

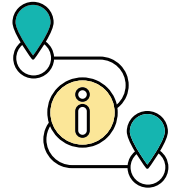


STUDENT HANDBOOK



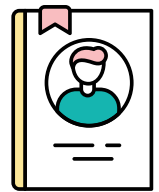
WELCOME!

You will soon be leaving school and joining Loreto Sixth Form College.

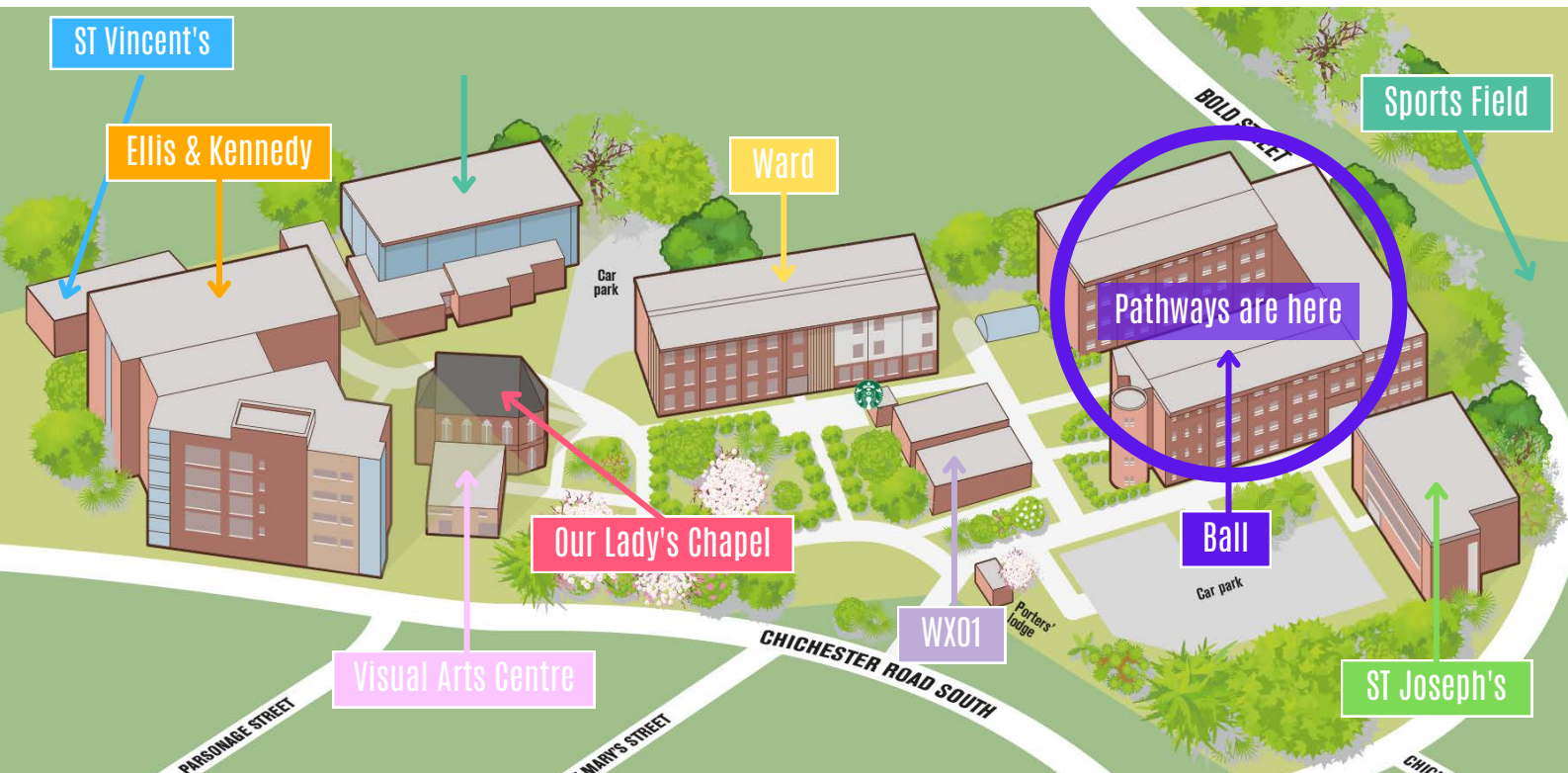


This will mean many changes and new experiences.

We have written this booklet to help you to prepare.



There are **7** buildings on our campus. Take a look at our map below:



You will be based in **Ball Building**.

