

ATTFE College Learner Newsletter

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Liz Barrett OBE DL

Principal

Welcome to the ATTFE College 25/26 academic year. The whole ATTFE College team are delighted that you have enrolled with us and we really look forward to sharing your learning journey with us this academic year.



Academy Transformation Trust Further Education (ATTFE) College is a part of the [Academy Transformation Trust](#). The college provides lifelong learning opportunities to local and wider communities. It offers excellent inclusive further and adult education opportunities in a range of non-vocational provisions, along with accredited learning programs from Entry Level to Level 5. The provision is learner-led, easy to access, and fairly priced.

There are both free and 19+ loan payment options available, and you can enquire within for further information.

The college is dedicated to nurturing your potential, developing your learning skills, and providing you with the tools you need to achieve your ambitions. The experienced and qualified staff members offer free [Careers Education, Information, Advice, and Guidance](#) sessions where you can discuss your learning goals and thoughts.

The college is passionate about unleashing the potential of individuals to learn new skills that will add value and help improve their overall quality of life. This is supported by [ATTFE's Vision, Mission, Values, and Ethos](#).

If you haven't yet done so, please follow us on social media so that you can share in the vibrancy of ATTFE College and have access to future opportunities to enjoy.

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Principal, ATTFE College



Find us on these platforms!



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Sarah Wilkinson

Head of Quality of Education

Welcome back to a brand-new academic year!

The Quality of Education team is excited to support you on your journey as you take on new challenges, build new skills, and achieve your goals. Remember, every step forward is progress, and we're here to make sure you

have the best learning experience possible.

Wishing you a successful, rewarding, and inspiring year ahead.

WELCOME BACK!



Dale Karim
Head of Curriculum
Content



Sarah Wilkinson
Head of Quality of
Education



Matt Carter
Head of Quality
Assurance

Louise Davy

Head of Programme of Study

Welcome to ATTFE!

We are so pleased you have chosen to study with us. At ATTFE, you are part of a vibrant learning community where we'll support you to build confidence, gain skills, and prepare for your future career.



"Striving to empower our learners to become capable, competent, and confident individuals, ready to thrive in their communities."

Attendance: What it Means & Why It Matters

Attending your classes consistently isn't just about being in the room; it's about building habits that employers look for: reliability, punctuality, and a strong work ethic. When you show up regularly, you give yourself the chance to:

- Keep up with the coursework in English, Maths, and your vocational studies
- Learn from tutorials, practicals, group work and discussions
- Ask questions and get support as soon as you need it rather than falling behind

Employers want people who can be counted on. Being present, on time, and engaged here at college sends a clear sign you're ready for real responsibilities.

We understand that sometimes barriers arise, transport, home issues, health, but you are not alone. We are committed to supporting you wherever we can: whether that means helping with travel arrangements, offering extra help in lessons, or giving you mentoring and welfare support. Please always talk to your tutor if you are struggling with anything that makes attendance difficult or simply email

Louise.Davy@attrust.org.uk

Bursary Funding Available

Money worries shouldn't stop you learning. If you need help with travel, meals, or equipment, you may be eligible for bursary support.

Ask your tutor today to find out more or email Sally.Strickland@attrust.org.uk

EMCCA Youth Committee: Get Involved & Be Heard

The East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) Youth Committee is a great opportunity for those aged roughly 15–18 (or up to 25 if you have special educational needs or disabilities) who live in the East Midlands region. You can:

- Make your voice heard on issues that affect young people across our region
- Influence policy and regional decision-making that impact education, employment, transport, and youth opportunities
- Work with leaders, other young people, and stakeholders to shape change locally and regionally

Ask your tutor for details or email Louise.Davy@attrust.org.uk

Positive Behaviours Matter

At ATTFE we value respect, teamwork, and resilience. These are key not only in college but in the workplace too. Let's work together to build a positive and supportive environment.

Maths & English – We Believe in You

Even if you didn't get the grades you hoped for in English or Maths at school, this is not the end of your journey. Here at college, we are here to help you progress, to break down barriers, and to support you in improving in these subjects. Success in English and Maths is often essential for many job opportunities and further training, so keep working at it, attend the lessons, seek support when you're stuck, and believe in your ability to improve.

We also expect all learners to behave positively, respectfully, and responsibly in and out of class. These behaviours matter because they, too, are what employers value highly: communication, teamwork, and resilience.

