



Learning for Life

Sensory programme
for learners with
profound and
multiple learning
difficulties (PMLD)



Hereward College

Promoting individual achievement



Learning for Life study programme

In Learning for Life students learn skills in making choices and communicating with others.

Young people also work on physical targets to increase fine and gross motor skills and are encouraged to develop independence during lessons and unstructured times such as breaks and lunches.

Sensory needs are met in lessons using touch, feel, taste and smell. Switch-based technology is used for cooking activities.

This is a three days per week study programme.

50th Anniversary

Hereward College was the first publicly-funded specialist college in the UK dedicated to young people with learning disabilities to open, way back in 1971/72. We are celebrating our 50th anniversary this year.

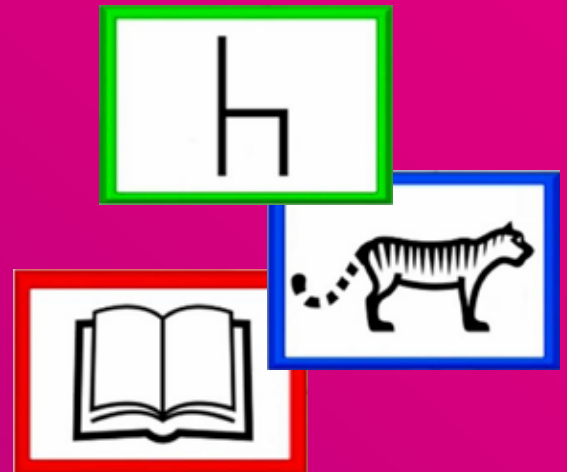
Communication

Students will develop communication skills at a pace which suits their individual needs through all senses and using a total communication approach including:

- Makaton
- Objects of reference
- Picture exchange communication system (PECS) symbols
- Sensory cues
- Body signs
- Use of voice output communication aids
- Through an intensive interaction approach.

We also ensure communication opportunities such as sensory massage, music and touch sessions, sensory stories, choice making activities and trips out are all embedded into the curriculum.

Ongoing partnerships with home and care services are also important to ensure the skills developed in the classroom are used in all areas of a young person's life.





Cognitive

Cognitive skills are developed and embedded throughout the curriculum in fun and practical ways including:

- **Problem solving** throughout the day including at break and social times with one to one support from staff.
- **Participation** in activities such as art, cooking and music to explore different areas.
- **Sequencing** skills using ICT and switch-based activities.



Physical

You will learn about body awareness, develop fine and gross motor skills and work on your mobility through:

- Weekly sessions with the **physiotherapy** team.
- **Personal independence** and fitness sessions such as sound and touch, sport and drama.
- Access to a **sensory room** for both relaxation and learning.



Social and emotional

You will develop relationships inside and out of college, understand personal care and develop a sense of self through:

- Visits in the local community to increase **social skills**.
- Taking part in **college activities** such as fayres, shows, celebrations and enterprise projects.
- **Participating** in lessons with other learners on the Foundation Pathway.
- Working to targets for developing **personal care** and understanding.



How do I apply?

Learners are assessed through direct application to the college or upon receipt of a consultation from the local authority.

Places are funded by your local authority through an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and the final decision on placement is made by the local authority.

For more information or to make an application:

Email **admissions@hereward.ac.uk**

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