

Learning Curve Group

Learning Curve Group Ripley offer a range of Study Programmes for learners aged 16-19 years. A Study Programme is built up of a vocational course (choose from Hair & Beauty, Construction, Childcare, IT, Health and Social Care) in addition to functional skills Maths/English, Customer Service and Employability Skills. Every learner is different so we build a unique combination of qualifications to fit together to meet each individual's needs. Every learner will also do some work experience. The work experience is a great opportunity to use the knowledge and skills you'll develop here and it will make you stand out to future employers when you apply for jobs.

We run a rolling programme of 40 weeks which is similar to a school year. The year starts in September but learners are welcome to join throughout the year. Some learners start at another college in September but don't really like where they go so then they join us a bit later on, which is fine, but we'd rather be your first choice so you don't have to go through that ordeal.

There are no entry requirements to join us at Learning Curve Group in Ripley. We will ask you some questions about any qualifications you already have and find out what level you are working at now so that we can ensure you're on the right level course with us.

The dress code for attending your lessons is smart but casual. If you're required to use any Personal Protective Equipment (such as a high visibility jacket for Construction), this will be provided for you.

You won't exactly get paid for doing a Study Programme like you would do for an Apprenticeship or job but will reimburse any travel expenses to get to your lessons. Some families who are on a low income will be able to claim a bursary which is some money from the government to help with costs such as food and books. You could get up to £250 throughout the Study Programme if you hit certain targets.

You will attend lessons for about 3 days a week. This might be a combination of some full days and some mornings or afternoons. You'll be given your individual timetable when you start. The days start at 9:30 and finish by 3:30.

Although it is very friendly and supportive here, there are of course some rules to follow to make sure everyone behaves well. The rules are not only in place to keep you safe but they will prepare you for the world of work.

Because it's a small and friendly centre, you will call all of the staff by their first names and you will meet with your tutor regularly for your progress reviews. The reviews are to help you stay on track and are a good opportunity for your tutor to pass on any feedback to you. We all want the best for you and will support you to reach your goals during your time with us.

Throughout the year you will be supported by our Progressions Officer to work towards your next step ready for when you finish with us, whether that's a further course, a job or an apprenticeship. You'll be supported with applications, your CV and preparing for interviews. We love hearing good news stories too so you'll be encouraged to keep in touch with us even after you have finished your Study Programme.

Learning Curve Group in Ripley is a small and friendly centre. Ripley is a town easily accessed by bus. Because we're not in a city, it's a lot quieter than some of the other colleges and training providers you can choose from. Our centre is ideally suited for learners who prefer smaller settings and a bit of

extra support. We offer some Level 1 and Level 2 courses so it's a great place to start from the beginning to work towards your chosen career.

You can book a tour and a chat with Sarah to find out more and look around the centre to see if you would like to join us by calling 01773 747377. If, after your tour and chat you decided you would like to join us for your Study Programme we will book an interview for you and then an induction. Then you'll be ready to start!