

# Priory School Sixth Form – Pathways Curriculum offer Sept 2020



## Sixth Form



### SENDAT is pleased to support the expansion of the Priory School Sixth Form.

The Sixth Form will now be available on two sites. The Red Pathway offer will continue at the Priory School site. The new Green and Blue Pathways offer will be based at our Angel Hill College site.

**Both sites make up the Priory School Sixth Form.**

**Red Pathway** is predominately based at the Priory School site. In the main, this will be for students following an Entry Level Pathway at Year 11. Courses offered will be from Entry Level 1 through to Level 1 or 2 based on cohort. Within this two Pathways for accreditation will remain: an Entry Level 1-2 Pathway and Entry level 3+ Pathway.

**Green and Blue Pathways** are predominantly based at the Angel Hill College site. In the main, this will be for students who were following the Green Pathway in Year 11 which is mostly at pre-entry level and their accreditation is from mostly Entry Level 1 and below.

From September 2020 all students at Angel Hill College will be on the roll of Priory School. Mrs Killa is the Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for the Sixth Form across both sites.

#### Purpose of Sixth Form

All Priory School Sixth Form pathways intend to prepare students for their next steps in learning and life. We are a small setting and offer the nurture of a known and familiar placement for students, but our aim is to develop confidence for students and their families to transition to adult life. Moving on to a more adult environment that FE colleges can offer is our aspiration for all post 16 learners. We encourage this transition to happen after one year in the Sixth Form and work closely with the local colleges, particularly West Suffolk College, to help make this a reality both emotionally and practically.

- To enhance academic ability to increase the chances of being accepted on an appropriate FE course of choice.
- To increase independence, enhancing life and living skills to support students' growth towards adulthood in the community in which they live.

#### Transition Pathways

Students at both Priory School Sixth Form sites usually transition to further education (FE) college courses.

All placements in Sixth Form are reviewed at the students' Annual Review meeting of their Education and Health Care.

The Moving into Adulthood plan is key in the Annual Review process, Sixth Form and an expectation of greater independence in their own local community to support transition to adulthood and management of their own time.

Further information on the Suffolk Local Offer site:

<http://bit.ly/Suffolk-Local-Offer>



## Weekly offer at the Angel Hill College site

- Sixth Form 5 days per week offer
- Maths and English at least 3 days per week working towards accreditation in addition to the practical application of skills
- One day per week work experience or work-related enterprise activity
- One day per week: physical, volunteering - including fundraising or skills-based activity day - linked to the Duke of Edinburgh Award, the focus of which will regularly change
- Curriculum to include PSHE, ASDAN short course Living Independently units, for example, Earning and Spending Money, Health and Wellbeing and Practical Cooking Skills, and Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze, Silver or Gold
- Alongside accreditation, a Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA) curriculum will be on offer, which enables those students for whom accreditation is not appropriate to have a person centred curriculum which is regularly reviewed to ensure progress is made towards personal and EHC plan targets
- This curriculum involves using literacy and numeracy skills in real-life situations, supported living to include skills such as shopping and cooking, a health and sensory focus to include keeping fit, healthy and safe, with access to sensory activities and fine and gross motor skills activities and involvement in work experience or work-related enterprise activity
- The location of Angel Hill College is ideal for easy access to the community to enable social and community skill development across all curricula.
- The facilities allow for increased independence within the college environment to prepare own drinks and lunches for example and opportunities to socialise across all learning groups
- The enclosed garden gives the college access to outside activities such as gardening and a space for practical skills such as woodworking projects
- The timetable runs in conjunction with the Sixth Form on the Priory School site at Mount Road and the expectations of learning and behaviour are the same.



## Weekly offer at the Priory School site

- Sixth Form for Y12 students is a 5 days per week offer
- Maths and English is offered 4 days per week working towards accreditation in Pearson Functional Skills Entry Level 1 all the way through to Level 2, depending on cohort.
- One day per week: a physical, volunteering-including fundraising or skills-based activity day linked to the Duke of Edinburgh Award, the focus of which will regularly change
- Our curriculum includes Physical Education, ASDAN Life Skills Challenge, BTEC Media, ASDAN/BTEC Employability, ASDAN Personal, and Social Development, ASDAN short courses Living Independently units, for example, Earning and Spending Money, Health and Wellbeing and Practical Cooking Skills, an introduction to vocational studies through Pearson BTEC and Duke of Edinburgh Silver award.
- There are two main pathways which then indicate which level of accreditation each student studies. E1-E2 and E3+ students are taught in their pathway groups for most subjects.



- Priory School Sixth Form site encourages students to begin to be independent through regular trips around our local area which may involve purchasing lunch, accessing local facilities, using public transport for students to develop their confidence.
- Students in Priory School Sixth Form site have access to a common room and outdoor patio area during their free time in order to simulate a more college-like environment. Within the common room they have access to tea and coffee making facilities as well as a toaster. In order to increase independence and a sense of adult responsibility there is a cleaning rota system which all students must actively take part if they wish to use these facilities.
- Students are expected to demonstrate independence and responsibility with regards to their learning, which is often a requirement for their accreditations. Students will also be encouraged to complete further work or revision at home on a weekly basis for a variety of subjects. The learning behaviours are similar to those in a college or work environment in order to ensure students are prepared for their next steps.

### Entitlement for all students in the Sixth Form

Sixth Form students based at AHC site have the same entitlements at those at the Priory site. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Sixth Form residential trip
- Wales residential outdoor activities trip
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Cycle 100 Challenge



### Admissions for Sixth Form

- Students must be 18 or under on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September in the year they wish to enrol on.
- Admissions are by application and are made in close consultation with the SEND department of the local authority. Applications are normally made Sept-October the year before wishing to start.

#### Angel Hill College site

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#### Priory School site

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