Good Luck!

Good luck to everyone working on coursework, assessments, and especially Maths and English this term. Remember, success comes from effort, attendance, and asking for help when you need it.

Need help or advice? Email me at Louise.Davy@attrust.org.uk

Learner Spotlight

Alex at Space Inclusive

We would like to put the spotlight on **Alex**, a truly remarkable learner who embodies the saying: *"Where there is a will, there is a way."*

Despite being physically unable to write due to his disabilities, Alex demonstrates unwavering determination and exceptional ability to a standard above the level he is currently working at. With the support of a full-time scribe, every piece of written work is entirely his own: his words, his ideas, his understanding. His work is consistently of a high standard, and his enthusiasm for learning is inspiring.

Alex is the first to volunteer, whether it's reading aloud, contributing to discussions, or getting involved in activities. His tutor, Danielle, first noticed his remarkable attitude when she asked the class to read from the screen while others hesitated, Alex stepped forward immediately confidently, reading clearly and with great impact. It was a moment that genuinely took Danielle's breath away.

He often takes on a leadership role in class, and he is like Danielle's own teaching assistant, supporting his peers with kindness and respect, and even helping to organise the group when needed. Alex is excited about every course he takes, regularly requesting additional resources and extension activities, such as budgeting tasks, to challenge himself further. He also has a sharp eye for detail, frequently identifying spelling errors.

Alex's positive attitude, active participation, and determination make him an outstanding example of what can be achieved when you approach learning with resilience and passion. He is a credit to our Thursday session at Space Inclusive, and we could not be prouder of his progress and the inspiration he provides to others.

Bulletin Board

Fun Together October Half-Term for children aged 7 years or older

ATTFE College's Fun Together programme has plenty of exciting activities lined up for October half-term! Explore all the activities that you can sign up to on the flyers below.

We have pumpkin carving, Halloween crafts, potion making, and many more!

Feel free to share them to your friends and family. To sign up to a session, please email college.info@attrust.org.uk or call [01623 441310](tel:01623441310).

Download PDF




Fun Together October Half-Term Activities

Pumpkin Carving & Halloween Crafts

Course code: 25TL066

Date & Time: Monday, 20th October 2025
10am - 1pm

Venue: ATTFE in the Community Venue
9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield
NG17 1DH

SEND Pumpkin Carving & Halloween Crafts

Course code: 25TL067

Date & Time: Monday, 20th October 2025
2pm - 5pm

Venue: ATTFE in the Community Venue
9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield
NG17 1DH

Pumpkin Carving & Halloween Crafts

Course code: 25TL068

Date & Time: Thursday, 20th October 2025
10am - 1pm

Venue: ATTFE in the Community Venue
9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield
NG17 1DH

Harry Potter Workshop

Harry Potter-themed storytime, crafts, potion-making activities.

Course code: 25TL069

Date & Time: Saturday, 25th October 2025
10am - 2pm

Venue: ATTFE in the Community Venue
9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield
NG17 1DH

All activities suitable for families with children aged 7+ years, but younger siblings welcome to attend. All children must attend with a responsible adult aged 19+ years and be supervised throughout. Spaces will be limited and must be booked in advance.

To book, please email college.info@attrust.org.uk or call **01623 441310**.

*Free depending on eligibility. Please contact us to enquire further.

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Fun Together October Half-Term Activities

Little Witches Workshop

Storytime, crafts, and potion-making activities inspired by *Julia Donaldsons Room on the Broom*.

Course code: 25TL070

Date & Time: Friday, 31st October 2025
1pm - 3pm

Venue: ATTFE in the Community Venue
9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield
NG17 1DH

Halloween Treat Making & Crafts

Make and decorate Halloween-themed sweet treats and festive decorations to take home!

Date & Time:

#1 Monday, 20th October 2025 10am - 2pm Course code: 25TL045	#4 Wednesday, 29th October 2025 10am - 2pm Course code: 25TL049
#2 Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 10am - 2pm Course code: 25TL046	#5 Wednesday, 29th October 2025 5pm - 8pm Course code: 25TL050
#3 Monday, 27th October 2025 10am - 2pm Course code: 25TL048	Venue: ATTIC Kitchen, Sutton Community Academy Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 1BW

Cupcake and Biscuit Decorating

A fun-filled session where you will decorate your own cupcake and biscuits!

