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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



Welcome to Portland College, a wonderful place where we believe everyone should have the opportunity to achieve their true potential.

We are a charitable independent specialist college offering a range of programmes for people with learning and physical disabilities, both locally and nationally.

This prospectus will give you an idea of what your Portland journey will be like, and how we can help you work towards an exciting future.

You will have a completely personalised programme to help you achieve your goals, whether they are to gain employment in an industry you're really interested in, to work towards living independently or to progress into further study.

If you live a bit further away, our residential learning programme will help you develop your independence by living and learning on campus. Our outstanding, newly extended accommodation and dedicated support staff will provide a real home-from-home environment, meaning you can focus on your studies while making lifelong friends, trying new activities and having lots of fun.

Our excellent care provision; Portland Freedom, offers a range of services to help develop social and independence skills. If you need additional support outside of your learning timetable, there may be an opportunity to access our care services too.

Life at Portland provides a new dimension for so many of our young people and we work hard to make sure everyone has opportunities to embark on independent and fulfilling futures.

Portland is a very special, happy place where truly wonderful things happen every single day, and I and the rest of the team love working here. But, don't just take my word for it, come and see for yourself.

Dr Mark Dale
 Principal and CEO

YOUR PROVIDER OF CHOICE

Portland College has a strong history of supporting people with disabilities to develop their employability, independence and communication skills. We are dedicated to enriching the lives of our learners and equipping them with everything they need for a positive future.

Throughout our 70 year history we have developed and grown to become a leading national specialist college and a Centre of Excellence for Autism.

We believe everybody should have the opportunity to shine, and our individually tailored programmes and specialist support empower our learners to do exactly that.

We are continually developing and improving our offer and services to ensure we are your provider of choice.



WE'RE AN AUTISM CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



As a Centre of Excellence for Autism, we're proud to be recognised as a leading provider for young people with Autism. We hold Advanced Accreditation from the National Autistic Society, the highest accolade possible, and we continue to improve and grow our excellent provision to give more young people the chance to really shine.

We get to know each one of our learners individually; we understand and support their specific needs and help them work towards achieving their aspirations. We work with our learners and families to create a fully tailored programme, providing wrap-around support so learners can access learning support assistants, therapies and positive behaviour support where needed, to help them excel throughout their studies.

With the majority of our learners having Autism, our spacious, tranquil woodland campus is perfect for any sensory needs.

“ THROUGH A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH, PORTLAND’S COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS ENSURE THAT LEARNERS HAVE BOTH THEIR ASPIRATIONS AND NEEDS MET. ”

National Autistic Society

LEARNING AT PORTLAND

Portland is a happy and safe place where you will make lots of friends and really fit in. When you start your journey with us you will be joining nearly 200 other learners who are all working towards exciting futures just like you.

Although we're a very popular place we keep our class sizes small.

All our learners have different needs and interests, so you'll have a completely bespoke programme that is designed especially for you. Your programme will normally last for a minimum of two years.

You can choose to study an accredited qualification with a recognised Awarding Body or work towards a RARPA programme if that is more suitable for you. We can help you make that decision during your application and assessment process.

RARPA (Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement) means that you'll still follow a structured and tailored programme and timetable, but instead of working towards the aims of a formal qualification, it will enable you to focus entirely on areas that you want to develop in.

Your individualised timetable will include any additional specialist support needs so you can perform to the best of your abilities and get the most out of your time at Portland. (See page 20)



YOUR PORTLAND JOURNEY



1 When you join Portland, you will be streamed onto a Learner Journey that will best meet your needs. You will stay on this Learner Journey throughout your time at Portland.

2 You can choose one of three Study Programmes so your programme is tailored around an industry that you are interested in.

3 We will create an individual programme to suit your needs. It may include **accredited qualifications** or a **RARPA programme** depending on which is most suitable for you.

4 As you near the end of your programme, our Information, Advice, Guidance and Transition (IAGT) team will help you plan your next steps. These might be to go into further education, to enter into employment, to move into more independent living or to join our Portland Progress programme.

