

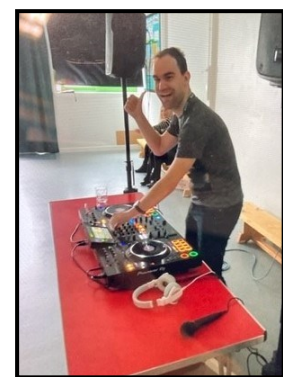
## MJC News



March started off with a bang with inspirational speakers week! Students received talks from a wide range of speakers. They welcomed Sabrina and her team from **Tilgate Park** in Crawley who spoke about keeping the animals and running the zoo, the upkeep of the grounds and the different events that Tilgate run.

Jenny founder of **MeCoCo**, January's inclusive business, gave our students a virtual tour of her workplace and answered some great questions about the products

they make and the employability skills needed to work there. Students also heard from Kieran Green from **Albion in the Community** who is an award winning coach who hasn't let cerebral palsy stop him achieving his goals. He gave an inspirational speech and encouraged students to keep aiming high and breaking down barriers.



Students attended a 'where are they now?' Q&A session with **alumni** who spoke about how they felt leaving Woodlands Meed and the new experiences they have had since. It was a great session where students were able to ask questions about each college and the panel reminisced about their time at Woodlands Meed. The week ended with **DJ Kez** playing some tunes and answering questions from students and talked about what it was like to be an autistic DJ.



On 15th March our **Careers and Transitions Fair** took place at the Kings Church in Burgess Hill. Although some of the expected exhibitors had to cancel at the last minute due to covid the event was a great success! It was wonderful to see the students interact so confidently at both employers and transitional stalls. Feedback from exhibitors highlighted how engaged the students were with one saying 'the students were great, and many very curious, and it was great to inspire young minds!'.





# Apprenticeship Taster Days

## Gas & Electrical Courses

Tour the centre | Meet the trainers  
Practical training sessions  
**Book now to secure your place**

13+ Year Old Age Requirement

**Burgess Hill**

Unit F2, Marchants Way, RH15 8QY

22nd March 10am-1pm

20th April 10am-1pm

26th May 10am-1pm

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## Useful Careers & Transition Links

### National Careers Service

The National careers Service provides information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work. For more info click [here](#).

### Sussex Council Of Training Providers

The Sussex Council of Training Providers is a community of training providers that offers apprenticeships, work-based learning or pre-employment training in Sussex. For more info click [here](#).

### Amazing Apprenticeships and ASK Programme

The Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge Programme for schools and colleges programme (ASK) is a free service to support apprenticeship IAG. For more info click [here](#).

### Find an Apprenticeship

This link enables you to search for the latest Apprenticeship vacancies by sector and level in your local area. For more info click [here](#).

### Access to Work

Access to Work (AtW) is a publicly funded employment support programme that aims to help more disabled people start or stay in work. It can provide practical and financial support for people who have a

disability or long term physical or mental health condition. For more info click [here](#).

### Work Aid

The Work Aid scheme aims to match adults with learning disabilities and/or autism with suitable work placements and includes help for employers to get the most from their valuable and productive new employee. For more info click [here](#).

### Traineeships

A traineeship is an education and training programme which incorporates work experience, preparing young people for their future careers by helping them to become 'work ready'. Designed for people aged 16 to 24 who don't yet have the appropriate skills or experience, traineeships provide the essential work preparation training, English, maths and work experience needed to secure an apprenticeship or employment. For more info click [here](#).

### Local Offer

The West Sussex Local Offer helps you find information about local services, support and events for children and young people aged 0 - 25 years who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). For more info click [here](#).



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## What next after education?

Transition into adulthood is difficult and daunting for young people and their families. It's important to plan ahead, research all the options and make an informed decision on the next step of moving into adult services.



## Home From Home Care

We provide specialist residential care for adults (18+) with learning disabilities, autism and complex physical & mental health.

- We are the UK's largest family-led specialist residential care provider
- Our focus is on independence, self-worth and new opportunities for each individual
- We creatively support individuals to achieve their goals and aspirations
- We build on the life skills taught at school and college
- We work closely with families and encourage active support and participation

**Learning Disabilities, Autism and Complex Physical and Mental Health**



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Have you heard about Aldingbourne Trust and the amazing support they can



offer young people (+16) with Lifelong Disability from West Sussex? No? Aldingbourne has kindly offered to run an online session specifically for our parents. **Please email [careers@woodlandsmeed.co.uk](mailto:careers@woodlandsmeed.co.uk) if you would be interested in attending a session.**

[Dimensions](#) is an experienced care provider that understands what a difficult time this is and using our experience we have produced literature to help parents and carers with the decisions they have to make.

Please take a look at their brand new Transitions video, ["Your child's transition to adulthood in supported living."](#) which will help introduce transition and supported living to families.