



Careers Programme

The Sittingbourne School

- Specialist Provision Opportunities

A Brief Overview

Students at The Sittingbourne School with Educational Health Care Plans are offered a range of exposures to a selection of options for their future. Beginning with a whole school approach to careers in all curriculum areas, students are encouraged to discuss their aspirations, and ambitions for their own futures and have the opportunity to speak to teachers in their various subjects about those career paths.

The Sittingbourne School also offers our students the chance to speak to real life professionals from a range of backgrounds in our careers fair; students can have mock interviews, ask questions, and experience speaking to people that they are unfamiliar with. We also support students in attending open days and school visits to various colleges and specialist provisions to assist children and their families when making the right choice for their future.

When approaching Year 10 and 11, students are introduced to Mrs Seymour who works 1:1 in meetings with students to find the best provider of further education or apprenticeship scheme to suit each child. Below is a thorough list of providers that are suitable for children with an EHCP with open days and courses available.

Intent

As part of the provision at The Sittingbourne School, our students are invited to explore a range of different avenues with regards to their future away from The Sittingbourne School. It is imperative that every student no matter their SEND/EHCP circumstances, is entitled to work towards a career goal that they are passionate about.

We communicate regularly regarding open evenings to families to ensure that students are given opportunities to visit a variety of colleges and provisions that will allow them to continue their education/training whilst staying in education until the age of 18.

Career fairs are a huge part of this programme which allows for students to speak to a range of companies/educators to find out what they can expect from their experiences.

Implementation

Students will get to experience the environment before considering their applications.

- Kite College
- Brogdale - for lower achievers or medical conditions such as anxiety etc. who may not cope in larger organisations and are particularly interested in Animal Care, Horticulture, Art
- Hadlow College - Animal Care
- Canterbury College
- Sheppey College
- Mid-Kent College
- Kent Training & Apprenticeships
- BEMIX - Supporting students getting into Education & Apprenticeships.
- Careers Fair - Offered each year to all students in the school to have exposure to potential future employers and discuss what they see for their future.

Impact

The impact of supporting students in identifying and achieving their goals to support their future careers is infinite. It ensures that:

- Students are given the opportunity to select an appropriate educational setting for their future.
- Students will be able to visit and gain vital information about particular courses from staff at those particular settings - this will inform their choices.
- Future employer exposure will allow for the students to have aspirations for their own futures.
- Students and their families get real opportunities to select a pathway that best suits their needs.
- A range of options are available for academic as well as vocational subjects.

Information & Offerings

Kite College:

- Open Days: <https://kite-college.org/open-days/>
- Specific college for EHCP holding students.
- **Offers courses on:**
 - Motor Vehicle
 - Welding & Fabrication
 - Construction including Brick laying
 - Heating & Plumbing and Multi-Skills
 - Hair & Beauty
 - I.T & Media
- All in spacious classrooms, a Skills Studio and a Mental Health & Wellbeing Studio.
- Learners have access to onsite mentoring and advice to support their mental health & wellbeing.
- Offering of Independent Counsellors.

Brogdale CIC:

- Open Days are not offered - Please contact them directly to book an appointment: <https://brogdalecic.co.uk/contact/>
- Specific college for EHCP holding students.
- **Offers courses on:**
 - Creative Crafts from Entry Level to Level 2
 - Practical Horticulture from Entry Level to Level 1
 - Practical Environment and Conservation Skills in Horticulture Level 2
 - Practical Farm Animal Care Skills Entry Level to Level 1 & 2
 - Practical Food and Cookery Skills Level 1 & 2
 - Employability Skills Level 1 & 2
 - Functional Skills English & Maths is incorporated into each course.

- Great offering for students with Education and Health Care plans, and those who prefer to learn through project-based work.
- Based in Iwade, Sittingbourne

Hadlow College:

- Open Days: <https://www.hadlow.ac.uk/news-events/events>
- **Offers courses on:**
 - Agricultural Engineering
 - Agriculture
 - Animal Management
 - Construction
 - Equine Management
 - Fisheries Management
 - Floristry
 - Horticulture and Garden Design
 - Motor Vehicle
- All full-time courses and Apprenticeships include a significant amount of work experience that is carried out in a workplace developing the skills and knowledge related to the sector and provide excellent opportunities for the industry to raise the profiles of their sector.
- Based in Tonbridge



Canterbury College:

- Open Days: <https://www.canterburycollege.ac.uk/information/whats-on/open-days-events/>
- **Offers courses on:**
 - Art & Design
 - Intro to Higher Education
 - Accounting & Finance
 - Animal Management
 - Architecture, Surveying & Planning
 - Beauty & Hairdressing
 - Bricklaying, Electrical, Engineering, Welding, Plumbing, Motor Vehicle
 - Business
 - Carpentry
 - Catering
 - Countryside and Wildlife Conservation
 - Landscaping and Horticulture
 - Early Years
 - Health & Social care
 - Media
 - Music & Performing Arts
 - Sport
 - Supported Learning
 - Teaching and Education

- Travel & Tourism

Sheppey College:

- Open Days: <https://www.sheppeycollege.ac.uk/information/whats-on/>
- **Courses on Offer:**
 - Bricklaying
 - Carpentry
 - Computing
 - Early Years
 - English
 - Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy
 - Health and Social Care
 - Maths
- Offers work experience opportunities throughout their courses.
- Trips and Competitions on offer.



Mid-Kent College:

- Open Days: <https://www.midkent.ac.uk/news/events>
- Additional Learning Support including Foundation level courses for EHCP holding students.
- **Offers courses on:**
 - A-Levels - Students may wish to study more academic subjects.
 - Access to Higher Education
 - Animal Management
 - Applied Science
 - Art & Graphic Design
 - Beauty Therapy
 - Bricklaying & Construction, Multi-Trades
 - Business, HR & Accounting
 - Carpentry & Joinery
 - Computing & ICT
 - Courses for Jobs
 - Creative Media
 - ESOL
 - Electrical Installation
 - Engineering
 - Hairdressing
 - Health & Childcare
 - Hospitality & Catering
 - Medway School of Arts
 - Motor Mechanic
 - Performing Arts & Music Production & Performance
 - Plumbing, Heating & Gas
 - Public Services
 - Sport, Fitness & Leisure
 - Supported & Foundation Education

- Travel & Tourism



Kent Training & Apprenticeships:

- Can help in lots of ways - getting your interview skills up to scratch, improving your English or Maths, achieving occupational qualifications or, if you're ready, the chance of an Apprenticeship with one of hundreds of employers in Kent.
- **Offers Courses on:**
 - KT&A Supported Internships
 - Study Programmes
 - Traineeships
 - Apprenticeships
 - Getting you work ready
- <https://www.kenttrainingandapprenticeships.co.uk/learners/useful-information/>

Bemix

- Please contact them directly to book an appointment or find out more information:
<https://www.bemix.org/contact-us>
- Specific setting for EHCP holding students.
- We are people with and without learning difficulties and/or autism, working and learning together. Whether it's to be seen working, be heard campaigning or belong to a friendly group of people, people achieve their goals with bemix.
 - This one year programme works closely with you to build up your confidence and work related skills before your internship.
 - This one-year programme works closely with you to build your confidence and prepare you for the world of work.

Appendix

Useful Websites:

<https://kite-college.org/>

<https://brogdalecic.co.uk/>

<https://www.hadlow.ac.uk/>

<https://www.canterburycollege.ac.uk/>

<https://www.sheppeycollege.ac.uk/>

<https://www.midkent.ac.uk/>

<https://www.kenttrainingandapprenticeships.co.uk/>

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