PROGRESSION TUTOR ADVICE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INFORMATION
 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY SENSORY RICH ENVIRONMENT
 ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES ASSISTIVE COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
 TRAVEL TRAINING INDEPENDENCE SKILLS FUNCTIONAL SKILLS
 POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT WOODLAND CAMPUS GUIDANCE AND TRANSITION
 COMMUNICATION SKILLS LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

LEARNER JOURNEYS

If you apply to join Portland we will first assess your needs so we can tailor a programme to suit you and your interests.

Following your assessment, you will be streamed onto one of the Learner Journeys below:

Your Learner Journey will include one of our three Study Programme options (see page 10). Functional Skills, Maths, English and ICT are embedded through individualised approaches and targets, as well as through discreet group sessions. GCSE level qualifications are available in both maths and English.



Communicate WITH PORTLAND

Learning how to express needs and wants in a variety of ways.



Explore WITH PORTLAND

Exploring ways to develop functional knowledge and understanding of life skills.



Develop WITH PORTLAND

Developing skills and ideas to help you be more effective in education or employment.



Demonstrate WITH PORTLAND

Demonstrating a range of skills, knowledge and understanding to support further education or employment.



PROGRESSION TUTORS

You will be allocated a Progression Tutor who will be your key contact while you're at college. They'll work closely with you, your parent/carers, other staff and agencies to ensure you have a smooth transition into Portland. Your Progression Tutor will support you to progress through your Learner Journey and achieve your goals. They will also support you to plan your next steps after your time at Portland.

INFORMATION, ADVICE, GUIDANCE AND TRANSITION (IAGT)

Our IAGT team are here to support your transition into college, your experience while you are with us, and in planning your next steps at the end of your educational programme.

Based within our Birches building, the IAGT room is open between 9am and 4pm. You can drop in for information, advice and guidance on careers, independence and well-being throughout the college day.

The IAGT team run a range of events and workshops so you can access support and information to help you plan for your future, which are underpinned by the Preparing for Adulthood themes.

They also run the Portland Council, where representatives across all college services, including learners, meet to discuss current issues and make positive changes for Portland.



STUDY PROGRAMME & QUALIFICATIONS

Our three Study Programmes are designed to provide you with the skills, confidence and experience to gain sustainable employment within your chosen industry.

Whichever Study Programme option you choose, you will have the opportunity to work in and experience various roles and responsibilities and understand expectations within the industry. This is a great way to help you decide where you want your future to take you.

As well as learning new skills and gaining new experiences, you can also work towards an accredited qualification with a recognised Awarding Body.



STUDY PROGRAMMES

1 Land Based and Trade Industries

- Horticulture
- Small Animal Care
- Light Manufacturing and Production
- Painting and Decorating
- Basic Joinery
- DIY and Basic Construction Trades
- Basic Wet Trade Skills

2 Design Technology and Retail Industries

- Business Studies, Retail and Administration
- Art, Media and Marketing
- Performing Arts and Dance
- Customer Services

3 Service and Leisure Industries

- Sport and Leisure
- Hospitality and Catering
- Care Service
- Salon Services

LEARNERS CAN CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

PERSONAL

Level	Qualification Title	Type
Entry 1 - Entry 2	AIM Qualifications in Personal Progress	Award, Certificate or Diploma
Entry 1 - Entry 2	AIM Qualifications in Personal and Social Development Skills	Award, Extended Award, Certificate or Diploma
Entry 2	AIM Qualifications in Personal Potential	Award
Entry 3 - Level 2	AIM Qualifications in Employability Skills	Award, Extended Award, Certificate or Diploma

