

For young people that need something different

Paringdon Education and Training has been established with the primary focus of making a sustained difference to the life chances and social, emotional, and physical well-being of disaffected young people. We enable young people to develop self-awareness, grow in confidence and take on responsibility to re-engage with education and training.

We can help young people who...

- are struggling to cope with the constraints of mainstream education and training.
- need to develop functional and employability skills.
- have learning difficulties or disabilities.
- require a personalised curriculum programme.
- need qualifications and training to access sustainable employment.
- lack social skills, emotional literacy, and self-esteem.
- may be vulnerable or socially disadvantaged.
- are from families who experience barriers to education and employment.

Curriculum & Accreditation

Through working in partnership with multiple schools, academies, and organisations we look to create a tailor-made curriculum to enable individual students to reach their targets and aspirations. Through our Asdan curriculum we use a three-stage approach so that we can reward achievement as we progress. All students would undertake and achieve through the following pathway.



Student placements can vary and not all students access our provision for the same reasons. PET can be utilised as an intervention where students access a mixed school/PET timetable for a short time to aid a positive re-engagement in their school setting. PET can also provide the same curriculum across a longer fixed term period, where deemed necessary. We also provide provision for students that are part of full time ALP provision and access PET as part of this. This pathway enables us to develop the students using a staggered approach where we can set achievable targets.

Our emphasis is on rewarding and promoting the process of learning and achieving whilst also rewarding all the soft skills that back up qualifications and achievement. Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards are our main pathway through PET; however, we have access to the full range of short courses and programmes that ASDAN have to offer, many of which feed into the same pathway as above.

As well as our ASDAN pathway we facilitate and support functional skills for the students that access PET. We work closely with their schools to ensure the students are working at the correct levels with the resources best suited to their needs. We have access to Skills Forward, which is an online functional skills package which allows us to complete initial and diagnostic assessments and helps us to create an individual, tailored ISP which the student works through independently with support given. Exams and accreditation must be completed by their schools.

We are based at Paringdon Sports Club and have full access to the sports facilities as well as our classroom academic settings. Outside of Paringdon we work in close partnership with Timberlands Fishery, Harlow Outdoors, Ridsden Wood Youth FC and other outside organisations that allow us to diversify the student curriculum and opportunities.

Our Mission Statement:

Our belief is that young people must be encouraged and inspired to grow in confidence, self-esteem, and independence. In doing so they will be better equipped to create opportunities which can transform hopes and aspirations into real life experiences.

All the Curriculum, Accreditation and opportunities mentioned create an experience that has underpinned this ethos, helping our students to develop into well rounded members of society with the skills to contribute and make a difference.