



Welburn Hall School College



Welcome to Welburn Hall College

At Welburn Hall College, we are proud to provide a vibrant, inclusive and nurturing environment for young people aged 16-19 with autism and complex needs.

Our aim is simple: to prepare every student for adulthood by developing confidence, independence and essential life skills.

We offer an inspiring curriculum that blends functional skills, vocational learning, work experience and personal development, ensuring our learners are well equipped for the next stage of their journey.

Students are encouraged to make choices, take responsibility and actively contribute to their community. Through high-quality teaching, individualised support and meaningful opportunities, we help every learner grow, thrive and achieve.



Our Vision & Values

Our Vision

Welburn Hall School and College continues to be recognised both locally and nationally as a specialist provision for young people with autism and complex needs.

We are committed to being a **centre of excellence**, providing high-quality teaching, care and support that lead to positive outcomes for our pupils, families and partner schools.

Our vision is for every learner to achieve their full potential, live as independently as possible and make a meaningful contribution to society.

Our Values

Respect

We celebrate individuality and diversity. We treat everyone with kindness, dignity and understanding, creating a safe and supportive learning community.

Perseverance

We encourage resilience and determination in all our learners. With the right support, every young person can achieve their goals.

Excellence

We strive for excellence in everything we do - from teaching and learning to personal development and enrichment.



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Curriculum Overview

The Key Stage 5 curriculum at Welburn Hall College is inspiring, enriching and tailored to meet the diverse needs of our learners.

It is designed to develop independent enquirers, creative thinkers, team workers, self-managers, effective participators and reflective learners.

Our curriculum is flexible and responsive, reflecting current and topical issues while remaining age-appropriate and engaging.

Developing functional skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT complements our vocational studies and work experience programmes, enabling students to become confident and active members of society.

Functional English

- Speaking and listening - communicating effectively in a range of situations
- Reading - understanding and interpreting information and instructions
- Writing - writing accurately so that meaning is clear
(*Accredited through Open Awards*)

Functional Maths

- Using numbers and the number system
- Using common measures, shapes and space
- Handling information and data
(*Accredited through Open Awards*)
- Functional English and English are embedded across all areas of the curriculum to ensure students can:
 - Apply their knowledge to everyday life
 - Engage confidently with others
 - Solve problems independently
 - Contribute positively to their community

Semi-Formal Learner Example Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
My Communication	Life Skills	Food Tech	Employability	Rebound	
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Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Maths	Open Awards	Sensory	Swimming	Lego club	
English	Open Awards	Student forum	Swimming	Art Therapy	

Formal Learner Example Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:50	GETTING READY TO LEARN				
9.10-9.30	COMMUNICATION and READING	VOCATIONAL	READING/MATHS	COMMUNICATION and READING	Preparing for Adulthood
9.30-10.30	ENGLISH	VOCATIONAL	ENGLISH	WEX and Employability	Preparing for Adulthood
10.30-10.50	B R E A K				
10:50-2:00	MATHS	VOCATIONAL	MATHS	WEX and Employability	Preparing for Adulthood
12:00-1:00	L U N C H				
1:00-1.50	Preparing for Adulthood	ICT	PDE	Enrichment	COMMUNICATION and READING until 1:30
2:00-3:00	Preparing for Adulthood	ICT/RE	EHCP TARGET TIME FORUM 2:40	Enrichment	WELLBEING
3PM	GETTING READY FOR TAXIS				

Preparation for Adulthood

Preparation for Adulthood is at the heart of the Welburn Hall College experience.

Our programme equips students with the skills, confidence and independence needed to make a successful transition into adult life.

We focus on four key areas: **Employment, Independent Living, Community Inclusion, and Health & Wellbeing.**

Practical learning experiences such as budgeting, cooking, travel and personal care are woven throughout the curriculum to promote self-reliance.

Students receive independent careers education, advice and guidance to help them make informed choices about their future pathways - whether into employment, supported internships, further education or community living.

Online safety and wellbeing are given high priority, ensuring students learn how to keep themselves safe both in person and online.



Vocational Learning

Our vocational curriculum provides real-life learning experiences designed to prepare students for work, independence and community participation.

Accreditation is achieved through **Open Awards** and **City & Guilds** qualifications from Entry 1 to Level 2.

Catering & Hospitality

Delivered on site, students develop practical cooking and hygiene skills while running the college tuck shop.

