



Welcome to St Piers College

A place where young people
can reach their full potential.





“Our son is very happy at St Piers where the staff have really brought on his confidence and independence.” Parent

“Students enjoy their learning. They take part in a range of varied and interesting lessons where they make good progress and develop practical skills and skills for life.”

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We are an innovative and creative college for young adults with special educational needs and disabilities.

We put students at the heart of the learning experience, providing an environment where everyone can progress and gain new skills.

Life at St Piers isn't just about classroom learning. We help each learner to build their imaginative power, confidence and independence, giving them every opportunity to fulfil their potential.

We offer outdoor activities to promote a healthy lifestyle and our Imaginarium provides a space for creative flair and immersive sensory experiences.

From the moment students arrive at St Piers College, they are supported to progress as learners and as unique individuals.

Putting young people at the centre of everything we do, our expert team will help develop social skills and independence.

We will work with our learners to identify what gives their life purpose and meaning and then help them become the very best version of themselves!

Richard Gargon
Principal, St Piers School and College

Introducing our students

All our students have different abilities and needs. We work with them to create personalised learning programmes to meet their needs and aspirations.

Our experienced and highly-qualified staff provide support and guidance every step of the way to help develop relevant and meaningful skills that are important in everyday life.

Students take part in a wide-ranging education programme that focuses on the real substance of further education.

To ensure that students have the best experience at St Piers, all our staff have extensive experience in supporting young adults with a range of special educational needs. However, our focus is on those students with:

- Autistic Spectrum Conditions
- Severe Learning Difficulties

As part of the Young Epilepsy charity, we can provide specialist support for young adults with all types of epilepsy. Our understanding of the condition and the availability of specialist health and support staff, means that students can effectively manage their epilepsy and ensure that it isn't an obstacle to meeting their potential.

Staff at St Piers College also have extensive expertise in supporting students who need help with:

- Communication and interaction
- Cognition and learning
- Physical and sensory needs
- Social, emotional and mental health
- Independence

Our teams are here to support all our learners. Together, we can make sure they will excel, via Learning Journey that will help them overcome a range of barriers to learning.

Is St Piers College right for you? Get in touch with us to discuss your needs and how we can support you all.

**Call us on 01342 831348
or email education@stpiers.org.uk**



“When I leave college, I would like to get a job. I like photography and editing my photographs in Photoshop.” Student

St Piers Campus

Located in Lingfield, east Surrey, just 30 miles from Central London and under an hour by train to London Victoria, the campus benefits from a countryside location with easy access to local towns and cities.

The campus provides a variety of interactive and inclusive environments, both indoors and out, which support the pursuit of ambitions and aspirations through a whole range of exciting and creative spaces.

Learning with St Piers

Every young person should have opportunities to develop their skills, gain new knowledge, and get the most out of their education in an inclusive and positive environment, no matter what their learning, health or medical needs.

At St Piers, they can learn new skills in a variety of safe, interactive and inclusive environments and pursue their education through a whole range of exciting and stimulating resources.

They'll have the chance to take part in a broad, balanced and innovative curriculum, supported by well-trained staff who understand every learner's unique requirements and personality.

Because every single one of us, from teacher to therapist to care worker, has a shared aim: we want to support all the students at St Piers to achieve their full potential.



"I am currently doing a life skills programme which allows me to gain experience of running a home. I also have the opportunity to participate in work experience activities and have been working in the Cosy Cabin Café." Student

Learning and communication

Our teams are highly trained to accommodate a variety of learning styles and communications that help young people to excel and feel included.

These include visual and auditory aids, sign language, reinforcement systems, intensive interaction, information and communication technology and sensory equipment, all designed to enhance children's educational experience and make it the best it can possibly be.



Learning environments

Whatever a student's individual needs, we will have a learning environment that's right for them. At St Piers, they will find a place where they can safely and confidently develop their skills, academic understanding, imagination and creativity.

