

TRAVEL & INDEPENDENCE TRAINING

<p>This cohort have been the most severely hit by the Covid pandemic which prevented them from receiving any practical experience at their transitional colleges.</p> <p>The impact of lockdown and restrictions on travel also had a negative impact on the opportunities available to this cohort.</p> <p>Despite these issues a number of students were able to be prepared for independent travel when they left, this was possible through the support of staff and parents.</p> <p>By the end of the 2021 academic year some 38% of the 21 students in year 11 were able to travel independently from their home address to their college destination.</p> <p>The year 11 team have been working with the group to familiarise them with transport routes and to practice using these on a regular basis.</p> <p>Parents have also been encouraged to support students by practicing using public transport at every opportunity.</p>	<p>Out of the 28 students in the year 11 cohort 20-21</p> <p>29 % were able to travel independently to the college destination that they would be progressing onto after leaving the Valley school</p> <p>57% could travel independently in the near future if travel training/parental support continued at their college placement.</p> <p>14 % were not ready to travel independently at the end of the year and this group would require intensive support in future if they were to be able to safely access independent travel</p>
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