



# Post 18/19 Provision



St John's College is part of the specialist provision of New City College for learners with a wide range of needs including moderate to severe learning difficulties, autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and those with associated speech, language and communication difficulties, aged 19-25 year and who also have a Learning Difficulty.

Since September 2015, in partnership with New City College, we have provided a 19-25 provision for those students who are not quite ready for mainstream college and we aim to bridge this gap by meeting their individual needs.

The provision operates as an annexe of New City College, but is sited here at St John's RC Special School in Turpins Lane, Chigwell, IG8 8AX. in a purpose-built annexe.

The aim of St John's College is to enable its learners to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to make a successful transition to adulthood and to live, work and contribute as fully as possible as part of their community. To achieve this, we aim to provide our learners with a specialist curriculum that meets their needs and interests.

The provision we offer to our learners has a clear focus on improving their life chances with a strong emphasis on preparing for independence and work, and acquiring the functional skills needed to make a successful contribution

to the world. We measure outcomes toward this goal in the Preparation for Adulthood areas:

- Employment/Education
- Independent living
- Good health and wellbeing
- Friends, Relationships, and Community inclusion.



#### Qualifications offered

The curriculum will be delivered by highly skilled and experienced staff, including therapeutic and teaching staff, and is designed to develop the skills, attitudes and confidence that will support progression to their chosen destination. The curriculum will follow Foundation Learning with an emphasis on the continued acquisition and development of functional skills in Literacy and Numeracy, as well as opportunities to develop personal and social skills, and skills for the world of work, at whatever level is appropriate.

As is the case with all FE provision, the college will offer places depending on individual educational needs, to ensure an individualised programme of study. Attendance is usually 3 to 4 days, spread over 36 weeks and dependent upon funding. The length of the college days are:

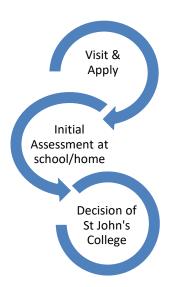
9am - 3:30 Monday to Thursday

9am - 2:30 Friday. Admissions: We encourage



parents/carers/potential learners to visit the College prior to stating a preference on their EHC Plan.

We also ask that a professional's reference form is completed once you have applied to the College, and any additional supporting paperwork such as an Education, Health and Care Plan is also required.



Potential students are given the opportunity to be assessed by our multi-disciplinary team to create a personalised study programme which provides them with the support they need to learn and achieve.

The goal of St John's College is to support its students to obtain the skills they need to live the life they want and the assessment process and programme is designed to reflect the aspirations of each learner.

#### **Initial assessment**

The initial assessment will involve a visit to the College and/or the learner's current placement as well as reports from the learner's current school or college, and information from parents and other professionals. If the college can meet the learner's needs, a provisional programme outline will be produced and this can be used to support an application for funding.

#### **Funding**

The final decision about placements is made by the learner's home Local Authority, based on the preference expressed by the family and our assessment. Under the Children and Families Act 2014 a parent or learner can name a preferred college in an Education, Health and Care Plan. Our learners are enrolled students at New City College.

### Individual programmes

During the first term, learners will have an opportunity to sample a range of curriculum areas to decide which their

preferences are. During the first few weeks of the programme an even more comprehensive assessment is undertaken and used to develop a highly personalised study programme with a focus on outcomes and objectives for each of the Preparation for Adulthood areas.

The college placement is anticipated to be a minimum of 1 year and maximum of 3 years, again dependent on learner progress. New City College are responsible for all quality assurance procedures. St John's will utilise the college expertise with regards to employability skills, and job coaching, travel training, as well as perhaps using their more specialised facilities including their construction and motor vehicle maintenance facilities.

The day to day management of St John's College will rest with the Head of St John's College and the Curriculum Manager of St John's College, as would issues to do with deployment of staff, personnel issues, timetable, curriculum etc., and all matters pertaining to health and safety and safeguarding.

## St John's College link to the School

As a school, we are proud to be part of the mission of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and we are charged with caring for and educating those most vulnerable individuals, within a community of love and learning. This mission will continue into the Post 18/19 provision, where we welcome applicants from all faiths and none. St John's School provision aims to be an outward looking institution and to have an active role within the Diocese of Brentwood.

This is a very brief outline of our intended plans but you are very welcome to call the College office on 0208 504 1818 to find out more or to arrange to visit. You may also like to visit our website <a href="https://www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk">www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk</a> to find out more about life in St John's or email college@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk.



# Photos of St. John's College

# Reception to St. John's College



St John's College ICT Suite



St John's College Garden





One of St. John's College Classrooms



St John's College Garden



St. John's College Kitchen