To support their learning experiences, students will have access to:

- Fully-equipped classrooms that include interactive whiteboards, hoisting facilities, and safe and open outside spaces
- The Imaginarium: An immersive space with 4D and other multimedia technology, to help students stretch their imagination
- Sensory Integration Suite with access to supportive therapies
- Fully accessible swimming pool
- Life skills bungalows and St Piers Store
- Working farm and horticulture
- Vocational Skills Hub, including a tea room, fleece to fibre room, textiles and multi-skills area
- Sensory conservation area and footpaths in our own ancient woodland forest
- Radio station
- State-of-the-art multi-media suite for recording music and films
- Creative arts department with its own kiln
- Community link projects



Students can also meet and care for our fabulous range of farm animals and small pets including alpacas, Shetland ponies, chickens and sheep.

Our working farm and gardens gives young adults the opportunity to learn how to care for a variety of animals and grow their own flowers, fruit and vegetables.

Turn over to discover how students will benefit from learning journeys that put them at the heart of the educational experience...

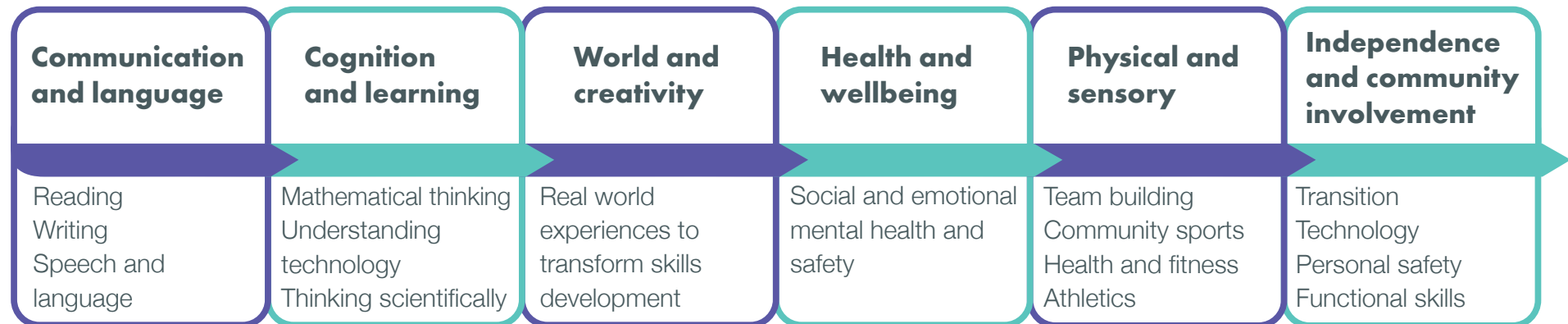
Learner journeys

St Piers College Curriculum is organised into 3 Learning Journeys with each pathway forming the foundation for teaching, learning and assessment.

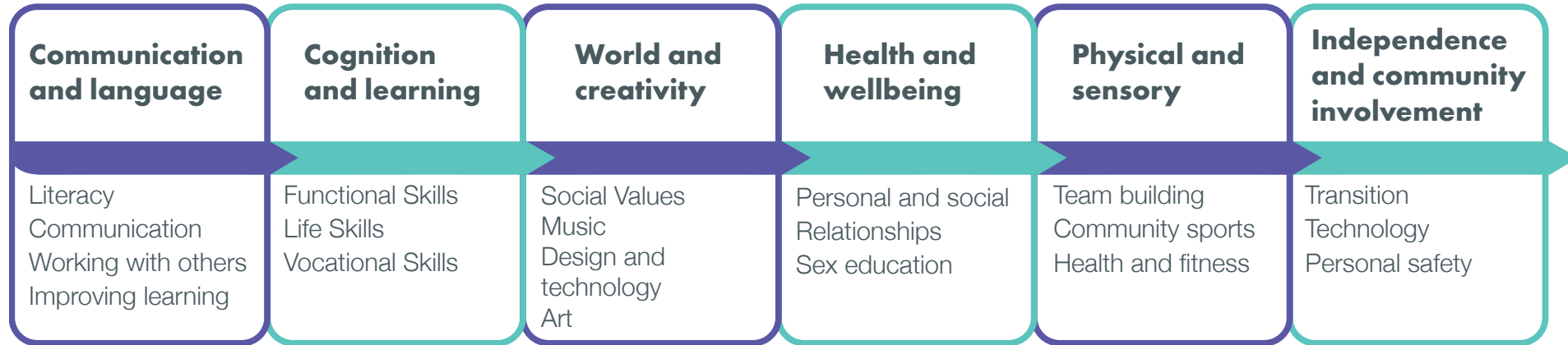
Learning for Life is a non-subject specific curriculum model focussing on communication, independence, functional skills and social skills. Students with complex physical, medical and sensory needs follow this pathway. High levels of support and small groups are key to achievement.



