

Orchard Hill College Courses

Skills for Access

3 Day Programme - EFA Funded

The Learners

This one year programme is designed for school leavers and young adults with learning difficulties and/or disabilities who need a significant level of support within a college environment.

Learners attending the Skills for Access course may have additional requirements relating to autistic spectrum disorders, challenging behaviour, visual and hearing impairments, health and personal care needs and mental health issues.

Course Content

3 days per week, 36 weeks per academic year

Programmes for individual learners that have successfully completed a three year Building Skills for Independence course. To enable the student to continue to develop and extend the skills they have acquired. To support the student with the transition from full time education by working with their PA/Carer to continue with work experience placements and widen their participation within the community.

To work towards

- Community health and sports groups
- Community social enterprise programmes
- Adult community learning
- Supported employment
- Supported Living

Learners will be utilising the additional year to support further transition into their home area with a strong focus on reducing support, offering realistic and supported work placement or preparing them for adult education courses and developing links with the local facilities to increase and improve their independence.

Learners will be supported in self-advocacy and where possible into work opportunities to develop self-esteem, assist in managing their behaviours and effectively making choices that will impact on their adult life.

The programme will include developing local circles of support to sustain the development of skills that will enable a more effective adult life.

Opportunities for Progression

Orchard Hill College has developed a range of successful transition services moving adults on in collaboration with a range of organisations including specialist employment services.

A rationale for the course will need to be completed by the tutor and submitted with any funding application on request from the parent. Applications need to be made directly to the local authority for this course.

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Building Skills for Independence

The Learners

This three year programme is designed for school leavers and young adults with learning difficulties and/or disabilities who need a significant level of support within a college environment.

Learners attending the Building Skills for Independence course may have additional requirements relating to autistic spectrum disorders, challenging behaviour, visual and hearing impairments, health and personal care needs and mental health issues

Course Content

By providing an individualised learning programme Orchard Hill College supports the learners to identify and achieve their future goals and aspirations.

The Building Skills for Independence course provides a specialist curriculum allowing learners to work on a range of personalised programmes and to develop their skills for progression to future opportunities.

Learners have the opportunity to follow a mixed programme covering:

- practical living skills
- accessing the community
- work related learning
- communication and basic skills
- use of technology at home, work and community
- accessing health and leisure programmes

Opportunities for Progression

Orchard Hill College has developed a range of successful transition services moving adults on in collaboration with a range of organisations including specialist employment services.

Upon completion of the Building Skills for Independence course learners can progress to:

- Orchard Hill College part time programme – The College offers a range of part time Adult Pathways courses giving learners access to specific “moving on programmes” in vocational, community and living skills. Learners study on short and long term flexible programmes with an emphasis on achieving specific targets or placements that will lead to community volunteering or supported living or supported employment. The College has also extended its range of bespoke Next Steps provision with partners at Carshalton College and SCOLA supporting adults to move on from specialist college.
- Supported Employment
- Adult Education courses offered in partnership with SCOLA
- FE College LDD provision (if appropriate)
- Supported Living

Orchard Hill College Courses In To Work - Enterprise

Age Range: 19 – 25+

Course Dates: Sept – July

Session Times: 1 day per week 9.30-3.00 (plus two enterprise weeks)

Accreditation: Entry 1 or 2 in Employability or Personal Development Award

About the Course

The Focus of the course is to give students interest in participating in specific enterprise projects and increasing their employability skills. There will be a focus on developing communication skills with customers who are buying products from the enterprise and developing skills to interact with their peers in a work focused environment.

Entry Criteria: Students wishing to enrol on this course must demonstrate an enthusiasm for practical learning and an ability to engage with others. In order to enrol on this course you will be required to attend one of our enrolment days where you will be asked to complete a short interview with a member of curriculum or admissions staff.

Community Learning: This may include travel training using public transport, safety when crossing roads and keeping safe by knowing a safe person to ask for help as appropriate.

Curriculum: Skills related to work are taught within the course, these include; following instructions, Health & Safety, dressing appropriately, knowing how to communicate with a safe person, and making choices. English and maths are also embedded within the course content. Students will learn about the management of change; coping with new people, new places and building appropriate relationships for the workplace.

On Programme Support: As well as the teaching team delivering the course, specialist support will be provided as appropriate.

Outcome: Opportunities for supported employment, such as; volunteering and enterprise schemes, work placement, enrolment on a traineeship programme.

