

The mission

To be a leading college of choice, developing the skills and resilience of young people for life and the world of work



Our Vision

To be a specialist employment college delivering an ambitious curriculum, empowering young people with SEND to thrive in society and their chosen career.



To achieve our mission we will

- ★ Continuously evaluate and improve our curriculum and delivery pathways to ensure students access an ambitious curriculum that prepares them for life after college and supports their journey into finding purposeful employment
- ★ Build strong relationships with Stockport employers developing a network that represents the diversity of local businesses and the breadth of employment opportunities sought by our learners
- ★ Develop our workforce with specialist skills, attracting experienced and knowledgeable staff and providing opportunities for development and progression in all roles
- ★ Raise the profile of our unique offer and our reputation in the community for improving outcomes for young people



Maths and English

Work Related Basic Skills and Functional Skills Level 1 and Level 2

All students

Follow a tutorial programme of study which prepares them for life in line with the four Preparation for Adulthood Outcomes. This includes British Values and Citizenship and an extensive Enrichment Programme to promote Health, Wellbeing, Social Interaction and Communication.

Ambition for Life Pathway

Q. What subjects will I be doing?

Maths and English, from Entry Level Key Skills to Level 2 Functional Skills
Employability up to Level 1
Tutorial

Q. How long does the course last?

This is a one-year course.

Q. What will I gain from doing this course?

The Ambition for Life Pathway is the first step on your journey into Employment; providing the foundations of knowledge and skills that will enable you to actively engage in the world around you and introducing you to the world of work.

You will be exposed to enriching experiences, opportunities to engage in social networks, build resilience and confidence and develop an executive skill set that will support you to sustain and thrive in a variety of environments such as; academic, social, voluntary and employment.

Q. How many people will be in my class?

The maximum number of students on this course is 12.

Q. What do I need to be accepted onto the course?

All students must have an Education Health and Care Plan. We welcome students at all levels of learning from Entry. Your attitude to learning and commitment to working hard and trying new things is more important to us than what qualifications you have achieved so far. It is also vital that you have a good attendance record.



Ambition for Work Pathway

Q. What subjects will I be doing?

Maths and English, from Entry Level Key Skills to Level 2 Functional Skills
Employability up to Level 2
Tutorial

Q. How long does the course last?

This is a one-year course.

Q. What will I gain from doing this course?

The Ambition for Work Pathway is the next step on your journey to employment and is similar to a pre-internship. Employability opportunities are central to our curriculum delivery, and you will be studying a range of employability focused units. The skills and knowledge you develop in the classroom will support you during your work placement and visits from industry experts will provide you with real insight into the world of work.

Q. How many people will be in my class?

The maximum number of students on this course is 12.

Q. What do I need to be accepted onto the course?

As part of the interview process, we will work with you to find out whether you are ready for the Ambition for Work pathway or would benefit from an additional year on Ambition for Life. In some cases, students may even go straight into the Supported Internship program.



Supported Internship

Q. What is a Supported Internship?

It is a work-based study programme for students aged 16-24 with an Education Health and Care Plan. You will be classed as a full-time student, however approximately 70% of your time will be on a work placement. Students are supported by an experienced Job Coach who will provide coaching and guidance throughout the placement.

Q. How long does the course last?

A minimum of 6 months and up to a year. Some students might find a job before the end of the year.

Q. What will I gain from doing this course?

The aim of supported internships is to help you gain sustainable, paid employment by:

- ★ Supporting you to develop the skills that employers look for
- ★ Giving you the skills and confidence to demonstrate your abilities in the workplace

Q. How many people will be in my class?

The maximum number of students on this course is 12.

Q. What are the entry requirements?

To be eligible for a supported internship, you must be aged between 16 and 24 and have an Education Health and Care Plan. You should have a strong motivation to work and be prepared to spend most of your time in the workplace.



I have **enjoyed my work placements,** especially learning how to care for young children with sensory needs!

Student

Enrichment

Q. What is Enrichment?

Enrichment at Pure College is all about what happens beyond the classroom - the experiences that shape you as a person and prepare you for life after college.

Our enrichment activities are designed to help you grow in confidence, develop essential employability and life skills, and have fun along the way. Through a wide range of creative, social, and community-based opportunities, you'll strengthen skills such as:

- ★ **Communication and teamwork** – working with others, sharing ideas, and building positive relationships.
- ★ **Leadership and problem-solving** – taking initiative, making decisions, and learning how to adapt to new situations.
- ★ **Life skills and independence** – developing confidence in everyday tasks, self-management, and personal responsibility.
- ★ **Resilience and wellbeing** – finding healthy ways to manage challenges and maintain balance in your life.

Enrichment is also about enjoyment and wellbeing – giving you space to unwind, explore new interests, and discover what motivates you. Whether you're joining a club, taking part in sports, volunteering, or exploring the local community, enrichment helps you prepare not just for adulthood, but for the workplace and the wider world.

Q. What Enrichment activities do students enjoy at Pure College?

At Pure College, enrichment isn't an add-on; it's an essential part of your development. Our wide-ranging enrichment programme gives you the chance to explore new interests, connect with your community, and build the skills that prepare you for life and work.