Skills for Life is a semi-formal curriculum model focussing on learning essential skills for life whilst following a broad and varied programme of learning. Students with significant intellectual or cognitive impairments and communication and perception difficulties follow this pathway. High levels of support and small groups are key to achievement.



Specialist Skills is a subject-specific curriculum model in which students follow a timetable that focuses on personalisation and the aspirations of the students as they progress through the college. This pathway is mainly followed by students who have difficulties around literacy and numeracy and a need to develop social skills. Appropriately sized groups with the right amount of support are key to achievement.



To discuss the learning journey that is best for you, call us on 01342 831348 or email education@stpiers.org.uk

“Students gain valuable skills, including English and mathematics skills and interpersonal skills, through work related activities.”

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Work based learning

Work based learning is an essential part of every student's timetable and they receive individual careers information, advice and guidance so they can talk about how their interests and aspirations can be met through programs such as:

- Employability
- Work experience
- Supported internships

Our vocational areas offer all students the opportunity to learn a range of new skills including:

- Catering
- Product design
- Customer service
- Accounts
- Premises and grounds maintenance

Students are able to transfer their skills and knowledge into work experience placements both on and offsite and they are also able to gain vocational qualifications that are linked to their aspirations and work based learning. Off-site work placements include:

- Retail, charity and coffee shops
- Animal centres
- Garden Centres
- Hairdressers

St Piers College holds the Fair Train Gold Work Experience Quality Standard.



“I have had the opportunity to take part in work experience activities this year which have helped me to develop skills like stock taking and food preparation. I have learnt about the importance of hygiene when preparing and handling food.” Student

Engaging in the local community

Lingfield village has easy access to a range of shops, pubs and restaurants where students can experience community living.

Going further afield enables students to safely practice their personalised travel training and gives them access to top high street shops, cinema, bowling and leisure facilities.

With easy transport links to London and the south coast, learning experiences can be enhanced by accessing exciting exhibitions, museums, shows and tours or a trip to the coast.



Getting active

No matter what the medical or health need, young adults should get outdoors and get active. Every student at St Piers College has the opportunity to take part in fun, physical activities that can challenge, improve mood, increase inclusivity, and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Students will have access to:

- Our accessible outdoor gym
- Our large pond where learners can enjoy water-based activities such as paddle sports
- Our 'Wheely Boat', a wheelchair accessible boat which provides access to water based activities at our local reservoir
- Our low ropes course and adventure trail which promotes ingenuity, team work and, of course, fun in the great outdoors
- Our large sports hall where young people can take part in a range of adapted sports and games including go-karts, adapted bikes, and trampolines, football, basketball, archery etc.
- Our indoor fitness gym with specialist equipment that all our students can use
- Community sports and leisure facilities
- Riding for the Disabled

Getting Creative

Our learners want to express themselves creatively; we support them with our creative arts programme.

Our specialist and highly trained staff use music, dance and drama to help learners develop their imagination and creativity.

We believe that creativity helps young people of all ages and abilities to learn through alternative methods which are not bound by the restrictions of language and social conventions.

This means that, whatever their needs, each student will learn that they can be as creative and as expressive as they want to be.



Living at St Piers

For some young adults, living at St Piers enhances their potential for successful education through the proximity to college and a dedicated level of support. Our residential boarding options include weekly and termly boarding.

