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Growth
Company

THIS IS YOUR FUTURE

GC Training Centres

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COURSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

If you are aged 16 - 18 we understand taking the first steps after school can be challenging. That's why we have unique programmes and support teams in our centres based in local communities, near to where you live.

Our tailored programmes are delivered across ten centres in Greater Manchester and St Helens. They are designed around your needs and when you join us, your programme will likely include:

- A nationally recognised qualification
- English and maths skills and qualifications
- Work experience
- Employability skills
- Enrichment activities
- A tailored individual learning plan to suit your needs

Guidance and Support

- Smaller class sizes
- One-to-one support from a designated key worker
- Additional learning support
- Bursary of up to £50 per week (subject to certain eligibility criteria)
- Breakfast club for all learners
- Free hot drinks and kitchen facilities for use throughout the day
- Experienced staff who understand and can support additional learning needs
- You can talk to us at any time about whatever might be troubling you

We're here to give you the best experience we can, supporting both your education and any areas of personal development you might need.





LONGSIGHT



ROCHDALE



SALFORD



ST HELENS



STOCKPORT



TAMESIDE



WIGAN



LONGSIGHT

Training Centre

“Since joining The Growth Company, I have grown in confidence. It’s a friendly environment - no one is judged, you can be yourself and have close friendships. I also feel able to talk to the staff when needing advice or help.”

AJ

**NEWLY
REFURBISHED
HAIR SALON**

**SUPPORTIVE AND
EXPERIENCED
TUTORS**

**POSITIVE
PROGRESSION
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LONGSIGHT
TRAINING CENTRE

OUR OFFER

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Working in the Health, Adult and Childcare Sector - Level 1 and Level 2	This qualification will support you on your first experience of working within the health, adult care and childcare sectors.
Customer Service - Level 2	If you are great with people, then customer service could be the career pathway for you. Customer service positions are available in a wide range of sectors.
CONTACT DETAILS	Longsight Training Centre, 1 Stanley Grove, Longsight, Manchester, M12 4AA T. 0161 225 4241 E. longsight@gceducationandskills.ac.uk

**MULTI-SKILLED
CONSTRUCTION
WORKSHOP
ON-SITE**

**WORK
EXPERIENCE**

BREAKFAST CLUB

ROCHDALE

Training Centre

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Connor

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CONTACT DETAILS	Rochdale Training Centre, Unit 1, Chichester Street, Heritage Park, Rochdale, Manchester, OL16 2AU T. 01706 717860 E. rochdale@gceducationandskills.ac.uk



**WORK
EXPERIENCE**

**FRIENDLY &
APPROACHABLE
STAFF**

**POSITIVE
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OPPORTUNITIES**

SALFORD

Training Centre

“I have had such an amazing experience - all of the teachers are incredible and I have made so many friends, I couldn’t have asked for a better time. The placement consultant has been really helpful with my next steps.”

Ticona

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CONTACT DETAILS	Salford Training Centre, Units 11 & 12, Leslie Hough Way, Fredrick Road, Salford, M6 6AJ T. 0161 674 9664 E. salford@gceducationandskills.ac.uk

ST HELENS

Training Centre

“When I first came to the Growth Company, I was really shy and struggled with my Maths and English. The key worker helped me believe in myself and we did enrichment activities to build my confidence. When I left the programme, she helped me do a CV and a mock interview. I feel so much better about myself now.”

Scott

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Employability Skills - Entry 3 to Level 2	This course is aimed at anyone who wants to progress in education or employment. It covers a range of skills including personal finance, effective communication and applying for a job.
CONTACT DETAILS	St Helens Training Centre, YMCA Building, Duke Street, St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 2TJ T. 01744 750467 E. sthelens@gceducationandskills.ac.uk

STOCKPORT

Training Centre

“I have gained a lot from this programme, I’ve learnt all about retail, which will help me progress in the future. The staff are very helpful and kind. I feel comfortable in the centre because everyone’s nice to talk to, all the learners are kind and I’ve learnt a lot.”

