

EARLY COLLEGE TRANSFER

14-16 HOME EDUCATED LEARNERS

The 14-16 team at Calderdale College are very proud to have been one of the first to recognise that Further Education courses could provide opportunities for young people educated at home. In 2014 we extended our previously small provision and now offer a diverse range of qualifications and design the bespoke programme around individual wishes/needs.

The Early College Transfer (ECT) programme offers up to a maximum of 15 hours of accredited learning per week for young people aged 14-16 at the beginning of the academic year.

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Students can study from a wide range of vocational courses alongside 16-18 year olds on an infill basis. This allows us to provide the breadth of choice available through our FE offer to create bespoke timetables to suit each student and meet their individual needs. Vocational courses are approximately 10-12 hours per week.

CHOOSE FROM:

Electrical Installation

Plumbing

Joinery

Engineering

Brickwork

Information Computer Technology

Professional Cookery

Health & Social Care

Childcare

Hairdressing

Beauty Therapy

Creative Pathway

Sport

Employability & Life Skills

Multi-Trades

Animal Care

Business



GCSEs

In addition to the vocational course, students study GCSE or Functional Skills in English or Maths, 1 per year, on an infill basis. GCSE and Functional Skills 2 x 1.5 hours (3 hours per week).

ADDITIONAL GCSE SUPPORT

We provide additional English and Maths workshops in discrete classes for our ECT students, to support GCSE studies and optimize success. These lessons are 1.5 hours per week.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We are a registered provider of The Duke of Edinburgh award scheme which enables our ECT students to participate in a wide range of activities to develop their personal, social and employability skills.



SUCCESS RATES

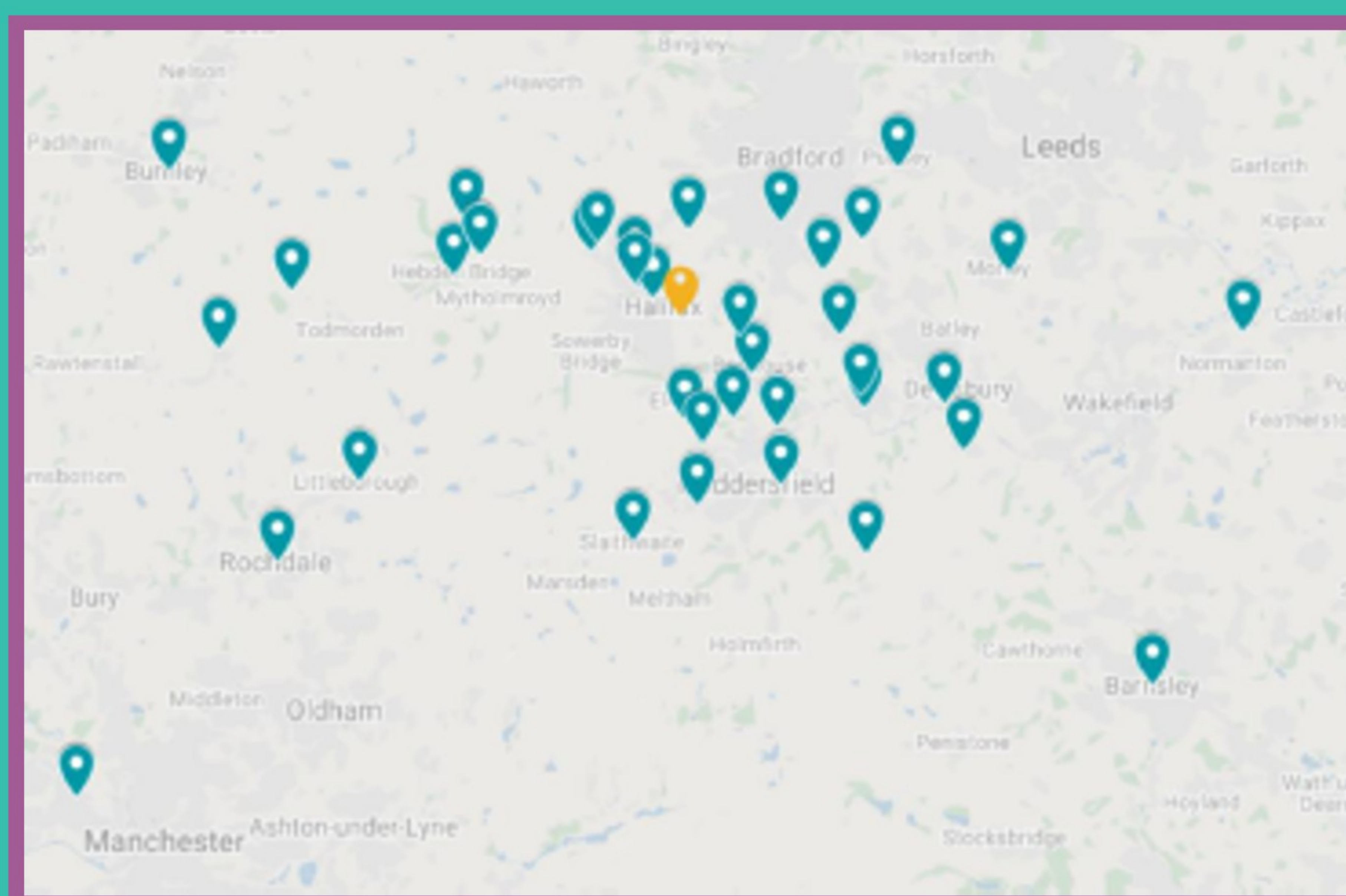
The figures below represent success rates over one year of study as opposed to two generally taken for a GCSE in school