VOCATIONAL

Level	Qualification Title	Type
Entry 3 - Level 2	AIM Qualifications in Skills for Working in Animal Care Industries	Award, Extended Award, Certificate or Diploma
Entry 3 - Level 2	AIM Qualifications in Skills for Working in Business, Administration and Customer Service Industries	Award, Extended Award, Certificate or Diploma
Entry 3 - Level 2	AIM Qualifications in Skills for Working in Catering and Hospitality Industries	Award, Extended Award, Certificate or Diploma
Entry 3 - Level 2	AIM Qualifications in Skills for Working in Construction and Building Industries	Award, Extended Award, Certificate or Diploma
Entry 3 - Level 2	AIM Qualifications in Skills for Working in Creative and Design Industries	Award, Extended Award, Certificate or Diploma
Entry 3 - Level 2	AIM Qualifications in Skills for Working in Child Care Industries	Award, Extended Award, Certificate or Diploma
Entry 3 - Level 2	AIM Qualifications in Skills for Working in Hair and Beauty Industries	Award, Extended Award, Certificate or Diploma
Entry 3 - Level 2	AIM Qualifications in Skills for Working in Horticulture Industries	Award, Extended Award, Certificate or Diploma
Entry 1 - Level 2	City and Guilds Functional Skills in English	Award
Entry 1 - Level 2	City and Guilds Functional Skills in Maths	Award
Entry 1 - Level 2	City and Guilds Functional Skills in ICT	Award
GCSE	Maths	Award
GCSE	English	Award
Level 1 - Level 3	Sports Leadership	Award
Bronze - Silver	Duke of Edinburgh	Award

*Subject to change

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS MAY BE AVAILABLE DEPENDENT ON YOUR NEEDS

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING

Our Residential Learning Service offers a unique, inclusive learning experience that connects the classroom with residential life.

As a residential learner you can enjoy the advantages of staying on campus, with the added benefit of living among a peer group that shares your academic goals and interests.

While accessing the service you can either be full time-residential, or blend a number of services together that will link your learning experience with residential life.

Our full-time residential option provides you with tailored, high quality support up to 7 days a week, 36 or 52 weeks of the year. You will have access to a full enrichment programme of activities and will have the opportunity to develop your independence skills. Regular support staff will work with you across the whole day, providing continuity of care.

A day learner may also want to experience overnight stays on campus to develop independence and life skills whilst making new friends. We can offer this service as an additional respite package. You may also choose to combine your education with access to our Day Services, which can be provided as an additional package.



SAFEGUARDING AGAINST COVID

Throughout the pandemic, our number one priority continues to be the safety and well-being of our learners and staff.

We have carefully adapted our campus and operations to ensure our learners continue to receive the highest quality education and specialist support that will help shape their futures.

At the start of lockdown in March 2020, we changed our provision to ensure those shielding or self-isolating could access remote learning and services, while continuing to support learners who remained on campus.

Individual risk assessments are carried out for each learner and we have introduced a range of safety measures including learning zones and staggered timetables to help maintain social distancing.

Staff and learners are screened on arrival every day with temperature checks and a health questionnaire. We also have a COVID testing schedule in place for staff and young people within our residential settings to help us minimise risk.

We continue to follow Government guidelines and we are very well-equipped to respond quickly and safely to the ever-changing environment.

Our learners and staff have adapted admirably to the changes. We're proud that the happy, vibrant Portland spirit continues to shine around the whole campus and learner achievement remains high.



NEW FOR 2020

To ensure we are continually offering the best facilities possible, we have redeveloped our Firs building to become a state-of-the-art residential hub for our learners.

See page 25.

“**THANK YOU TO ALL STAFF AT PORTLAND FOR THEIR HANDLING OF THE CORONAVIRUS IN KEEPING THE COLLEGE OPEN AND SAFE.**”

Parent of a learner

EMPLOYABILITY

As part of your journey at Portland we will support you to develop lots of skills and experiences to help you prepare for the world of work.

Your education programme will be tailored around helping you to meet your long-term goals and will focus on the industry that you're interested in.

Our Information, Advice, Guidance and Transition (IAGT) team deliver events throughout the year to help you develop your employability skills and your aspirations, including 'Meet the Employer', 'Application Day' and 'Interview Day'.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience is a great way to learn what it's like to work in your chosen industry. As part of your education programme, we will support you to participate in work experience to help you develop your knowledge and employment skills.

We will talk to you about your work interests and ambitions and advise you on realistic options that could be available to you through a work placement.

Wherever possible, we search for placements local to your home town as there may be an opportunity for you to continue working with the employer when you leave college.

We also offer a range of real work experience opportunities at Portland College, including reception and administration, the Woodland Café and other areas across the campus.



SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

We also offer learners the opportunity to undertake a Supported Internship programme if this is right for you. This option allows you to develop your employability skills in a work-based setting over the course of the college year.