Course code: 25TL047

Date & Time: Saturday, 25th October 2025
9.30am - 11.30am

Venue: ATTIC Kitchen,
Sutton Community Academy
Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 1BW

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Donation Appeal for Women's Homeless Week

Let's
DONATE
FOR WOMEN'S HOMELESS WEEK
22ND - 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025

**Help us make a difference for women facing homelessness
in Sutton-in-Ashfield!**

ATTFE College is proud to be working with **Ashfield District Council** and **Churches Together in England** to provide care bags (waterproof bags filled with essential items) for women in Sutton-in-Ashfield taking part in the census survey.

These bags are both a practical gift and a way to say thank you, while supporting efforts to tackle women's homelessness.

BUT WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

By donating the items listed below, you'll be helping us fill these bags with kindness and care, offering comfort and dignity to women who need it most. Together, we can make a real difference.

THINGS TO DONATE

- personal alarms
- sanitary products
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- shower gel
- body / facial wipes
- hairbrush
- food vouchers
- underwear
- waterproof backpacks



For more information, please email
Linda.Smith@attrust.org.uk

#InThisTogether

Harvest Festival Service
with ATTFE College and Support to Shine CIC

COME AND JOIN OUR
**HARVEST FESTIVAL
SERVICE**

ATTFE College and **Support to Shine CIC** are delighted to host a Harvest Festival Service, held by Revd Peter Taylor, at the ATTFE Community Hub in Idlewells Shopping Centre.

TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER 2025
10AM - 12PM

As part of the celebration, we'll also be **collecting donations** for the local food bank, Let's All Eat CIC.

We'd love for you to join us as we come together to give thanks, celebrate the season, and support our community!



For further information, please email Linda.Smith@attrust.org.uk

Children's Book Donations

We're still collecting donations for this until further notice. Please contact TFE-Partnerships@attrust.org.uk if you have any questions.

Let's help us inspire families to develop a lifelong love of reading!

Celebrate **National Literacy Day** with us and

DONATE YOUR CHILDREN'S BOOKS!

Help us inspire families to develop a lifelong love of reading, while encouraging and supporting parents to share the joy of books with their children.

To donate, simply:

- Drop off your books during our coffee morning sessions at the ATTFE College Community Hub in the Idlewells Shopping Centre on Tuesday (10am -12pm) or Friday (11am - 1pm), **OR**
- Email TFE-Partnerships@attrust.org.uk to arrange a pick-up.



For more information, please email TFE-Partnerships@attrust.org.uk



Let's All Eat Food Pantry

Let's All Eat food pantries are open to everyone—no referrals or eligibility checks needed!

Our weekly food pantries provide low-cost food for families whilst reducing food waste. We currently have three welcoming locations in Sutton-in-Ashfield, Huthwaite, and Ollerton.

All you need is a £1 lifetime membership and £3.50 per visit to receive a food box filled with approximately £12–£15 worth of food. It's a simple, affordable way to reduce food waste and support your household.

Huthwaite Methodist Church

- Every Wednesday, 1.30pm – 3pm
- Location: Sherwood Street, Huthwaite, Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 2LX
- Contact information: [07867451424](tel:07867451424)

St. John's Methodist Church

- Every Monday, 1pm – 2.30pm

- Location: Titchfield Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 1EU
- Contact information: [07867451424](tel:07867451424)

Lifespring Centre and Oasis Cafe

- Every Thursday, 1pm – 2.30pm
- Location: Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton, Newark, NG22 9PP
- Contact information: [07867451424](tel:07867451424)

On a Tuesday evening 4–7pm we offer good quality high value food at the Lifespring Church through the 'Stay and Eat Social Hub'

Visit the Let's All Eat Website



LET'S ALL EAT FOOD PANTRY
SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD

Let's help reduce food waste!
We use surplus food from supermarkets to supporting the reduction of food waste and ensuring food sustainability. Through our food pantries, people are able to access affordable healthy food which reduces landfill whilst enabling money to stretch further.

Every Monday from 1pm until 2:30pm
St John's Methodist Church,
Titchfield Avenue,
Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 1EU

£1 lifetime membership fee
£3.50 each week for your food box
Each food box contains an equivalent of £12 - £15 worth of food.

