

Welcome to Thornton College

Inside this booklet you'll find everything you need to know about Thornton College.





What we offer at Thornton College

Thornton College is an inclusive and purpose-built post-16 college dedicated to providing a caring and supportive learning environment for those with a Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) diagnosis.

- We empower our learners to work towards their educational targets in their Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
- We offer tailored entry-level qualifications to our learners.
- We encourage our learners to develop their independence skills.
- We have specialist SEND tutors and support staff with a wide range of experience supporting learners with academic, social and personal care needs.
- We have excellent personal development opportunities to nurture the growth and development of our learners.
- We have an onsite Speech and Language Therapists (SaLT) who can provide 1-1 or group support for students with identified needs.

Our Courses

We offer an RARPA based learning programme called 'Choices' where learners work towards a non-accredited set of individual learning targets. Learners can also gain qualifications in NCFE Entry Level Maths and English, Open Awards Living in the community and Independent Living.

Our students progress onto a range of different pathways, such as:

- Further Education
- Specialist Colleges
- Adult Social Care
- Hybrid destinations such as voluntary work and personal assistant support



Case Studies

Explore the inspiring journeys of our students through the case studies featured here. These stories showcase the remarkable progress and growth these individuals have experienced in their development of essential skills, knowledge, and confidence during their time at Thornton College.

Discover how Thornton College empowers students to confidently navigate their chosen career paths.



Paul McDonald **Currently studying Level 1** **Catering at** **Hugh Baird College**

Paul attended Thornton College for three years. Paul worked hard to develop his interpersonal skills and ensured he showed a professional mindset throughout his studies, this was something Paul was very proud of. Paul has overcome many barriers to learning, despite this he has demonstrated 100% commitment through fantastic attendance and a willingness to constantly improve. Paul has progressed both on a personal and educational level, achieving qualifications in Catering initially starting at Entry Level 2 and is now currently studying Level 1 Catering at Hugh Baird College.



Ellie Flannagan

Currently studying Level 2 Hairdressing at Hugh Baird College

Ellie attended Thornton College in 2017 before progressing onto her Learning for Life course at Hugh Baird College. Ellie worked hard to build her confidence by trying new things and meeting new people, this allowed her to become more independent throughout her time at Thornton College. Ellie made many friends at Thornton who supported her through her learning journey. Ellie's dedication to her English and Maths studies, led her to progress onto Functional Skills and later achieved a grade 5 in GCSE English. In her foundation learning year, Ellie studied hair and beauty and developed a passion for the subject. Studying Occupational Studies as part of her Level 1 course, Ellie learnt the skillset to be successful and independent at Level 2, managing her time more productively, seeking help when needed and working confidently in a diverse team.

Dawn Stratton

Currently studying on the Connect course at Hugh Baird College

Dawn attended Thornton in 2021 and spent three years at the College. She developed her self-confidence, ability to work with others and independence skills. Dawn was very shy and quiet when she first arrived at Thornton College but over time has blossomed, forming great friendships with peers. Dawn has also developed her relationships with her teachers and support staff. During her time at Thornton, Dawn became a natural leader and role model to her peers when working on team projects in class. Dawn progressed from Thornton to the Learning for Life programme at Hugh Baird College and has since completed her Independent Living course to an exceptionally high standard. She has chosen to progress onto the Connect course which focuses on employability, personal and social development skills. Dawn's choice of vocation on her Connect course is Catering.

Our Facilities

We offer a range of modern facilities at Thornton College, including multimedia facilities, a horticulture room, a fully-equipped kitchen, and a small apartment, all designed to help students learn the skills necessary for independent living. Our canteen and cafe area are not only spacious and inviting but also serve as venues for drama and performance events. Our expansive grounds feature an allotment area and various sports facilities.





How to apply

To apply to Thornton College, please follow the steps below.

- Name Thornton College as a preferred choice in your young person's annual review.
- Your SEND case worker will state Thornton College as an intended destination on the post review documents and consult us for a place.
- We will perform an internal review to ensure we can meet the needs and provide an ambitious tailored curriculum to support the applicant.
- You can contact us to arrange a tour of our facilities and see our learning environments in action.

Our friendly staff can help you with information about Thornton College and can arrange for you to discuss the College and courses with the teaching and support staff.

Please contact the college on **0151 934 4811**
or email **thorntoncollege@hughbaird.ac.uk**.



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