



**Eagle House**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre**  
**Prospectus**



# Welcome to our new 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre

## Our Learners' Pathways to Success

Education at Eagle House School (Sutton) has a strong focus on building skills in readiness for each learner's future and life beyond school. Our co-educational specialist provision for 16 to 19 year old learners supports young people who have a primary diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder. The majority of our learners move into the 6th Form from our school but we also welcome new learners who wish to join at 6th Form.

Eagle House Group has been working with children and young people with an autism spectrum disorder and associated difficulties for over 12 years. We have extensive skills, knowledge and expertise in the field of autism education and therapeutic intervention and are accredited by the National Autistic Society, so we are very well placed to introduce our young people to the world of a Further Education (FE) college and the work place.

Entering 6th Form marks a crucially important stepping stone and pathway through to a successful and meaningful adult life.

## Eagle House 6th Form Centre – a supportive route through to the adult world

We are a specialist college providing 'linked' provision for learners which combines academic achievement, independence skills and first steps in vocational training. Many of our learners struggle with the social challenges of attending a mainstream college but we're here for each young person whenever they need us. Every learner is fully supported by a team of Learning & Work Skills Coaches, and our autism specialist multidisciplinary therapy team (Curriculum Access Team), who provide group sessions or individual sessions designed specifically for our learners.

All of our learners attend a local college and full time course across a 3-year period (Years 12 to 14). This usually consists of two days of college per week, combined with three days per week attending the 6th Form Centre, where our learners access personalised learning opportunities in order to gain further qualifications in English, Maths, PSHCE and Work Related Learning. They also have opportunities to attend local sports facilities and to continue to develop their independence and life skills.

We aim to inspire learners to move forward into adulthood with confidence, ambition, raised self-esteem and with appropriate learning experiences and opportunities behind them.

As with their typical peers, we encourage our learners to have and believe in their aspirations and dreams.



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## Specialist Learning & Work Skills Coaches

Moving onto college can be an unnerving prospect for many of our pupils. We therefore work to prepare each young person for life after Eagle House School. This starts with finding the most suitable college course, independence skill and travel training and, where suitable, vocational or voluntary opportunities.

We aim to combine the three ingredients needed to support our learners in their transition to adulthood; a supportive and therapeutic autism educational environment; tailored opportunities for vocational work experience and the right support needed to make college a success.

All learners are supported by specialist Learning & Work Skills Coaches. These are familiar faces around the school, who already know them well and are there to support them through to the next exciting phase of their educational journey.

All learners continue to receive therapy support from our resident Curriculum Access Team. This includes support and access to:

- A Consultant Clinical Psychologist
- Speech & language therapists
- Occupational therapists
- Assistant psychologists
- Student wellbeing officer



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## A 'Learner Centred' Approach

Placing each young person at the centre of our learner centred process, we work collaboratively with each individual, their parents, their key staff and the important people in their lives to create a personal pathway that allows us to meet their educational, social and communication needs including tapping into those all important special skills and interests they may well have developed.

We create an individual programme of study for each learner that is unique to them. We aim to spark the imagination, ambition and interest of each learner to create a day that is meaningful, purposeful and motivating.



With this exciting partnership in place, we are able to **create a greater number of improved opportunities** for all of our learners across the full autism spectrum.

## Pathways to Independence – relationships, health, and a work/life balance

In addition to learners' education and vocational training, their time at the 6th Form Centre focuses on those all important independence skills.

- Broadening their life and social skills experiences, including facilitating appropriate friendships within and outside of college.
- Enriching their leisure time including identifying and facilitating access to a range of leisure activities and increasing independent travel skills.
- Financial management including budgeting, on line banking and saving.
- Expanding their ability to live independently through opportunities to practice household tasks such as using a washing machine, cooking simple meals and snacks, making hot drinks, vacuuming, ironing, cleaning and shopping.
- Guidance and support on how to have a healthy life style including accessing medical professionals such as doctors and dentists and advice on diet, healthy eating, exercise, sex, drugs, alcohol and personal safety.
- Self-care skills such as personal hygiene, hair care, nail care and taking medication.
- Caring for others including; parenting awareness, first aid skills and how to access the emergency services.
- Developing a realistic life / work balance while still meeting academic deadlines.



## Support for Families

College can seem like a challenging prospect to not only the learner but to their parents and carers alike. It can be difficult to tell how they will react to the change in routine and structure. We understand this and ensure we have a carefully planned transition processes in place. We also ensure that we prepare for them leaving our 6th Form Centre and college, so we plan for their transition out of college from day one. This gives clear goals, guarantees and positive outcomes, all of which are equally important.

## A Positive Transition

Providing extra support for young people with an autism spectrum disorder in their further educational journey gives all those involved the opportunity to see just what our learners can achieve. Having our learners interact with the other college students is an important next step towards including them into the wider community.

Providing further education for learners with the most complex needs can enable them to move towards their goals of independence, employment, better health and community inclusion. Key skills are embedded into our specialised curriculum. Whilst the curriculum can look different, the aim of this kind of college education is the same as any other – to prepare our learners for adulthood in a meaningful way.

6th Form and college combined can be the first step to living an ordinary life in a local community, maximising their chances of success. With this exciting partnership in place, we are able to create a greater number of improved opportunities for all of our learners across the full autism spectrum.



## Come and Visit our New 6th Form Centre – it feels so different to school!

Our 6th Form Centre is located within its own building, adjacent to the main school. Its dedicated entrance provides access to a full range of carefully planned facilities including tutor bases, classrooms, therapy spaces, life skills areas, a teaching kitchen, an exciting common room in which to chill out and a café with its own outdoor terrace area; learners can buy their own lunch and enjoy eating and socialising with friends.

The 6th Form Centre may be on the school site but its bespoke décor and layout mean that learners can immediately experience how different it is to the main school.

At Eagle House School 6th Form Centre we ensure each young person has a supported, clear, successful pathway through to an independent and fulfilling adulthood.

**Come and visit us and see for yourself!**



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