No referrals needed, no qualifications required as everyone is welcome! Just come along and access the support you need in a welcoming space.

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LET'S ALL EAT FOOD PANTRY
HUTHWAITE

Let's help reduce food waste!
We use surplus food from supermarkets to supporting the reduction of food waste and ensuring food sustainability. Through our food pantries, people are able to access affordable healthy food which reduces landfill whilst enabling money to stretch further.

Every Wednesday from 1.30pm until 3pm
Huthwaite Methodist Church,
Sherwood Street,
Huthwaite, NG17 2LX

£1 lifetime membership fee
£3.50 each week for your food box
Each food box contains an equivalent of £12 - £15 worth of food.

No referrals needed, no qualifications required as everyone is welcome! Just come along and access the support you need in a welcoming space.

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LET'S ALL EAT FOOD PANTRY
OLLERTON

Let's help reduce food waste!
We use surplus food from supermarkets to supporting the reduction of food waste and ensuring food sustainability. Through our food pantries, people are able to access affordable healthy food which reduces landfill whilst enabling money to stretch further.

Every Thursday from 1pm until 2:30pm
Lifespring Centre & Oasis Cafe
Sherwood Drive
New Ollerton, NG22 9PP

£1 lifetime membership fee
£3.50 each week for your food box
Each food box contains an equivalent of £12 - £15 worth of food.

No referrals needed, no qualifications required as everyone is welcome! Just come along and access the support you need in a welcoming space.

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Big Conversation About Adult Social Care by Nottinghamshire County Council

Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) is developing a new plan for adult social care. To help them with this, they have commissioned an independent organisation Think Local Act Personal (TLAP) and the National Co-Production Advisory Group (NCAG) to run a survey and series of Big Conversation listening events across the county. These will be safe, welcoming spaces where people can share their thoughts, ideas, experiences and hopes for the future. NCC wants to engage more widely with different groups of people, especially those we don't hear from often.

Encourage the people you support to **complete a survey** (closing date end of September). There are two surveys, one for [people who draw on social care](#) and one for [family & carers](#). We also have an [Easy Read version](#) of the survey.

Click [here](#) to book onto and attend a Big Conversation listening event near where you live.

For any enquiries, please email nccbigconversation@nottsc.gov.uk.



We are having a
Big Conversation
about Adult Social Care
in Nottinghamshire

Come and join us for a cup of tea and let us
know what you think about Adult Social Care in

Ashfield

at The Summit Centre
24 September 2025
2pm to 4pm



To find out more and book a place
please scan the QR code or visit:



www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/bigconversation



We are having a
Big Conversation
about Adult Social Care
in Nottinghamshire

Come and join us for a cup of tea and let us
know what you think about Adult Social Care in

Mansfield

at Mansfield Library
4 September 2025
2pm-4pm



To find out more and book a place
please scan the QR code or visit:



www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/bigconversation



Ashfield Careers Fair 2025

by Ashfield District Council

Ashfield Careers Fair 2025

Wednesday 8 October

10AM – 2PM

• Kirkby Leisure Centre •

Hodgkinson Road, Kirkby in Ashfield
Nottinghamshire NG17 7DJ

Do you want to discuss **what next steps, pathways into work, and higher education opportunities** are available on your doorstep?

Ashfield District Council will be hosting a **FREE** Careers Fair with some guest exhibitors at the new Kirkby Leisure Centre on **Wednesday 8 October 2025!**

You will be able to discuss the current vacancies and pathways into employment, as well as find out more about courses on offer from local training and higher education providers that will help you develop your skills.



www.ashfield.gov.uk/ashfield-careers-fair-2025

Upcoming Courses

Here are a few of our **upcoming courses**! Please keep an eye on our social media pages for the latest updates and information. Alternatively, you can view all of our upcoming courses on our website:

Courses: September 2025 Onwards

Confidence Building

You'll explore the power of confidence, discover your unique skills and transferable abilities, and learn how to communicate more effectively and assertively. We'll also cover ways to look after your health and wellbeing. Whether you're preparing for new challenges, returning to work, or simply want to boost your self-belief, this course will equip you to thrive.