Animal Care

Based at The Orchard, students work hands-on with small and large animals, learning about their health, welfare and wellbeing.

Construction

Delivered at York College, students learn key trade skills including bricklaying, plumbing, tiling and site safety.



Work Experience & Employment Skills

Work experience is a key element of college life. Students gain valuable insight into the world of work through placements linked to their personal interests and aspirations.

Opportunities include both on-site and community-based roles such as:

- Gardening Assistant at Helmsley Walled Garden
- Animal Care Assistant at the Birds of Prey Centre
- Shop Assistant in local charity shops
- Stable Assistant at a local Horse Yard
- In-house jobs (recycling, library support and cooking staff lunches)
- Some students remain in one placement for the full academic year to build confidence, commitment and work-based skills.

Others rotate between placements to explore different career options.

Enterprise

Students run real-world projects such as staff lunches, craft sales and the school market stall - developing teamwork, communication and business awareness.



College Life & Enrichment

Students enjoy the “feel” and pace of college life while benefiting from the supportive environment of the school setting.

No school uniform - students wear appropriate casual clothing.

Staff are addressed by first names, promoting mutual respect and maturity.

Students have access to social spaces and outdoor learning environments.

Enrichment Activities

We offer a wide range of creative, physical and therapeutic activities to encourage a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

Sports, creative arts, outdoor learning and community visits help students discover hobbies, interests and new friendships.

Student Forum – Pupil Voice

At Welburn Hall College, every student has a voice.

All students take part in regular **Student Forum** meetings where they can share their thoughts, ideas and feedback about college life. These sessions give learners the opportunity to discuss topics that are important to them - from enrichment activities and fundraising events to facilities and college routines.

Staff listen carefully to the views expressed, ensuring that student input genuinely shapes decisions and improvements across the College.

The forum helps to build confidence, communication and self-advocacy, encouraging students to become active participants in their own learning community.



Qualification Routes & Progression

Welburn Hall College offers clear, supported progression routes that recognise every learner's starting point and celebrate their achievements.

Students can gain accreditation from **Pre-Entry** through to **Level 2**, enabling smooth transitions into employment, further education or supported living.

All qualifications are awarded through **Open Awards** and **City & Guilds**.

Our curriculum ensures that every student has the opportunity to develop essential skills in literacy, numeracy, ICT, vocational learning and personal development at a level that suits their abilities and ambitions.

Starting Point	Typical Programme	Next Step
Pre-Entry	Personal pathways focused on communication, independence and life skills	Progression to Entry 1 programmes, personalised learning colleges or supported living
Entry 1-2	Functional Skills and Vocational courses in areas such as Catering, Horticulture, Animal Care and Construction. A focus on communication, independence and life skills	Progression to Entry 3 or supported internships
Entry 3	Functional Skills, Independent Living, Work Experience, IT User Skills and Vocational courses in areas such as Catering, Horticulture, Animal Care and Construction.	Progression to Level 1, supported employment or further education
Level 1	Functional Skills Level 1, Independent Living, Digital Skills, Work Experience and Vocational courses in areas such as Catering, Horticulture, Animal Care and Construction.	Progression to Level 2, supported internships or community-based employment
Level 2	Functional Skills Level 2, Independent Living, Digital Skills, Work Experience and Vocational courses in areas such as Catering, Horticulture, Animal Care and Construction.	Progression to apprenticeships, employment or further education

Our goal is for every learner to leave Welburn Hall College ready to take their next step with confidence, resilience and a sense of purpose.

After college, some students continue their learning at a local Further Education college. These courses help them develop their vocational, academic and independence skills at their own pace, often leading to employment or supported living.

Practical Information

College Kit List

Students should bring:

Pencil case with pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, sharpener

Wallet/purse

Sun hat and sunscreen (SPF 30+)

Waterproof coat

Spare clothes (if needed)

Dress Code

Smart casual clothing suitable for learning.

No crop tops or revealing items; skirts and shorts should be knee length or longer.

Leggings are permitted with a long-line top or dress.

Smart trainers or flat shoes are preferred.

Vocational Wear / Work Experience

Overalls (or separate top and trousers)

Steel toe-capped safety boots

Other Guidance

Jewellery should be minimal and safe for activities

Mobile phones must be handed in at the start of the day

MP3 players are permitted if they have no camera or internet access

Please label all belongings clearly

How to Apply

We welcome visits from prospective students and their families.

Come and explore our college, meet the staff, and see our unique approach in action.

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