You could spend time at our college allotment, where students plan, grow, and harvest produce in our brand-new greenhouse - learning teamwork, responsibility, and sustainability along the way. We also use our skills to give back, supporting local charities through projects such as batch cooking meals for the homeless.

To keep things active and creative, we bring in a variety of external specialists offering sessions in Kick Boxing, Music Production, and more - giving you the chance to discover new passions and build confidence in different settings.

Whether you're developing practical life skills, improving your fitness, working as part of a team, or contributing to the community, our enrichment programme helps you grow as an individual - confident, capable, and ready for your next steps.

Q. How long will I do it for?

Students enjoy a full day of Enrichment every Thursday as well as break times and lunch every day.

Work Experience

Q. Will I be able to do work experience whilst I am at College?

Yes, absolutely. Work placements are a vital part of the curriculum at Pure College and students in Ambition for Life and Work all participate in Work Experience.

Q. How much work experience will I do?

Ambition for Life

★ 24 days minimum on placement

★ 4 days per week

Placements usually begin within one of Pure Innovations community based projects. However, students on Ambition for Life may also engage with external employers if they are ready.

Ambition for Work

★ 32 days minimum on placement

★ 4 days per week

Placements are completely individualised to you and your aspirations for the future.

Q. How will you help me find an appropriate placement?

You will have regular meetings with an Employment Officer who will work with you to identify the most appropriate placement for you. The Employment Officer will then contact employers to arrange your placement for you.

Q. What if I don't know what I want to do as a job?

That is the whole point of a work placement! Having the opportunity to work in several different environments will help you work out what companies and roles you enjoy the most, and what jobs are suited to your skills and experience.





Careers

Q. How will being at Pure get me 'work ready'?

As an Employability Specialist College, Pure College is dedicated to supporting your Career progression and everything that we do is focused on getting you work ready as well as life ready. The curriculum is designed to give you the skills and knowledge you need to be successful in your chosen career; strong employability focused vocational courses, functional maths and English, work placements and independent travel training.

Q. What if I don't know what job I want to do yet?

That is absolutely fine and to be expected at this stage. All students at Pure College have access to Independent Careers Advice and Guidance (ICAG) via Job Coaches and Employment Officers who are part of Pure Innovation's Employment Team. You will have regular sessions with a job coach who will work with you to help you align your skills and experience to potential careers. You will then experience these options via your work experience placements.

Q. Will I get a chance to meet any employers?

Yes! We have excellent relationships with a range of employers and students experience visits from industry experts and speakers as well as going out to different places of work for a firsthand experience.

Students also have the opportunity to write a real job application form and practice their interview skills with a recruitment specialist in a safe and familiar environment.



Travel Training

Students who are not travel trained when they start with Pure College will have this as one of their personal targets, as all students with us are working towards being able to find and maintain paid employment. Travel training will be provided from the Pure Innovations Travel Training team.

Travel Training provides additional support to young people who face barriers to travelling on their own including learning disabilities, behavioural, emotional and social difficulties or levels of vulnerability.

Independent Travel Training is about much more than learning which bus to get on. It can cover anything the young person needs to learn to be able to travel safely on their own. This includes appropriate behaviour, personal safety, problem solving and road safety. Each training programme is tailored to the individual person to cover any aspect of travelling that they need support with.

It is not possible to eliminate all risks associated with your child travelling on their own, but it is possible to reduce that risk to the same level everyone faces whilst travelling.

The benefits to an individual being able to travel independently by public transport extend far beyond the practical 'being able to get from A to B'. Being able to travel independently provides greater opportunities, such as – choice of further education, work placements, developing social skills and increasing confidence. Being able to travel independently can play an integral part in a young person's future.



Financial Information

General Information

As part of our life skills curriculum, we will offer regular cooking sessions, the opportunity to attend Gym sessions and some trips within the greater Manchester area. The college will subsidise these activities; however, we may request a small contribution, details will be sent at the start of the academic year. Any remaining funds will be used to support an end-of-term visit. Please send cash into college with your young person.

Bursary

The College would like to support students who might otherwise be disadvantaged from accessing their learning, both at the College and when on an external work placement. The bursary fund can help towards the costs of travel, books, equipment, and uniform for work placements, where these areas relate to your child's study programmes at the College. Once agreed, and wherever possible, the College will purchase the items for you on behalf of the student.

If you believe you are eligible for this funding, please request an application form from the College or you can download one from our website

You/your young person may be eligible if

- ★ You are in receipt of certain benefits
- ★ Your household income is below the threshold
- ★ You are a care leaver
- ★ You are a young person receiving PIP/UC in your own right

Free College Meals

If you/your young person is/are eligible for a free college meal please advise us as part of the enrollment process. If you/your young person haven't previously been eligible but think you may be now please refer to the policy on our website, complete the application and return to the college administrator along with the necessary evidence.

Travel

All students with an EHCP are entitled to a free concessionary travel pass, which can be applied for online through the TFGM website.

Students must have a bus pass for the college year, as we will be getting the bus weekly for our enrichment activities in and around Stockport. Until you have a bus pass students will need to cover the cost of their own bus fare.