Course code: 25ASF102

Tuesdays, 9.30am – 2.30pm

Starting 4th November – 9th December 2025

Venue:
Community Corner, Market Street,
Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 1AQ

Available for learners aged 19+ years. *Please contact us for eligibility criteria. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

Website: www.attfe.org.uk

#InThisTogether

Knitting & Crochet

A friendly, sociable session held alongside the John Eastwood Hospice weekly coffee morning, open to all knitting levels and beginner crochet. Participants will first create Remembrance Poppies for community displays, then move on to Christmas decorations to raise funds for the hospice. Wool and materials are provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Course code: 25TL064

Thursdays, 10am – 11.30am

Starting 18th September – 11th December 2025

Venue:
John Eastwood Hospice,
Mansfield

Available for learners aged 19+ years. *Please contact us for eligibility criteria. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 622626 or email harriet.owen@johneastwoodhospice.org.uk

Website: www.attfe.org.uk

#InThisTogether

Supporting Positive Wellbeing for You and Your Family

A fun and informative course designed to support you and your family lead a healthier lifestyle by learning tips, knowledge and information in topics such as healthy eating, being more active and supporting positive mental health.

Course Code: 25ASF100

Wednesdays, 9.30am – 2.30pm

Starting 17th December 2025 – 22nd April 2026

Venue:
Brierley Forest Primary and Nursery School,
Westbourne View, Sutton in Ashfield

Available for learners aged 19+ years, but young children are welcome to attend. *Please contact us for eligibility criteria. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

Website: www.attfe.org.uk

#InThisTogether

Autumn-Themed Home Accessory Crafts

Join us for a fun, sociable, and interactive autumn-inspired weekly craft session! You'll be provided with all the resources you need to create your own autumnal wreaths and recycled book crafts – handmade home accessories that you can take home and display with pride.

Course code: 25TL030

Mondays, 9.30am – 2.30pm

Starting 22nd September – 13th October 2025

Venue:
Community Corner, Market Street,
Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 1AQ

Available for learners aged 19+ years. *Please contact us for eligibility criteria. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

Website: www.attfe.org.uk

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A More Confident Me Life Skills and Employability

This course will support learners to build their confidence with a focus on employability and craft skills making it fun and interactive, delivered in an inclusive environment. Ideal for individuals looking to build their confidence, meet others from their local community or those wanting to move into employment.

Course Code: 25ASF135

**Mondays & Thursdays
9.30am – 2.30pm**

Starting 22nd September – 20th November 2025

Venue:
ATTFE College Community Hub,
Idlewells Shopping Centre, Sutton-in-Ashfield

Available for learners aged 19+ years, but young children are welcome to attend. *Please contact us for eligibility criteria. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

Website: www.attfe.org.uk

#InThisTogether

Level 1 Diploma in Skills for Employability, Training and Personal Development

This course supports learners to improve their employability, build confidence and personal development whilst learning about a range of vocational sectors. Ideal for individuals looking to enter into employment.

Course Code: 24ASF068

**Tuesdays & Thursdays
9am – 3pm**

Starting 16th December 2025 – 16th July 2026

Venue:
Lifespring Church & Centre
at Warsop Town Hall
NG20 0AL

Available for learners aged 19+ years. *Please contact us for eligibility criteria. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

Website: www.attfe.org.uk

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We also offer **online courses**, which are a more flexible option. For a complete list of online courses that we have on offer, please click the button below:

Online Courses PDF

This Week's #WellbeingWednesday



"To wish to be well is a part of becoming well."

Seneca the Younger

#WellbeingWednesday



#InThisTogether

Online Wellbeing Resources

A friendly reminder that ATTFE College has a range of wellbeing resources available on our [Wellbeing Website Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#)! Whether you're interested in Tai Chi, Qi Gong, Yoga, or beginner's exercises, we've got you covered.

Don't hesitate to share these resources with your loved ones!

ATTFE Wellbeing

Dragonfly Skims Water



Tai Chi Kicking Exercise



Powers of Tai Chi Chuan



The Frolic of the Monkey



Chair Based Exercises



Five Loosening Exercises



Restoring Vitality



Tai Chi Stretching



ATTFE College

Sutton Community Academy

High Pavement, Sutton-in-Ashfield,
Nottinghamshire,
NG17 1BW

Dukeries Academy

Whinney Lane, New Ollerton, Newark,
NG22 9TD

Portland College

Nottingham Road, Mansfield, NG18 4TJ
[Portland Pathways] Outram Street,
Sutton-in-Ashfield

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