During the Supported Internship, you will complete two or three days working within a company and spend one day at college learning new skills and developing your English and maths.

We work with a range of local employers who support learners with work placements, which can often lead to paid employment.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WORK EXPERIENCE AND A SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP

If you already know what you want to do when you leave college, Supported Internships are perfect. They are structured programmes based mostly at the employer and you will learn the skills you need to apply for paid employment with the employer at the end of the programme. You will still attend college 1 day a week.

Work Experience is great if you're not sure what you want to do after college, it helps you explore different options while learning lots of transferable skills. You can do three work experience placements over the year alongside your studies and you would normally attend your placement one day a week for up to six weeks.

CASE STUDY

Following a Supported Internship for learners Daniel and Isaac, and an extended work placement for learner Willow, all three have been successful in obtaining part-time paid employment with local property maintenance company, Matrix Properties.

Daniel, Isaac and Willow showed such commitment to their placements and to the employers, always striving to do their best and completing tasks to their full potential. A huge thank you to Alex, Sarah and the whole team at Matrix Properties for providing such meaningful placements with opportunities to develop a variety of skills.

Alex from Matrix said; "Off the back of supported student work placements, we have recruited 5 Portland students as employees over the past 3 years. Working with the College to recruit and train students has proven to be a successful recruitment programme for us, year on year. We look forward to continuing the relationship into the forthcoming academic years and are really excited to officially welcome Daniel, Isaac and Willow to the team."



SOME OF OUR EMPLOYERS:



YOUR INDEPENDENCE

We want you to leave Portland College with as much independence as you possibly can. As part of your programme, your Progression Tutor will help you develop your skills in areas such as:

- **Personal Safety** - Teaching you what to do if you need help
- **Road Safety** - Helping you stay safe at the roadside
- **Travel Training** - Giving you the confidence to access public transport yourself
- **Money Skills** - So you can manage financial activities such as making payments, receiving change and budgeting
- **Social Skills** - Helping you feel more comfortable and involved in social situations
- **Concept of Time** - Teaching you how to understand the time and to manage your schedule
- **Independent Living Skills** - Teaching you how to carry out domestic tasks such as cooking, cleaning and managing bills so you can live more independently

Our specialist team will work with you to focus on the key areas that you need the most support, so you can embark on an exciting and more independent future.



LIFE AFTER PORTLAND

Our Study Programmes are designed to provide you with the skills, experience and confidence to build an exciting future.

Our Information, Advice, Guidance and Transition (IAGT) team will work with you to plan the next step of your journey, ensuring you're aware of every opportunity open to you.

If you're not quite ready to enter the world of work, you can apply to join our Progress with Portland learner journey.



PROGRESS WITH PORTLAND

Our Progress with Portland learner journey can support you to develop your confidence, skills and experience further to help you transition smoothly into the workplace.

The programme will last for a minimum of one academic year and will focus on core independence skills and work experience in your chosen industry.

You will also have the opportunity to improve your maths and English.

Our experienced tutors will support you throughout your time on Progress with Portland, ensuring that you get the best out of your placement.

To apply to join the programme, you will need to cease your Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and be prepared to make your own transport arrangements to and from college as transport support cannot be provided for this option.

100% of Progress learners completed a work placement independently.

100% of Progress learners passed qualifications in employability.

100% of Progress learners rated their time on programme as good or very good.

Progress WITH PORTLAND

Demonstrating a range of skills, knowledge and understanding to support continued education or employment.



PORTLAND FREEDOM

We provide a variety of accommodation based support to meet the different needs of individuals with a range of support needs including, physical disabilities, learning disabilities and autism.



INDEPENDENT LIVING

Available for people aged 16-65, citizens will work with staff to develop a transition plan detailing their aspirations for their future. Each citizen will follow their own bespoke programme to ensure they are supported to achieve their individual goals. The programme may include:

- **Personal Care Skills** Developing a morning and evening routine, managing medication and hygiene skills.
- **Household Management Skills** Cleaning, cooking, making drinks and weekly food shopping.
- **Community Access** Learning to travel independently using public transport and increasing social communication skills.