Living at St Piers gives students the opportunity to access a range of different learning and social experiences, both on campus and across London and the South East.

Young people living here have the opportunity to socialise with their peers through a range of after college activities such as:

- Access to sports facilities
- Bowling and cinema
- Youth club
- Disco



The 'Waking Day' curriculum

This is our specially designed learning programme for residential learners giving them a structured and productive day — all day, not just during classroom hours.

Supporting students to improve their communication, independence and self-care skills, we help them build skills that are transferable into the home, community and lifelong placements.

The team

Our residential staff work closely with our therapy and medical teams to make sure the care our young adults receive is personalised to their needs — whether that means providing a special diet or understanding how they prefer to communicate.

All our staff undergo regular training to update their skills, and are qualified to support a range of individual needs. If you have any concerns about how we can address specific requirements, then let us know and we can discuss this with you.

The rooms

All our residents have their own bedroom which they can decorate to reflect their unique personality. Each house accommodates between six to eight students, providing a social environment where young people can make friends and enjoy fun activities with their house mates.

There are spacious, well equipped kitchen and dining rooms where students are supported to plan menus and cook and we will also help them learn a range of household skills that are transferable into their own homes and future placements.

Showers and bathrooms have specialist equipment and we work with students to develop personal care routines that will help them live independently in the years to come.

Families

We want students to keep in touch with their family and friends who are welcome to visit at any time; please just check with us before you come in case we are doing an activity off site! Students can also be contacted regularly via FaceTime, Skype or phone – whichever is most convenient.

Want to learn more about how you can live with us at St Piers?

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“Thank you to the very supportive, caring and experienced staff who are helping our son make the adjustments to new education and living arrangements.” Parent

Meeting health and therapy needs

Students at St Piers College have access to our exceptional medical centre, based here on campus.

In addition to providing 24-hour care, we work with some of the world's best epilepsy and neurology experts.

Our highly trained and approachable staff will listen and discuss students' health needs and build an individualised health programme with them.

The following professionals are available:

- Consultant paediatricians and neurologists
- Consultant psychiatrists
- Senior registrars
- Nursing care including clinical nurse epilepsy specialists
- Psychologists
- Physiotherapists
- Occupational therapists
- Speech and language therapists
- Play specialists
- Dieticians



“Students benefit from modern facilities such as the sensory room, swimming pool and a specialist facility for students with autistic spectrum condition. As a result they are able to learn and develop their skills towards independence in safe and appropriate settings.”

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To find out more about how our health and therapy teams will work with you to meet your unique needs, please call us on 01342 831348 or email education@stpiers.org.uk.

Life after St Piers – what’s next?

From the moment a young adult starts at St Piers College, we work with them, their family and their local authority to plan for a smooth transition into their next placement.

Opportunities to plan for the future include:

- Discussing aspirations during assessments and annual reviews
- Visits to transition events to learn about different opportunities for independent and supported living
- Practicing independent living skills in our Life Skills centre
- Working closely with tutors and careers advisors who provide support around further education, training or work
- Gaining valuable skills and knowledge with realistic work experience placements
- Learning about vocational activities in our cafe, farm and horticulture centre

Whatever the future holds, we will help you get there.



“The number of students progressing into employment and independent living has increased.”

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How to apply

We know that the application and funding process can seem a bit daunting but we're here to support you every step of the way.

Our expert admissions team are happy to help guide you through the process and are on hand to answer any questions you may have.







- ★ **Young people are at the centre of everything we do**
- ★ **We work together to make a greater difference**
- ★ **We are courageous and ambitious for change**

St Piers College provides a warm, friendly and unique environment for students aged 19 to 25.

Many of the young adults we support have learning and behavioural difficulties as well as specific medical or physical requirements. At St Piers College they are able to thrive, thanks to a calm, structured, safe environment and the support of a team of highly experienced professionals. We don't believe college should only be about academic achievement. Instead, we place a huge emphasis on life skills and independent living, with the aim of making sure each of our students is happy and confident in meeting life's challenges.

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