Chardonnay

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Essential Digital Skills - Entry 3 to Level 2	This qualification aims to allow learners to demonstrate their understanding and competency in the essential digital skills they need for life and work. It will enable learners to engage with digital services and products in everyday life and work.
CONTACT DETAILS	Stockport Training Centre, 3rd Floor Graylaw House, Chestergate, Stockport, SK1 1LZ T. 0161 476 7400 E. stockport@gceducationandskills.ac.uk



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**PROGRAMMES
TAILORED TO THE
INDIVIDUAL**

TAMESIDE

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“This is the first college that I have been to that meets my needs. I love it here, the staff are so supportive. I’m going onto college and then to university to become a midwife.”

Louise

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Public Services - Level 1	The course covers a range of topics that are important within public services including crime and the impact on communities, skills and behaviour whilst in employment, sports, fitness and recreational activities and responding to incidents.
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CONTACT DETAILS	Tameside Training Centre, Unit 7a, Richmond Street, Kayley Industrial Estate, Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL7 0AU T. 0161 359 3017 E. tameside@gceducationandskills.ac.uk

WIGAN

Training Centre

“I loved coming to Wigan training centre as they helped me gain the career I wanted and made my dream career possible by pushing and coaching me!”

Elle

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CONTACT DETAILS	Wigan Training Centre, Unit B Sovereign Business Park, Kingscroft Court, Wigan, WN1 3AP T. 01942 527775 E. wigan@gceducationandskills.ac.uk

SUPPORTING YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

If you have specific learning requirements such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, autism, dyspraxia - or anything else - then getting advice and help from us is easy. After all, nothing should hold you back from achieving your dreams.

Learner Support

We have a dedicated Learning Support team that supports our learners, enabling them to achieve their goals.

As part of our comprehensive support for learners that require additional learning support, we can offer:

- Assistive technology
- Exam concessions
- Signposting to other areas of support or agencies if needed
- Individual education plans to support their learning style
- Reasonable adjustments
- Access Arrangements in exams, for example, arranging extra time or a reader
- A learning mentor who will provide additional support in lessons and 1-2-1 meetings

We are there for you

We understand that life can be complicated, and that you might be experiencing a range of worries and challenges in your personal life. Perhaps you're in foster care, or are a carer for a family member? Are you struggling with your mental health, or concerned about becoming homeless? Whatever's on your mind, just let us know and we will be able to help.

* £10 admin charge

Our Pass

Aged 16-18? Our Pass is a new, free bus pass* that gives you the freedom to travel around Greater Manchester. Whether you're off to your apprenticeship or meeting up with friends, the pass will help you to save money on travel expenses. You can get yours at ourpass.co.uk, but if you need help with placing your order, just let us know.



**“ALL I HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT IS TURNING UP AND
DOING A GOOD JOB!”**

EXPERIENCE MORE WITH AN APPRENTICESHIP



JOIN OUR SUMMER PROGRAMMES

Bursary available - up to £50 per week!

*Please contact
your local Training
Centre to secure
a place!*

Our unique Summer Programmes are available at all our Training Centres and are for anyone aged 16 - 18 who is looking for a way to keep busy over summer whilst developing skills to help them kickstart their futures.

Attendees will be given the opportunity to develop their employability skills whilst joining in activities to build their confidence, team building and digital skills.

If attendees do not already hold a Digital Skills qualification, then we will support them in achieving this during the programme.

Practical sessions include:

- Arts and Crafts
- Construction Taster Days
- Hairdressing and Barbering Taster Days
- Well-being Support
- Day Trips
- Outdoor Activities

Please note that practical sessions vary between centres.





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All information correct at time of print. However, the Growth Company reserves the right to change or amend programmes as necessary. If you require this prospectus in an additional format, please contact us.