As part of the programme, citizens are encouraged to access work experience placements along with supported access to the local community for activities such as sport or fitness classes.

To find out more information on any of the Independent Living Programmes
 T: 01623 499111 ext 402
 E: margaretw@portland.ac.uk



SHORT BREAKS

The Short Breaks service offers support and specialist facilities for people with disabilities, ranging from the age of 16 to 65. Citizens can access the service to provide respite breaks for family and carers and to develop their skills and confidence in a range of areas.

Within Short Breaks, citizens will take part in focussed, meaningful activities with an emphasis on evenings and weekends.

There are opportunities to access the local community to take part in further activities, for example; using local leisure centres, shopping, swimming.

A typical short break ranges from three day overnight stays to two week stays. Bookings are dependent on the service capacity. We are open all year round except for Christmas when we close for two weeks.



To find out more information on any of the Short Breaks services T: 01623 499111 ext 567
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PORTLAND DAY SERVICE

Based on the Portland College campus, the Day Service is a non-residential enrichment and enablement service that is registered with our Local Authority.

The Day Service operates Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm, 50 weeks a year. It is available to individuals aged 16 and over with a range of support needs, including physical disabilities, learning disabilities and autism.

Every individual follows their own unique timetable and works towards independence goals while accessing the service.

A full range of meaningful activities are provided throughout the week which aims to promote health and wellbeing, social inclusion and develop independent life skills.

Activities also aim to meet sensory needs, develop confidence and increase independence.

Many activities are delivered in the accessible Day Centre buildings (Limes and Elms), whilst other activities are delivered from other parts of the campus and out in the local community.



For more information including current availability of places T: 01623 494336
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SPECIALIST SUPPORT

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

Our Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) team support learners with communication needs and dysphagia (chewing and swallowing difficulties).

They support learners to:

- improve their understanding of spoken language
- have an effective means of communication to express their needs and make choices
- understand and learn about social communication skills
- effectively manage their chewing and swallowing difficulties

The SLT team promote a range of communication methods including speech, signing, symbol use and communication aid devices such as iPads. They offer group work, individual sessions and support into education sessions. Learners on the SLT caseload will have an Individual Communication Plan so that all staff know how to support them effectively.

They assess learners with dysphagia needs and produce eating and drinking guidelines if needed, in order to manage risk.

The SLT Team also provide staff training in communication and dysphagia needs.

ASSISTIVE AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY TEAM (ACT)

Portland College provides assistive technology support to all learners.

The ACT team works with learners to enable them to be as independent as possible and achieve their outcomes using a range of technology; this might include using switches to control equipment, or accessibility.

They assess learners to ensure we offer the best solutions to support learning, communication, and independence.

The ACT team works closely with the speech and language therapists to complete assessments and ensure learners have the means to communicate with the right software and information.

They ensure learners can take an active role in their sessions and the wider community.

They offer 1:1 sessions as well as supporting learners during their sessions both on campus or in the community.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OT)

Our Occupational Therapy team focuses on increasing learners' independence, functional skills and engagement within education, and when applicable, their residential environment.

They deliver 1:1 and group sessions; alongside the provision of specialist equipment, a sensory modulation service, and input into a curriculum designed to develop self-regulation and emotional control. They provide support and guidance for staff and learners around increasing independence in all areas of life, for example; community access, personal care and domestic activities.

They work closely with the multidisciplinary team in education and care to empower and support learners to reach their goals and potential.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (PBS)

At Portland College we take a proactive and positive approach to understanding and supporting the behaviours of our learners.

Working within the Positive Behavioural Support framework, we assess learners to enable us to understand and recognise individual behaviours of concern. Each learner has a Positive Behaviour Support Plan in place where needed, which allows us to provide supportive environments and techniques to enhance each learners' experience and opportunities at Portland.

Our staff receive thorough training to enable them to recognise and understand behaviours in a person-centred way.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

Our Physiotherapy team works with learners to ensure they are comfortable throughout their programme. They support people who are in wheelchairs and some who are not. The team assists people who need support with pain, walking, balance, stiffness, wheelchair and splints.

Our tailored physiotherapy programmes are based around individual needs and are designed to help learners be the best they can be physically.