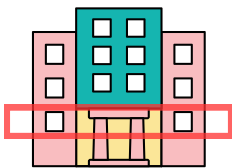
Our department is called **Pathways to Independence**.



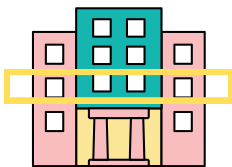
BALL BUILDING



The ground floor is **blue**



The first floor is **red**



The second floor is **yellow**



The third floor is **green**

ARRIVAL



Here is the **reception** where you will arrive in the mornings.



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

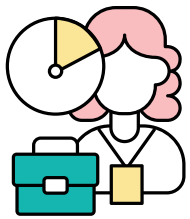
We are a friendly and vibrant department and we look forward to you joining us!



My course is called...
PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE

Who do I phone if I'm late or absent?

Call reception on **0161 226 5156** as soon as you can



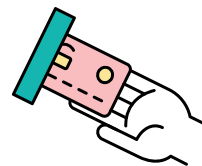
College hours:

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



BREAKS

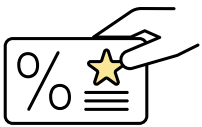
- You will have a **morning break** at 10:15am until 10:30am



- **Lunchtime** is 1:00pm until 1:50pm



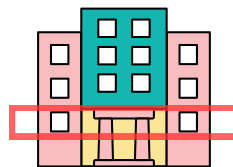
- There is an **afternoon break** at 3:00pm until 3:10pm



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.

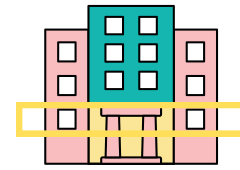
The Chaplaincy



This is on the
red first floor

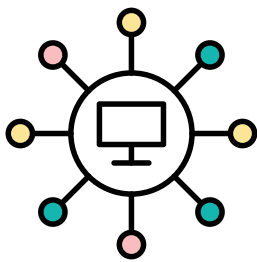
The Chaplaincy is open to everyone. They serve free tea and biscuits every day during morning break. The Chaplaincy offers comfortable sofas and beanbags for you to chill out alone or with your friends.

The Study Centre



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on the
yellow
first floor

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

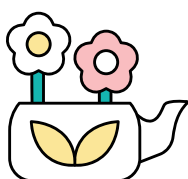


You will be given a username and password to log on.

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

Campus Grounds

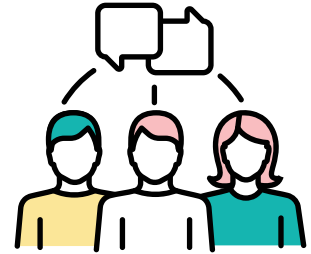
We have beautiful grounds here at Loreto, which you can explore.



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

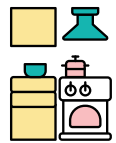
Numeracy, Literacy and ICT



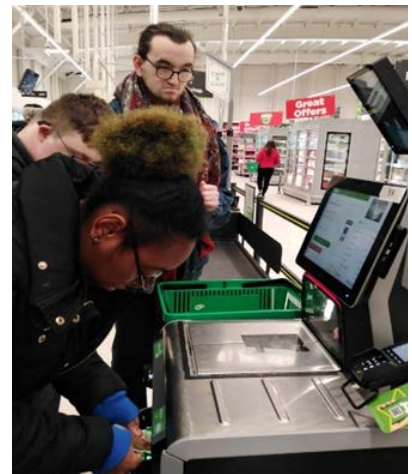
You will have weekly lessons in numeracy, literacy and ICT to progress your skills.



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

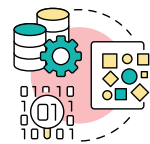


Learning all about the world of work, including:

- Your rights and responsibilities at work
- Health and Safety
- Writing a CV
- Filling in job applications
- Preparing for an interview



Enterprise



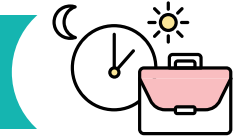
College enterprises give you work experience inside college.

We currently have a:

- Baking Enterprise
- Craft Enterprise
- Candle-Making Enterprise

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

External Work Placements



External work placements 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.



Hulme Community
Garden Centre



Moss Side
Leisure Centre



Whitworth
Art Gallery



Afflecks
Cafe

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 14 '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

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 select.

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.



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



A WARM WELCOME

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!



PATHWAYS

TO INDEPENDENCE