Pure College Student Wellbeing

We promote a **whole college approach** to positive mental health and wellbeing at Pure College. We believe every young person with SEND has the opportunity to thrive and to be the best version of themselves. We believe that positive mental health is the foundation to your success, creating a positive, kind and open culture that benefits the whole college community.

Pure College recognises that young people with SEND are at an increased risk of poor mental health, so we commit to prioritising your wellbeing to hear, listen and respect your needs offering support and guidance for every student by offering:

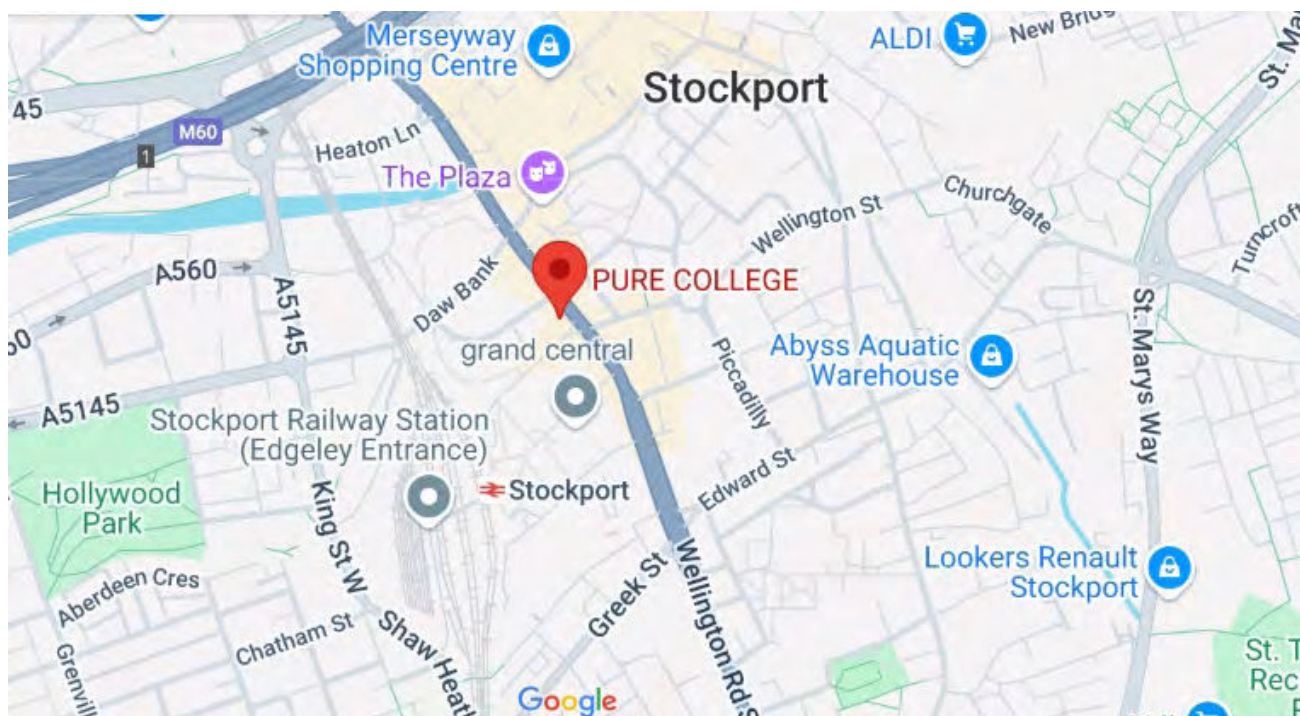
- ★ **Open Days and taster sessions:** visit us and you can see for yourself what day in life at Pure College is like before you start your college life
- ★ **Wellbeing check in's:** we provide regular one to one sessions with your key worker
- ★ **Pastoral support with the Student Wellbeing Manager:** if you need a little more time and support helping you manage your mental health
- ★ **Talking Therapy referrals:** for specialised support for those in need
- ★ **Personalised support plans:** created with you, for you, giving you the opportunity independently cope with your emotions
- ★ **Tutorials:** raising awareness of issues around mental health and topics.
- ★ **Lunch Clubs:** to support positive relationships and reduce isolation
- ★ **Enrichment:** participate in your interests, hobbies and hopefully try something new such as sports, drama, music, gardening, arts and crafts, cooking, film club and supporting the community
- ★ **Residential, trips and events:** have fun, learn new skills and develop your life skills. independence and friendships.
- ★ **Learner Voice:** Meetings are held every term so we can hear your voice, sharing concerns, suggestions and ideas to create positive changes for you, your peers and the community.
- ★ **Student surveys:** Your feedback is valued to support your college experience
- ★ **Free period and personal hygiene products:** available in the bathrooms
- ★ **Parent Pay:** Financial advice and support to help with enrichment, trips and activities.

Location and Directions

📍 1B The Mailbox, 1 Exchange Street, Stockport, SK3 0GA

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Getting to us



Public Transport

Both the Train and Bus Station are within a few minutes' walk from our entrance.



Parking

We do not have a designated Car Park. There are 3 car parks all within a five-minute walk.

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