ITS NOT JUST FOR CALDERDALE RESIDENTS

We're more than happy to accept applications from the wider home ed community, as the image below shows, we recruit learners from far and wide.

It is worth mentioning however, that some timetables can be spread over four days. This is therefore a huge commitment in terms of travelling back and forth to the college, so should be considered very carefully as to whether it's something that can be maintained over a full academic year.



LEARNER FEEDBACK

The ECT team are really supportive and take time out to help you.

Just try your best. You are fully supported to reach your aspirations.

The teachers are more relaxed and I feel very secure with the staff in the ECT office.

JONAS' JOURNEY

Jonas Rushworth, 16 yrs, studying L.3 Creative Media and GCSE maths.

Jonas was previously educated at home as the demands of mainstream school combined with his heavy training schedule, required for his position on the GB Gymnastics Team, was too demanding.

Jonas managed to successfully achieve BTEC L.2 Creative Media and GCSE maths in 2020/21 whilst keeping up with his training and competition commitments. In September 2021 he progressed onto L.3 Creative Media and GCSE English aged 15 and continues to juggle academic studies alongside his training with the England Gymnastics squad.

Jonas' immediate goals remain gymnastics focussed, hoping to perform in the Junior European Championships and then the Olympics further into the future. He is performing very well on the Creative Media course however, and hopes this will provide opportunities for other career pathways, his main interests being Digital Marketing and Web Design which he achieves to a high standard.



You're treated like an adult.

Don't be nervous about talking to the older kids.

PARENT FEEDBACK

Starting in a college environment is very daunting for any 14 year old; however, my daughter was made very welcome by all staff and students at Calderdale college.

My daughter has become more confident and actually enjoys learning now, when she was at school she never progressed.

I'm very pleased that the teachers recognised that my son is capable of doing higher maths...teachers ensured that he was receiving work to suit his own abilities.

I feel my son's teachers have been wonderful in his first year, fully supportive, giving constructive feedback where needed along with praise. I have seen him gain so much confidence in his skills he is learning in his classes that resonate into his everyday living.

My daughter's education has been excellent since starting the ECT Course. I look forward to her progressing on her course next year.

I am so grateful and impressed by the lengths to which the college has gone, to meet my daughters needs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there any costs for the course? Not for the delivery of the course/courses. However, some courses require specialist kit, such as Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy, Professional Cookery and Construction courses. Parents/Carers are responsible for providing these.

Is there any financial support available for 14-16 year olds? Whilst the government offer support for 16-18 years olds in further education by way of bursaries for low income families, this does not extend to 14-16 year olds.

Taken from Gov.uk/Overall principles. “It remains the case that when parents choose to electively home educate their children, they assume financial responsibility for their children's education.”

Full details on funding for elective home education can be found using the link below:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/elective-home-education>

What support will my child receive to settle in to Calderdale College? Although there is an expectation that young people joining Calderdale college on the ECT programme are sufficiently mature to adapt to the more adult environment, we can't ignore the fact that it is a big step.

We have a short induction programme prior to starting with the activities to help our ECT learners become familiar with their surrounding and get to know other learners joining the college. We also have an open door policy in our office, B29, our learners are welcome to come and see us with any query or concern they have throughout their time with us. The ECT team is small but we have many years of experience supporting 14-16 year olds and our aim is to ensure that our learners enjoy their time at college and that they succeed in reaching their potential. In addition, individual tutorials take place every half term to discuss each aspect of the learners study programme to ensure everything is on track, learners have settled in and are happy and achieving. We are always happy to speak to parents/carers should any concerns arise during your child's time at Calderdale College.

My child has additional support needs, will the college provide additional support? If your child has an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) their needs will be discussed with you and the Inclusive Learning Team in order to ensure their support needs are met.

Can I take my child out for holidays in term time? Unlike schools, we don't impose fines for taking holidays in term time. However, we strongly advise against it as the impact of a week off studies can't be ignored, particularly when you consider that the vocational course equates to approximately 12 hours of study per week.

Can my child study GCSE only? No, due to capacity, we are unable to offer this, we offer one GCSE alongside a vocational course.

Can my child study more than one GCSE in a year? No, unfortunately due to the limitations on hours home educated learners are allowed to study, they can only fit one GCSE per year alongside their vocational course.

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