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The right residential accommodation can empower and transform the lives of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged young people.

Residential courses can enable students to transform their lives by encouraging self development, providing 'home' based life skills training, empowering student choice and offering the opportunity to control their environment and live in a supported community.

This can lead directly to increased self confidence and social awareness, the ability to care or direct care for themselves and ambitions for independence.

### A life Transformed: Linh's story



*"My name is Linh. I'm 21 years old and in my third and final year at National Star College studying Learning for Living and Work.*

*I have cerebral palsy and use an electric wheelchair and a communication device.*

*At the start of my third year at College I moved into Cleeve which has been really good. In my room I can control my door, window, curtains, light, TV and my stereo using an infra-red remote control that I operate using a head switch on my wheelchair.*

*I was not able to do any of this for myself before I came to College.*

*All of this has made me more independent and a much happier person. Before I came to National Star College I had a manual wheelchair but I am now able to drive my own wheelchair using my head switch for the first time ever."*

**National Star College Student**

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## Why change is needed to give our students the quality of life they deserve

The College has up to 148 residential students but much of the existing accommodation is outdated with inappropriate facilities that cannot provide the space and technological adaptations so many severely disabled students require. One 30 year old 40 bed residence severely limits students opportunities to develop and holds back progress to independence. 32 students have shared rooms and groups of five students share bathroom facilities, taking away privacy and dignity. There is a severe lack of adapted kitchen and laundry rooms or communal areas to provide 'home' based life skills training and socialisation.

## Transforming facilities

Star Appeal will fund 38 specialist en-suite single study bedrooms some with enabling technology (infra-red environmental controls that open windows, doors and curtains and turn on lights and TV) and overhead tracking lifting systems where appropriate. Accessible communal lounge and dining areas and accessible laundry and specially adapted kitchens will enhance progress to independence with students living in groups of four, six and individually.

## Expected Benefits

- Small integrated student communities that facilitate social skills development through communication and negotiation of life together
- Student control over their own environment
- Life skills training and practice in the 'home' environment
- Privacy and dignity of personal care and independence training
- Student development of daily living skills and decision making.
- Increased student mobility and independence

## The difference your support can make

With your help we will be able to transform the lives of some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged young people and adults from across the country through our specialised residential courses and life skills training for independence.

10 bed residential block	£1,330,00
Single student bedroom with communal facilities	£124,000
Communal kitchen for 10 bed residential block	£60,000
Communal Laundry for 10 bed residential block	£25,000
Electrical Assisted Bath	£9,000
Life changing enabling technology (doors, windows etc)	£5,000
Ensuite to bedroom	£19,000
10x Safety Mirrors	£1,500
Bed	£1,000

