



The SWAT programme is run by Betaris Training for Gloucestershire College



## What is SWAT?

SWAT stands for Serious about Work and Training. The SWAT is a full time learning programme for learners who have had barriers to learning. It supports them holistically, by developing a transferable skill set for the future with Maths and English as the Core Learning Aim. This course has been designed for those who enjoy a “non-traditional” style of learning. We plan to do things differently.

## Who is the course for?

Anyone aged 16-18 who is undecided about their future, unsure of what pathway to take. Whether it's an Apprenticeship route or further education, and for someone who needs additional support to decide on their next step.

## What will I get from this course?

- ✓ A place to belong and a starting point
- ✓ Safe, fun education environment with a difference
- ✓ Essential qualifications
- ✓ Personalised learning to suit your needs
- ✓ Time to reflect upon previous decisions
- ✓ Time to focus on what's right for you

## What is involved?

The SWAT programme is delivered over three and a half days per week for a whole academic year.

### Timings:

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00am – 4:00pm each day

Thursday: 9:00am – 12:30pm

### Location:

The Door, 45 High Street, Stroud, GL5 1AN

“Normally I find learning very boring, but all of you have found a way for me to enjoy learning again, so I thank you for that.”

“Lots of fun, would recommend SWAT to others”

“I enjoy the unique social situation”

“Ever since I have started this course, I have loved it, and I have been supported the entire time”.

## What topics will be covered?

Maths and English Functional Skills will be taught to make sure you are at a good level for future career choices, along with a mix of the following options:

- ✓ Self-assessment
- ✓ Making informed career and progression choices
- ✓ Preparation for an interview
- ✓ Planning for and reflecting on a job interview
- ✓ Searching for a job/course/apprenticeship
- ✓ Effective teamwork
- ✓ Working as a volunteer
- ✓ Personal fitness and wellbeing
- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ Cycling
- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Wall Climbing
- ✓ Volunteering for local charities

## How is the qualification assessed?

You will be assessed through a range of methods, including fun practical assessments, outdoor activities, multiple-choice exams and the completion of a portfolio. All tests and assessments are carried out over the duration of the SWAT programme.

## What happens next?

Once you have been referred onto the SWAT programme, you will be given your joining instructions. We recommend you bring lunch and drinks with you each day however we are close to town so there are opportunities for you to buy lunch and snacks.

## Is there a bus route to The Door?

The Door can be found at the 'top' of Stroud High Street and is a short 5 minute walk through the town, from both Stroud Train and Bus Stations.

## What is the dress code during the course?

The dress code for the course is casual and non-restrictive clothing, such as tracksuit and trainers.

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Business Support on 07425 668980 or



Vanessa Pollok (Course Director) on 07411 553975 or



SWAT Trainer -SWAT phone on 07342 212205

*We look forward to hearing from you*

Dear Past, Thank you for all the lessons,  
Dear Future, I am now ready.