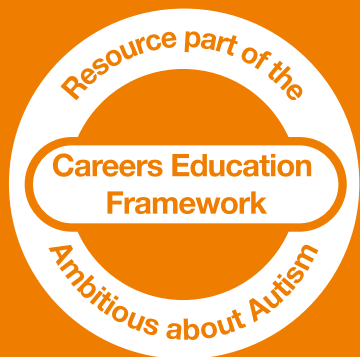


Employment and education destinations: Pathways posters

Below you will find posters that can be used electronically or printed on a wall. Pathways 1 can be used with autistic young people accessing personalised provision, and pathways 2 can be used with autistic young people accessing a mainstream curriculum.



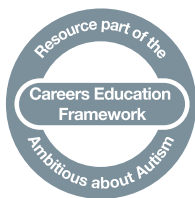
Pathways 1: Autistic young people accessing specialised education

Destination	Description	Length of time	Assessment	Level of study	Entry requirements	Experience of the workplace	What could it lead to?	Further information	Additional support
Supported/inclusive apprenticeships	A real job with training and a salary	12–24 months		Entry 3 to Level 2	EHCP	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid employment 	Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK	Support Undergraduate, Apprenticeships UCAS Into Apprenticeships Disability Rights UK Access to Work Disability Rights UK
Technical/vocational (BTEC)	Qualifications that teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be in	Dependent on vocational qualification	Course dependent (course work, practical assessments and exams)	1+ (Entry level to Level 8), e.g. Level 1 BTEC Certificate/ Diploma or OCR City and Guilds	Course dependent (coursework and exams)	Course dependent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apprenticeship, university or college • Work 	Courses and qualifications for 14 to 19 year olds - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	16 to 19 education: financial support for students - GOV.UK Local transport initiatives for people with a learning disability Mencap
Supported internships	A structured study programme/ partnership based predominantly with an employer	1 year	Varies between employer and/or college	Entry level upwards	EHCP	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid employment • Supported apprenticeships 	Supported internships - GOV.UK Supported internships if you have an education, health and care plan	Transition to employment toolkit Ambitious about Autism Routes into Work Guide 2018.pdf councilfordisabledchildren
Supported enterprise	Setting up your own business as either a freelance service, a sole trader or a registered company	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Recommended before setting up your own business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-employment 	Work experience and employment Ambitious about Autism	What support is available for my small business?
Supported employment	Personalised model with employer	Indefinite	On the job training and coaching	Dependent on employer	Dependent on employer	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid employment 	Supported Employment BASE Work experience and employment Ambitious about Autism	Supported Employment Framework Aspire (aspirestrategies.co.uk) Access to Work Disability Rights UK
Volunteering	Working in the community or with a charity as a regular volunteer	Indefinite	N/A	N/A	Interview to assess interests, availability, adjustments to be made	Helps to do this in school so you can learn what is expected and what sort of role you would like to do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could lead to paid work but not guaranteed • Could open up other opportunities 	I want to volunteer NCVO	Volunteering - Learning Disability - Opportunities Mencap
Pre-supported internships/ supported work experience	Regular placement with an employer over an extended period	Determined by employer and young person	N/A	N/A	EHCP/vocational profiling	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported internship • College course • Supported apprenticeship 	Factsheet: Work Experience councilfordisabledchildren	Supported Internships and Inclusive Apprenticeships BASE
Part-time employment/ volunteering as part of a social care package	Some day centres may offer work experience or volunteering supported by social care in the form of a funded personal assistant (PA)	Indefinite	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuable experience 	Your local authority's local offer on its website. Requesting a care needs assessment from social care	Needs assessments - Mind



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Supported employment	Personalised model with employer	Indefinite	On the job training and coaching	Dependent on employer	Dependent on employer	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid employment
Volunteering	Working in the community or with a charity as a regular volunteer	Indefinite	N/A	N/A	Interview to assess interests, availability, adjustments to be made	Helps to do this in school so you can learn what is expected and what sort of role you would like to do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could lead to paid work but not guaranteed • Could open up other opportunities
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Part-time employment/ volunteering as part of a social care package	Some day centres may offer work experience or volunteering supported by social care in the form of a funded personal assistant (PA)	Indefinite	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuable experience



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Pathways 2: Autistic young people accessing mainstream education

Destination	Description	Length of time	Assessment	Level of study	Entry requirements	Experience of the workplace	What could it lead to?	Further information	Additional support
Apprenticeships	A real job with training and a salary	1 year minimum	Apprenticeship dependent (includes demonstrations, presentations, course work and exams)	2/3 with possibility to progress to higher and degree apprenticeships	Employer dependent. Age 16+, evidence of interest and ability to complete	✓ paid job with at least 20% off the job, training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher level or degree apprenticeship University or college Work 	Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK	Education advice National Careers Service Support Undergraduate, Apprenticeships UCAS
A levels	An academic qualification similar in style to GCSEs that prepares you for further study	2 years	Predominantly exams at the end of the course	3	For individual schools and colleges to decide (commonly 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above)	✗	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apprenticeship University or college Work 	Supported internships if you have an education, health and care plan	16 to 19 education: financial support for students GOV.UK Aspire (aspirestrategies.co.uk)
T levels	A technical study programme, similar to 3 A levels, with an industry placement which takes up 20% of the course. Designed to give you the skills that employers need	2 years	Exams, projects and practical assignments	3	Set by each school/ college	✓ 80% classroom, 20% work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apprenticeship University or college Work 	Introduction of T Levels - GOV.UK	16 to 19 education: financial support for students GOV.UK
Technical/vocational	Qualifications that teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be in	Course dependent	Course dependent (course work and exams)	1+	Course dependent (coursework and exams)	Course dependent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apprenticeship University or college Work 	What is a BTEC diploma? UCAS BTEC Courses UK Find Courses	16 to 19 education: financial support for students GOV.UK Assistive Technologies Janki Saye Foundation
Entrepreneurship	Setting up your own business, either as a freelance service, a sole trader or a registered company	N/A	N/A	N/A	Industry dependent	Recommended before setting up your own business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-employment 	Becoming Self-Employed - Tips for Young People - Youth Employment UK	Self-employment and benefits Disability charity Scope UK Access to Work Disability Rights UK
Paid employment	Working 16 hours or more weekly with a contract in place	N/A	N/A	N/A	Industry dependent	Recommended before working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment 	Work experience and employment Ambitious about Autism Evenbreak - Award-winning Job board for disabled people Employability - Maximus UK Home - Enna	Access to Work - GOV.UK Work and careers Disability charity Scope UK
University	Courses including different types of degree, Higher National Diploma (HND), Higher National Certificate (NHC), foundation, degree apprenticeships	3-5 years	Depends on the course, but usually exams, assignments and practical assessment	4+	Relevant UCAS points and entry qualifications at Level 3	Course dependent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment 	Higher education courses: find and apply GOV.UK Further education and training Ambitious about Autism	Funding Higher Education for Disabled Students Disability Rights UK Aspire (aspirestrategies.co.uk)



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Technical/vocational	Qualifications that teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be in	Course dependent	Course dependent (course work and exams)	1+	Course dependent (coursework and exams)	Course dependent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apprenticeship • University or college • Work
Entrepreneurship	Setting up your own business, either as a freelance service, a sole trader or a registered company	N/A	N/A	N/A	Industry dependent	Recommended before setting up your own business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-employment
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