



Loreto
sixth form college

Pathways to Independence



Student Handbook

Welcome!



You will soon be leaving school

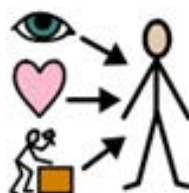


and joining Loreto Sixth Form College.



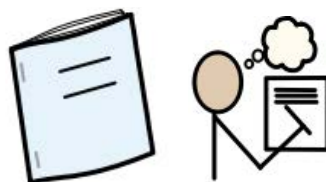
This will mean many changes

and new experiences.



We have written this booklet

to help you to prepare for this.



There are **7** buildings  on our campus:

Ellis and Kennedy

Chapel

St Vincent's

Sports Hall

St. Joseph's

Ball

Ward

You will be based in the **Ball building**.

Our department is called **Pathways to Independence**.


This is Ball Building:



The ground floor is **blue** → 

The first floor is **red** → 

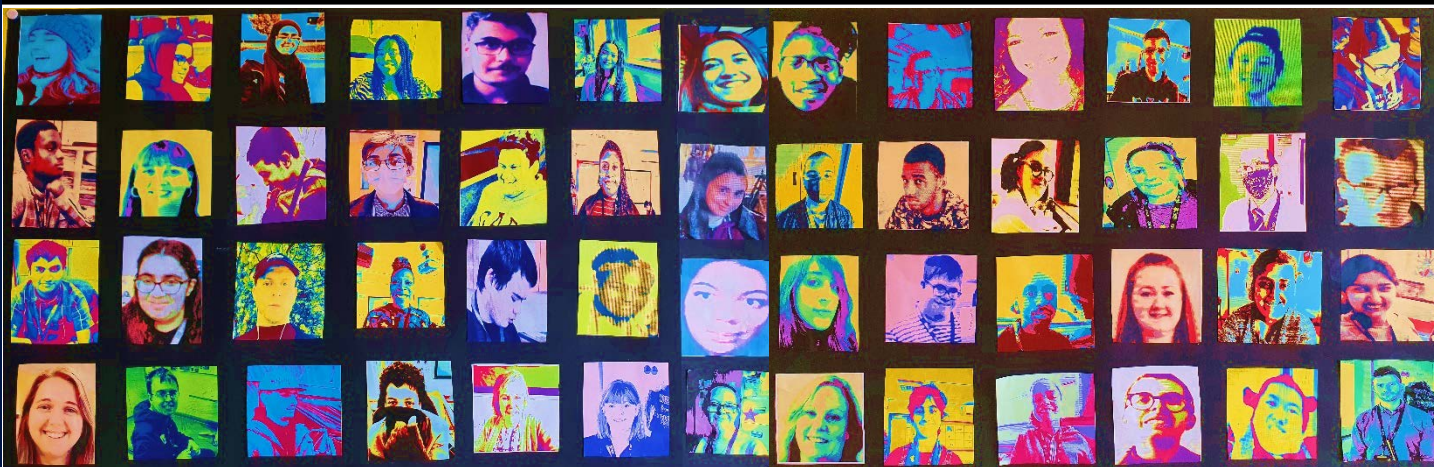
The second floor is **yellow** → 

The third floor is **green** → 

Here is the reception where you will arrive in the mornings:



Pathways to Independence is on the second floor → which is **yellow**



We are a friendly and vibrant department and look forward to you joining us!



Important Information



My course is called:

Pathways to Independence and Employability.

Who do I phone  **if I am late**  **or absent**  **?**

Call Reception on 0161 226 5156 as soon as you can.

College Hours 

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am – 3.45pm

Wednesday and Friday 9am – 1pm

What I need to bring to college:



- Bus pass  
- Sports kit for sports lessons 
- Money  for lunch/snacks 
- £2  for Daily Living Skills lessons 

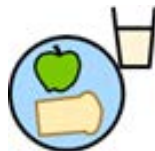
Other parts of Ball Building you will see:

Ball Canteen




This is on the **blue** ground floor →

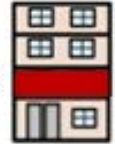


- We have a **morning break** at 10.15 am until 10.30 am.
- **Lunchtime** is 1.00 pm until 1.50 pm. 
- There is an **afternoon break** at 3.00 pm until 3.10 pm.

We let you out of lessons a little earlier so it's not busy if you go to the canteen.

You will have a lift pass to avoid crowded staircases.

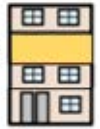
The **Chaplaincy**  This is on the **red** first floor →



The Chaplaincy is open to everyone. They serve free tea and biscuits every day during morning break. The Chaplaincy offers comfortable sofas and beanbags for you to chill out alone or with your friends.



The **Study Centre**. This is on the **yellow** second floor →



You will spend a part of some lessons in the study centre when you need to use a computer.



You will be given a username and password to log on.

Don't worry if you can't use a computer – help is always at hand!



The Campus Grounds:



We have beautiful grounds here at Loreto, which you can explore.



Lunchtime Activities

We like you to have a choice of things to do at lunchtimes as we know how important this is to our students.

