



# REEC: Employability and Independence Programme

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Redwood Education and Enterprise Centre (REEC) is part of Redwood Secondary Special School's Post 16 offer. REEC is located on the Middleton Technology Secondary School site.

REEC opened in September 2015 and aims to provide young people aged 16 -19 with learning and / or physical disabilities the opportunity to develop employability and independence skills as they prepare for adulthood. REEC is an exciting and exhilarating opportunity for students to develop academically, personally and socially in a small, supportive environment.

The two year **Employability and Independence** course offers students a wide range of vocational training, basic skills, personal development, life skills, independent travel training and work experience placements.

The programme offers qualifications ranging from Entry 2 to Level 2 in Functional Maths, English and ICT with the possibility of GCSE in English and Maths available. BTEC Entry Level 3 in Pre-Vocational Studies and Level 1 in Vocational Studies. This programme stretches and challenges the students as they gain qualifications to enable them to go onto further training and employment opportunities. Students complete units in Work Preparation, PSHE, Vocational Training, English, Maths and ICT. Students have the opportunity to work towards and complete industry standard qualifications such as, Manual Handling, Food Hygiene, First Aid and Health and Safety in the Workplace.

The Skills for Employability and Independence course offers students the ability to experience and develop vocational skills and advance their work related learning in the areas of; Catering, Horticulture, Sports Industry and Office Admin Skills. Students also complete a full days 'work experience in Year 12, before completing a day at the pre-internship where they develop work based skills within real job 'placements' with our 'partner' companies in the local area. Students have the opportunity to work towards achieving the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Bronze and Silver Level. The EMI pathway provides a broad and balanced offer and prepare students for adult life beyond Redwood.

The Employability and Independence curriculum is delivered with reference to EHCP outcomes and annual review targets where appropriate. For further information please contact Simon Alcock on 01706750815 or [simon.alcock@redwood-school.com](mailto:simon.alcock@redwood-school.com).

