

## **Ambitious College**

### **Last Inspection Outcome**

Requires improvement

### **Last Inspection Date**

November 2015

### **Service Description**

Ambitious College is located on the Tottenham Campus at the College of Harringey, Enfield and North East, London N15 4RU and West Thames College, West Thames College, London Rd, Isleworth TW7 4HS.

We are London's first specialist day college for children and young people with complex autism. At Ambitious College we offer young people specialist education and support and provide the vocational and community-based opportunities they need to make a successful transition to an active life in their community, including partnerships with local employers and services.

Our co-located approach enables us to extend our curriculum significantly and offer learners a wide range of mainstream vocational learning, social opportunities and work experience.

Our learners are at the heart of everything we do and their curriculum is highly personalised to help them achieve their goals. Within the curriculum we embed functional literacy and numeracy, positive behaviour support, communication skills development and ICT skills development.

We're here to support young people with autism to achieve the life they want. To do this we follow the four pathways developed by Preparing for Adulthood:

- Vocational Learning
- Independent Living
- Better Health
- Friends, Relationships and Community

Learners, where there is an assessed need for it, have one to one support provided.

The learner is at the centre of their study programme. Where possible they set and agree their own learning targets or this is done involving their circles of support. There are monthly and annual learner reviews of progress that are set up and facilitated with the full input of the learner and to which parents and any other relevant parties attend to review and reset goals.

The curriculum is delivered by our very skilled and friendly staff. Staff are trained in a variety of communication methods including PECS, and Makaton. They also communicate in print and use iPads and assistive technologies where appropriate.

Our curriculum is delivered through a transdisciplinary team consisting of:

- Qualified Teacher(s): plan and deliver sessions around the four Preparing for Adulthood pathways
- Speech and Language Therapist(s): support learners to develop their communication and social interaction skills
- Occupational Therapist(s): help learners to manage sensory issues and develop functional life skills
- Behavioural Analyst(s): work with learners to overcome behavioural issues which could create barriers to learning
- Employment specialist(s): support learners to develop vocational skills and access work experience
- Learning and Behaviour Specialist(s): work with learners to access their



person-centred curriculum and mainstream and community provision

We know with the right support and opportunities, children and young people with autism can learn, thrive and achieve.

For more information please visit our website:

<http://www.ambitiouscollege.org.uk/>

### **Additional Information**

The majority of our learners access college five days a week for 40 weeks of the year. The college day starts at 9.30am and ends at 4pm.

Our learners are funded by local authorities, usually from education budgets with some input from social care and / or health as best meets the young person's needs. Personal budgets can be used for the service, though we are in the early stages of exploring this with families and local authorities.

### **What Type Of SEN or Disabilities Do You Cater For?**

Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

### **Address**

Pears Campus

The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London

High Road

London

N15 4RU

West Thames College

London Rd



Isleworth

TW7 4HS

### **Map**

[View Map](#)

### **Telephone**

020 3870 8775

### **Email**

admin@ambitiouscollege.org.uk

### **Web Site**

<http://www.ambitiouscollege.org.uk/>

### **Age Groups**

16 years to 25 years

### **Costs**

*Cost by arrangement*

### **Daily Session Times**

Monday: 09:30 - 16:00

Tuesday: 09:30 - 16:00

Wednesday: 09:30 - 16:00

Thursday: 09:30 - 16:00

Friday: 09:30 - 16:00

### **Availability**

Term Time Only, but the College offers an extended 40 week term

### **Dates Available**

Available from July 2016.

### **How to contact the service**

Email

Telephone

### **Who can refer me?**

Local authorities or parents or self referral.

### **Referral Procedure**

Do referrals to your service need to be made through a panel?

No

### **Eligibility Criteria**

None

### **More Information (Leaflet, Form or Publication)**

*None specified*

### **Provider Links**

<http://www.conel.ac.uk/>

<http://www.west-thames.ac.uk/>

### **Facilities**

Disabled Access

### **Where Do You Deliver Services From?**



Office / Premises

**Answered Questions**

Do You Have Safeguarding Policies & Procedures?: Yes

<http://www.ambitiouscollege.org.uk/our-curriculum/policies>

Eligibility - Can The Service Be Accessed By Extended Family Members Or Carers?: No

**What Schools Do You Drop And Collect From?**

*None specified*