

## **Information for Care Experienced Young People.**

Trafford College Group is committed to ensuring that all our learners achieve their full potential. As part of our commitment the principles detailed below highlight our support offer for care experienced young people to help them achieve their potential.

### **Principles of the Care Experienced Covenant**

- Providing a dedicated Mentor who will support from pre- enrolment through to their completion/ progression.
- Ensuring care experienced young people have a priority status in decisions about access to services or support including counselling, careers, finances & mentoring.
- Making care experienced young people exempt from certain course costs and supporting them financially with additional costs for equipment, uniforms, kits, travel, College meals and College trips.
- Ensuring regular meetings are held with the neighbouring Local Authorities to ensure care experienced young people are monitored, any concerns identified and appropriate joint action/support is put in place.
- Working closely with Stockport College University Centre who provide a Leaving Care Transition Worker for the College and also UA92 to assist with the progression into HE.
- Providing care experienced young people with opportunities to enter the world of work, including through providing a certain number of work experience placements, internships, traineeships and apprenticeships and access to qualified Careers Advisors who can give relevant information, advice and guidance on future progression opportunities.
- Providing care experienced young people with additional support by ensuring that they are supported closely through the Pastoral Support Mentors whilst they are at college.
- Providing care experienced young people with opportunities for personal development including free enrolment onto and guaranteeing care leavers a place on the National Citizenship Programme and/or Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- Providing additional support to help meet the costs of living independently at a young age such as help with living costs through the hardship fund.
- Providing care experienced young people with opportunities to broaden their horizons/experience new things through the College enrichment programme including the free gym membership.
- Working with other agencies across the City through the Greater Manchester Care Leaver Committee to ensure that care experienced young people have their achievements celebrated at an annual event. Links with the GM Care Leaver Awards.