We provide a range of advanced facilities including our gym, therapy hub and hydrotherapy pool.

We can continue to support learners with ongoing physiotherapy needs after they leave Portland.

NURSING ADVICE SUPPORT

Portland College provides a non-clinical nursing advice service, which supports learners with medical needs to access or receive support from community health services.

The nursing advice service also provides support during the assessment process and helps to develop specific health care plans based on information from external health care practitioners.

If a learner's health needs change to require onsite nursing support, we will work with the learner and relevant agencies to find a safe healthcare solution.

OUR FACILITIES

Set in the heart of Sherwood Forest, our stunning 32-acre campus provides first-class facilities to enable you to thrive in a safe and inspiring environment.

Whether you are focussed on developing your communication and independence skills, or want to progress into employment after Portland, our purpose-built woodland campus provides the perfect environment for you to achieve your goals.

Our facilities are designed to industry standards to give you the best learning experience. You can develop your creative flair in our Art Zone, learn a range of land-based skills on our farm or prepare for a future in hospitality and catering in our Woodland Café.

You might want to build on your construction skills, become an experienced sportsperson, learn hair and beauty techniques in the salon or develop your confidence on stage with our performing arts programme.

Whichever path you choose, our facilities will help you gain the skills, experience and confidence to progress into employment within your chosen area.

Our residential facilities provide a home-from-home environment with modern rooms and social spaces, giving you the perfect place to live and learn all in one setting.

Through a range of fundraising activities, we work hard to continually develop our estate to benefit our residents and learners.

NEW FOR 2021!

We are excited to be redeveloping our Newstart Hall to create the region's Centre of Excellence for health and well-being for people with disabilities. Find out more about this innovative project on P25.



NEW DEVELOPMENTS!

2020 has been a busy year for new developments at Portland. Not only has it been our 70th anniversary year, 2020 also marks the start of a very exciting future for us.

Here are just a few of the things we've been up to recently.

WOODLAND ADVENTURE ZONE

Our brand new fully accessible forest adventure!

We welcomed our first guests at the beginning of 2020 and we are proud to have such a wonderful facility for our learners, citizens, staff and community members to use to build confidence, learn new skills and challenge themselves.

You can find out more about this exciting initiative on page 26.



BRAND NEW FOR 2020

FIRST CLASS RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

Our popular residential learning service provides a unique, inclusive experience that connects education with residential life.

To ensure we continually provide the best facilities possible, we have redeveloped our Firs building to become a state-of-the-art residential hub for learners who live with us on campus.

The exciting new development provides an additional 15 furnished, en-suite rooms, giving learners a homely environment in a supported setting.

Indoor and outdoor social spaces allow learners to interact with their peers in a safe and supported environment, while helping them to develop their social and independence skills.

This new accommodation means that even more young people can benefit from the Portland Experience, and we welcomed our first residents to the new accommodation in September 2020.

A NEW START FOR THE NEWSTART HALL

Thanks to a huge fundraising campaign, in September 2020 we were thrilled to begin the transformation of our Newstart Hall from the tired hall it became, into the region's Centre of Excellence for health and well-being for people with disabilities.

With a focus on sports and performing arts, the hall will become a hive of activities, events and education programmes for our learners, local groups and our wider communities.

As well as a modern theatre and state-of-the-art sports hall with LED flooring, it will also include a wonderful new coffee shop and lounge, providing the perfect social space for people to relax and meet friends.

We are so close to reaching our fundraising target and our local communities have been a wonderful support in helping us get closer to our £1.65million goal. If you're interested in supporting the project you can find out more at

www.portlandnewstart.org.uk





YOUR FULLY ACCESSIBLE FOREST ADVENTURE



- Climbing Wall
- Bushcraft
- Gravity Trail
- Play Areas
- Woodland Walk
- Zipline

Did you know, as a Portland learner, you'll have free access to our very own Woodland Adventure Zone?

This new forest adventure is the perfect place for you to take part in a range of exciting outdoor activities.

Purpose-built within the grounds of Portland College, the Woodland Adventure Zone is accessible to wheelchair users and people with disabilities, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to experience their own woodland adventure.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH...



