



**NORSACA**  
quality of life for people with autism

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## **Planning for the Future Event**

Students with autism from Whitegates College in Worksop had the opportunity yesterday (12 October) to find out more about the options open to them after finishing their studies.

The college, run by autism charity NORSACA, organised a Transition Information Day to ensure that students and their families were aware of the support and assistance available to them. Organisations taking part in the event included Connexions, West Notts College, North Notts College and other NORSACA departments.

Over 50 people attended the event, with many families stating how useful it was. Alan and Lorraine Fisher said: "It's been a great help and very informative and friendly."

Marie Fitzpatrick and Gabrielle Swift, Advanced Practitioners at the college said "this event is very important to all of our students. People with autism like having a regular routine to their lives. Today enabled everyone to plan what will happen after college, helping the students to look at all the options available to them."

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**Note to Editors:**

NORSACA (Nottingham Regional Society for Adults and Children with Autism) is a registered charity (No. 517954) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 2053860). The Society was started on the initiative of a group of parents in 1968 and today is still led by the parents and friends of people with autism.

Each year NORSACA delivers services to over 500 people with autism, or affected by autism. The people who benefit from NORSACA's work principally come from the East Midlands and South Yorkshire.

Autism is a complex, life-long disability which affects the development of communication, social and life skills.

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