

Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD) Provision Statement

Harlow College is a General FE College with an MLD provision. Our Supported Studies Department offers programmes within a newly re-designed curriculum that caters for the needs of learners who are working at Entry Levels and up to Level 1.

We are very happy with the outcomes of our re-structure so far and fully expect to see continued meaningful achievement for our learners and increased opportunities for learners to move into paid work via the Supported Internship programme or into Level 1 Vocational studies via the Links to Level 1 programme.

The curriculum is designed to move learners with Moderate Learning Difficulties through a 2-year programme with either an employment focus or a further study focus depending on what is right for the young person and what will best meet their needs.

We use a Person-Centred-Planning model for learning with consistent reference to the Preparation for Adulthood agenda. This allows us to meaningfully plan for the smooth progression of our learners through our programmes and on to the most appropriate outcome destination for each of our young people.

We are developing our specialisms and levels of expertise but at present we do not offer provision for students with Severe or Multiple and Complex needs. We are not a secure campus so cannot provide the appropriate setting for students who may need a more secure environment to ensure their safety. We are not specialists in Behaviour Management/Modification and do not offer programmes where serious behaviour issues involving risk to other college users can be supported.

We are an inclusive college and welcome applications and enquiries from students and their families where we can offer a very high level of professional support through a learning journey that results in greater independence and realisation of diverse potential.