Orchard Hill College Courses In To Work - Work Experience

Age Range: 19 – 25+

Course Dates: Sept – July

Session Times: 2 days per week (1 day in college 9.30-3.00 plus 1 day at work experience)

The course takes place during term time over 36 weeks of the year

Accreditation: Entry 2 Employability Award

About the Course

The Focus of the course is to give students interest in participating in the world of work increasing their employability skills. There will be a focus on identifying key areas of work and developing skills to secure work placements if that is appropriate.

Entry Criteria: Students wishing to enrol on this course must have successfully completed the In To Work Enterprise course or be able to demonstrate the successful completion of a work placement in a previous school or college. In order to enrol on this course you will be required to attend one of our enrolment days where you will be asked to complete a short interview with a member of curriculum or admissions staff. You may also be asked to produce a record of achievement or qualification certificates.

Curriculum: Skills related to work are taught within the course, these include; following instructions, Health & Safety, dressing appropriately, knowing how to communicate with a safe person, and making choices. English and maths are also embedded within the course content. Functional Skills and/or other free standing qualifications may also be available for some candidates.

On Programme Support: As well as the teaching team delivering the course, Specialist support will be provided as appropriate.

Outcome: Opportunities for supported employment, such as; volunteering and enterprise schemes, work placement, enrolment on a traineeship programme.

Orchard Hill College Courses Supported Internship

Age Range: 16 – 19

Course Dates: Sept – July

Session Times: 3 full days of 9.30-3.00 (1 day in College, 2 days in work placement)

The course takes place during term time over 36 weeks of the year

Term 1 – Pre Traineeship Learning (Learning Study Skills/ Visiting potential work placements)

Terms 2 and 3 – Commencement of work placement

Accreditation: E3/L1 Employability Award, E3 – L2 English, E3 – L2 maths

About the Course

The focus of the course is to give students interest in participating in specific work/supported work/enterprise projects and increase their employability skills.

Entry Criteria: Students wishing to enrol on this course must successfully pass the Hodder online assessment. In order to enrol on this course you will be required to attend one of our enrolment days where you will be asked to complete a short interview with a member of curriculum or admissions staff. You may also be asked to produce a record of achievement or qualification certificates.

Curriculum: Skills related to work are taught within the course, these include; following instructions, Health & Safety, dressing appropriately, knowing how to communicate in the workplace, and making career choices. English and maths are also delivered as separate courses.

On Programme Support: As well as the teaching team delivering the course, an intensive course of work preparation and employability skills carried out by trained teachers, Job Coaches and Work Place Managers. Specialist support will be provided as appropriate. Students will study maths & English qualifications (if not already achieved to level 2).

Outcome: Opportunities for paid employment or entry to an Apprenticeship.

Orchard Hill College Courses Pre-Traineeship & Traineeship

Age Range: 19 – 24 (25+ can enrol on Return to Employment course)

Course Dates: Sept – July

Session Times: 3 full days of 9.30-3.00 (1 day in College, 2 days in work placement)

The course takes place during term time over 36 weeks of the year

Term 1 – Pre Traineeship Learning (learning study skills/visiting potential work placements)

Terms 2 and 3 – Commencement of work placement

Accreditation: E3/L1 Employability Award, E3 – L2 English, E3 – L2 maths

About the Course

The Focus of the course is to give students interest in participating in specific work/supported work/enterprise projects and increasing their employability skills.

Entry Criteria: Students wishing to enrol on this course must successfully pass the Hodder online assessment. In order to enrol on this course you will be required to attend one of our enrolment days where you will be asked to complete a short interview with a member of curriculum or admissions staff. You may also be asked to produce a record of achievement or qualification certificates.

Transition: Trainees will complete a 12 week Pre-Traineeship course before progressing to the full Traineeship. Students will learn about the management of change; coping with new people, new places and building appropriate relationships for the workplace.

Curriculum: Skills related to work are taught within the course, these include; following instructions, Health & Safety, dressing appropriately, knowing how to communicate with a safe person, and making choices. English and maths are also delivered as separate courses.

On Programme Support: As well as the teaching team delivering the course, an intensive course of work preparation and employability skills carried out by trained teachers, Job Coaches and Work Place Managers. Specialist support will be provided as appropriate. Trainees will study maths & English qualifications (if not already achieved to level 2).

Outcome: Opportunities for paid employment or entry to an Apprenticeship.