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SAFE AND EQUAL

KEEPING OUR LEARNERS SAFE

Living a life that is free from harm and abuse is a fundamental right for every person. The impact of Covid-19 has meant that we reviewed our safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure everyone remains safe whether onsite or remotely.

Here at Portland, all staff, Governors and volunteers are committed to improving the safety and well-being of our learners and citizens.

We also ensure learners and citizens are kept safe online through a range of protective measures.

Our dedicated Safeguarding Team provide support across all areas of the College and are available at any time to deal with safeguarding concerns. We promote a clear process which makes it easy for learners, citizens and staff to raise any safeguarding concerns with the team.



PREVENT DUTY

Prevent is a strand of the government's Counter Terrorism Strategy. As a college, we help prevent young people from being exposed to radicalisation by upholding and promoting the Fundamental British Values:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

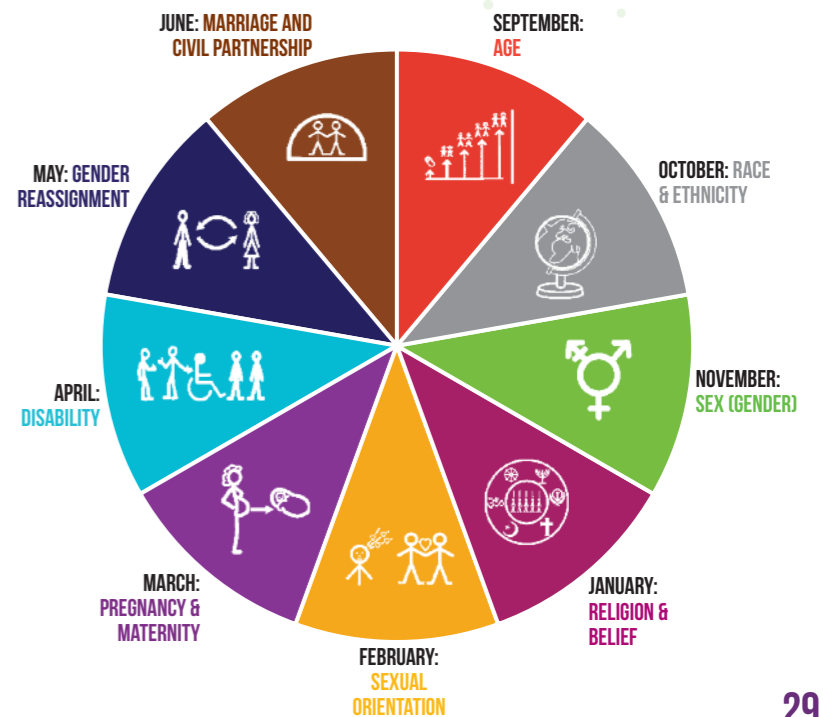
Our partnership arrangement with the East Midlands Regional Prevent Network provides us with the opportunity to be informed on national and regional updates which defines and makes our safeguarding practice more effective.



EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

We support equality of opportunity, promotion and celebration of diversity and inclusion. We provide a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone is respected and valued.

Each month we explore and celebrate a protected characteristic:



START YOUR PORTLAND JOURNEY

Once you've decided that Portland College is the perfect place for you, your next step is to fill out an application form and send it to our Admissions Team with a copy of your most recent Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

To help you make your decision, you can visit us at an Open Day, arrange for a personal tour of the campus or have a look at our Virtual Open Day on our website.

You can contact our Admissions Team who can answer any questions you might have.

When we receive your application form we will assess your requirements to make sure we can meet your needs and then we'll tailor a programme to suit you and your interests.



APPLY TODAY

Join us in four easy steps:

1 VISIT US

You can book an individual tour or come to an Open Day.

2 APPLY

Fill in your application and send it to us with a copy of your most recent Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and other relevant documentation in support of your application

3 ASSESSMENT

Once you've applied, we will arrange for an assessment to take place at Portland College. We can arrange external assessments first if this is appropriate.

4 OFFER

Following initial assessment, if we are able to offer a placement, we will send a conditional offer. All placements are subject to funding being agreed from the applicant's Local Authority.

For more information contact our Admissions Team on **01623 499197**



WE
ARE
HERE



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