Family & Carer Forum

Welcome to National Star:
What to expect in your first year

National Star

Realising the aspirations of people with disabilities

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Claire Lowrie
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August and Sept ‘26



Family & Carer Forum

- Launched during the COVID pandemic to better inform parents about what was happening at National Star College
- Feedback has helped to shape our work and national policy
- Good opportunity to get to know staff, meet other parents and support each other
- Most importantly ensure you are better informed to support your young person.



Parent Governor- it could be you!

Current Vacancy

Families & Carers Zone

Website: 'Sharing Knowledge' tab then 'Families and Carers Zone'

Role in Governance of National Star

National Star 'Life After College' Parent and Carers Network – Private Facebook group

parentgovernor@nationalstar.org









Welcome from our Leadership Team



Welcome to National Star- Service Directors' responsibilities

Zoe Director of Services	Jojo Director of Learning Programmes & Principal	Meg Director of Services	Aubrey Director of Clinical Services
Registered Manager Ullenwood and Bradbury Gardens CQC Ullenwood College Accommodations Long term Living Cheltenham, Gloucester, Hereford and Malvern Family & Carer Forums	Nominee – Ofsted Learning Programmes and Curriculum Quality for Hereford, Heart of Worcester. National Star in Wales and Ullenwood Family & Carers Forum	Work Based Learning at Greensteps and Ullenwood Social Enterprise Recruitment, Assessment and Admissions, Transition Team Marketing and Communications NS Community Learning College Catering	Therapy services: Arts Therapies Emotional Wellbeing Service Occupational Therapy Physiotherapy Speech and Language Therapy Nursing provision

Ullenwood, College Residential Services

Head of Health care and support accommodation responsibility

Adam Pearce – Scott House, Bradbury House, and Lake House



Claire Townshend –Cotswold Star, Cotswold Sky and Ullenwood View



Hayley Allard – Cleeve, Manor Barn, Malvern, and Shortwood



Karen Sanderson – Bradbury Gardens- Sumner Wilson, Challen and Christie (LTL)



Learning Programmes



Head of Learning and Support – **Gill Cameron**
Work Based Learning e.g. Work Outcomes and Personal Development, Preparation for Work and Life, Skills for Work, Supported Internships (Nationwide)



Head of Learning and Support – **Dave Hansell**, NS Ullenwood
PDAC, PDPC, WOPD, Enrichment, Functional Skills



Head of Learning and Support – **Jo Waite**, NS Ullenwood
EWW, Personalised Learning, Transition Support team, Specialist Input, Learner Voice

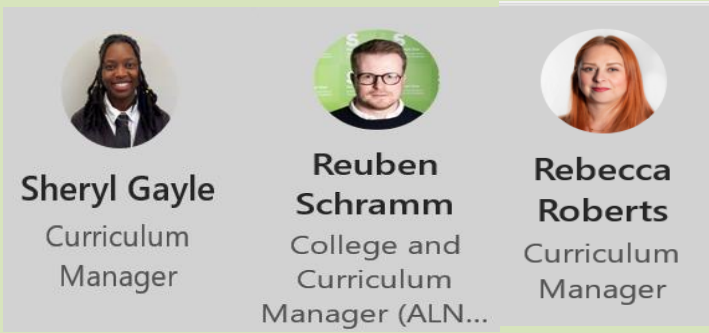
Day Colleges



Sasha Narey – Head of Learning and Support: Heart of Worcester, Hereford, National Star in Wales

Kirby Shepherd – Head of Deployment and Support for Day students at Ullenwood





Therapy Services

Head of Therapies – Claire Wilson



Physiotherapy Manager – Dan Freeth



Occupational Therapy Manager – Suzanne Pollard



Speech and Language Therapy Manager – Dannii Egan



Emotional Wellbeing Service Manager – Rachel Clarkson



Nursing Services – Clinical leads

Khirstie Bromhage – Ullenwood



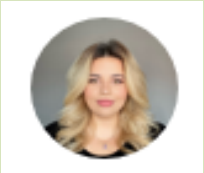
Zsuzsa Kis-lesko- Bradbury Gardens



Desiree Oderinu- LTL



Violeta Dragmir-Ullenwood



Students' Learner Journeys: National Star Pathways



Engaging with the World



Personal Development for Active Citizenship



Personal Development for Positive Contribution



Work Based Learning

Attendance:

Aspirational Expectations

Absence Requests

Local Authority requests for attendance records

Family and Carer Zone on National Star website

Student absence | National Star | Learn with us





Working Together

- Multi-disciplinary team approach is key to the positive outcomes students achieve at National Star
- Transition for is a crucial part of our programme at National Star and begins at the assessment process
- 23rd October – Transition Event at National Star, Ullenwood
- Tuesday November 17th F&C Forum: Transition

Autumn term

- Welcome to College Week 7th – 11th
- Baseline period observing students and establishing starting points against EHCPs / IDPs
- Timetables: Personalised Curriculum
- Baseline Meeting with NS
- Regular recording against outcomes
- Termly progress judgements made against EHCP /IDP and Preparation for Adulthood curriculum



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Socialising, making friends and discovering college







- Student activities
- Student Reps / Student Union
- External links to wider community enables contributions to society
- Developing independence

Welcome to National Star: Key events across the year

Autumn	Spring	Summer	Family &Carer Future Dates and Themes
Welcome to College Events Transition Event October 23rd Fireworks events November 5th Christmas Festivities	Healthy Living Focus Transition Meeting Reverse Jobs Fair Progress and EHCP/IDP Reviews*	Student Union elections Outdoor Learning Week Sports Day/ Swimming Gala Leavers' Ceremonies	October 14th Healthy Relationships December: Coffee and Mince pies (face to face) January 12th Mental Capacity Act April & May Wills / Power of Attorney

Keeping in touch

- Attend future Family & Carer Forums
- Follow our social media channels
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - Instagram
  - LinkedIn
  - YouTube



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Feedback on National Star



Compliments & Complaints

If you wish to let us know of a great experience you can message us: compliments@nationalstar.org

We welcome compliments about all aspects of our services but understand that from time-to-time people may have a concern to raise. This can be done by contacting us using the form below, in writing, or by telephone.

www.nationalstar.org/contact-us/complaints-procedure



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