We have a lunchtime club in one of the classrooms where you can sit with your friends and chat, colour or listen to music.



Lessons you will have

Numeracy, Literacy and ICT

You will have weekly lessons in numeracy, literacy and ICT to progress your skills.



Daily Living Skills



You will learn skills to enable you to cook for yourself safely and independently. This includes regular trips to the local Asda to learn how to find food items and pay for them.



Employability

Learning all about the world of work, including:

- your rights and responsibilities at work
- Health and Safety
- writing a CV
- filling in job applications
- preparing for an interview



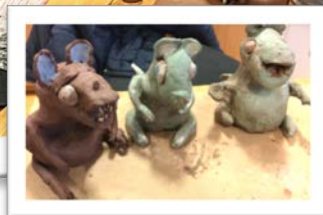
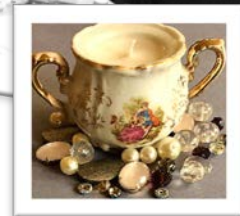
College Enterprises



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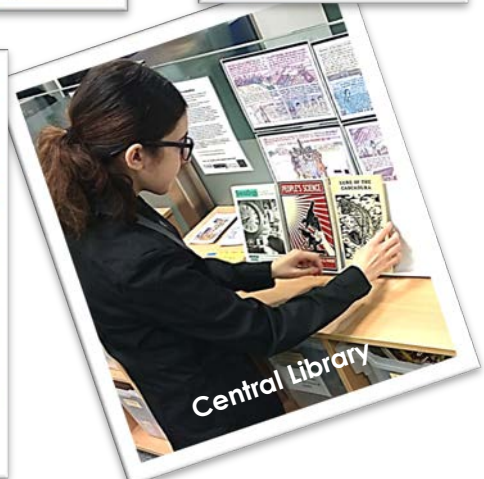
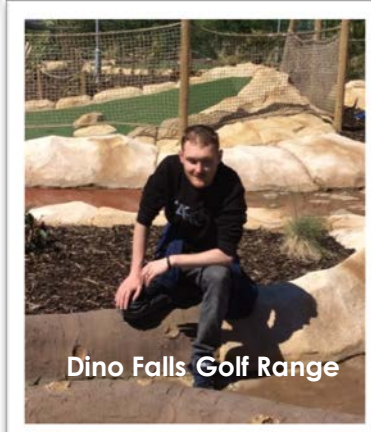
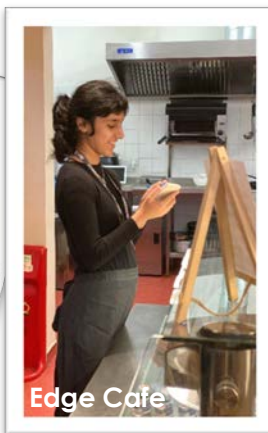
- Baking Enterprise
- Craft Enterprise
- Candle-Making Enterprise.

You work in groups with members of staff just like you do in lessons.



External work placements

These give you work experience **outside** of college. You will always be supported by a member of staff. You can work in a variety of different places such as cafes, shops, leisure centres and offices. You can choose what type of work you would like to try and you can try different ones to see which you like best.





Sports

You will have sports every week with your class in our sports hall, on the playing field or Moss Side Leisure Centre.



Community Participation

You will learn how to travel to and enjoy the sights of Manchester independently and for free! You can practise using your travel pass on buses and trams to visit places of interest in Manchester. We have put together a programme of accessible and fun places to go:

- *Greater Manchester Police Museum*
- *Imperial War Museum*
- *Lark Hill Place*
- *Manchester Art Gallery*
- *Manchester Museum*
- *People's History Museum*
- *Science and Industry Museum*
- *National Football museum*
- *Ordsall Hall*
- *The Lowry*
- *Trafford Centre bowling*
- *Whitworth Art Gallery*
- *Wythenshawe Wheelers*



Religious Education

You will have one RE lesson each week. In these lessons you will learn about the different world religions.



Tutor Group



Loreto has 11 'Halls' named after inspirational people. You will be in one of these Halls.

Each Hall is made up of tutor groups. You will be put in a tutor group in your Hall which you will attend once a week.

In tutor group, you find out about things that are happening around college and learn about keeping safe and healthy.



Travel Training

We offer a travel training programme if you would like to learn how to become an independent traveller.





Social Events

Here are some events you can look forward to:



Mary Ward Day

On Mary Ward Day the college pays for ALL Loreto students to go out for a day in October before the end of the first half term! We have a choice of different activities to choose from. Some of our favourites are a trip to Blackpool, the Crocky Trail and Smithills Open Farm.





Pathways Day Out

To celebrate the end of the year we have a day out in June before the end of the summer term. We usually go to Chester Zoo.





Prom

At the end of your time in Pathways you can celebrate in style on Prom night at a venue in Manchester.



At first things will appear strange and there will be a lot to remember.

Just ask  if there is anything you don't understand or can't remember - the staff at college are really kind and helpful 

We hope that all this information is useful and that you are now looking forward to joining us



We look forward to seeing you in September!

