

Ashley 6th Form

Ashley 6th Form provides specialist education for students aged 16 – 18 years with Autism and Social Communication Difficulties. We recognise that our students have ambitions to live and work as self-reliant adults and we help them reach their goals with continued support, structure and guidance. It is our aim to prepare our young people for a rich and fulfilling life by –

- Providing a variety of new experiences to build confidence and self efficacy
- Building on essential life skills
- Developing key employability skills
- Delivering qualifications required for further learning and employment.

Students will attend college 3 days per week and follow one of our two pathways

- Pathway 1 – Ashley 6th Form Post 16 Bridging Course (1 Year) **or**
- Pathway 2 – Ashley 6th Form Preparation for Learning, Life and Employment (2 Years)

Once an application has been made to 6th Form it will be reviewed carefully and we will advise on the most appropriate pathway. All students will have the support of a career guidance coach who will work closely with our young people and their families to help them make important decisions about their next steps.

Pathway 1 - Post 16 Bridging Course (1 Year)

Success at Post 16 looks different for every learner. This one year programme aims to support students to bridge the gap between Year 11 and Post 16 Education. It is ideal for learners who may have achieved academic qualifications but need further support to explore career aspirations and develop their confidence and independence needed to take the next steps.

Pathway 2 - Preparation for Learning, Life and Employment (2 Years)

The Preparation for Learning, Life and Employment course aims to provide students with the opportunity to build confidence and independence as well as improving English, Maths, ICT, Employability and Vocational skills. The course is delivered over two years.



Support

We provide ourselves on creating a supportive and friendly atmosphere. Strong relationships which exist between staff and students create a community where each person is valued and can flourish.

Transferable Skills

Transferable skills are skills that are needed for success in a range of activities in education and training, work and life in general. Students will develop skills in teamwork, problem solving, communication, leadership, self management, personal development, ICT, organisation, time management and decision making.

6th Form Curriculum

English, Maths & ICT

Students will study a core curriculum of English, Maths and ICT through Entry and Functional Skills qualifications. There is no requirement for students to continue with English or Maths qualifications once they have achieved a Functional Skills L2 or equivalent.

Vocational Studies

Our Entry 3/Level 1 Vocational Studies programme will give students the opportunity to explore various employment sectors including

- Hospitality & Catering
- Gardening
- Animal Care
- Hair & Beauty
- Motor Mechanics
- Construction
- Volunteering



Employability

Our Entry 3/Level 1 Employability programme will cover

- Exploring Interpersonal Skills
- Preparation for Work
- Customer Service
- Health, Safety and First Aid
- Working in an Office Environment
- Making and Receiving Phone Calls
- Career Progression Planning
- Being Organised
- Working as Part of a Team

Preparing for Adulthood

Employment

- Career Exploration
- Work Experience
- Customer Service
- CV Building
- Mock Interviews
- Work Place visits
- Vocational Tasters



Good Health

- Drug & Alcohol Education
- Sex and Relationship Education
- Personal Hygiene
- Physical Health
- Mental Health
- Health Care



Independent Living

- Travel Training
- Healthy Living
- Staying Safe
- Personal Finance
- Life Skills
- Cooking
- Cleaning
- Washing & Ironing
- Decision Making



Friendships, Relationships & Community

- Beliefs and Values
- Healthy Relationships
- Accessing community provision
- Responsibilities
- Safe use of Internet/Social Media
- Tolerance/Diversity
- Extremism/Radicalisation
- Criminal justice system