

Looked after Children, Care Leavers and Young Carers

Brooklands College understands how difficult college can be for learners, in particular for learners who are a Looked after Child, Care Leaver or a Young Carer. We will work with learners; families; local authorities; external agencies and professionals, this will include support workers and social workers. Thus ensuring that learners are supported in their journey at Brooklands College, enabling them to fully participate in their chosen course and to be successful.

We can help you with the following and more:-

- ☒ Application and Enrolment
- ☒ Bursary and other fund applications
- ☒ Emergency financial support
- ☒ Careers advice and guidance including progression, apprenticeships and employment
- ☒ Signposting/referral to other specialist services.
- ☒ Mental Health and Wellbeing concerns
- ☒ Support to keep on track with your course and assignments
- ☒ Support with making decisions
- ☒ Homelife
- ☒ Any other difficulties you may be experiencing whilst a learner at Brooklands College

We will provide:-

- ☒ A central point of contact for information
- ☒ Support at Personal Education Plan meetings (PEPs), Looked After Child (LAC) reviews, Child Protection (CP) conferences, Child In Need (CIN) and Team Around the Family (TAF) meetings
- ☒ Educational progress reports

Accessing all this support is straightforward, if you want to know what you may be entitled to, you can contact the following

The Safeguarding Team safeguarding@brooklands.ac.uk 01932 797670

Learner Finance within the admissions team Bursary@brooklands.ac.uk 01932 797700 (request learner finance)

Progression Mentors are curriculum based 01932797700 (ask to speak with a Progression Mentor within your curriculum area)

Counsellor counselling@brooklands.ac.uk 01932 797676 mobile 07979510829

Or ask at reception to speak with a member of the Safeguarding Team, learner finance, a Progression Mentor or Counsellor

The Safeguarding Team, Progression Mentors and the Counsellor offer someone to talk to that will listen with a non-judgemental and confidential approach. However, If there is a risk to yourself or others, information may need to be shared to keep you safe.