

## SEN Information Report

Orchard Hill College is a community based specialist college offering educational opportunities for students over 16 years old with a wide range of special needs.

### **Our leaders and staff**

Our highly experienced and qualified staff includes specialist teachers, learning support assistants, job coaches, nurses and therapists.

### **The curriculum**

All students are individual and each programme is as unique as they are from Foundation Skills for life, Skills for Work and Living to our WorkStart programmes. The breath of our programmes are designed to support and empower each student to achieve their aspirations and goals, whilst developing skills to become more independent members of their community.

### **Therapy**

Specialist Therapists at Orchard Hill College undertake clinical assessments in the form of both formal and informal dynamic assessments in order to establish the level of input required. Therapists provide therapy using a multifaceted approach in order to support the students in both independence and education. These approaches can be direct 1:1 sessions or group sessions. Programmes are developed by therapists and are embedded into the student's day at College. Programmes are delivered by trained members of the curriculum team and are implemented into the curriculum. Therapy programmes are reviewed by therapists as required.

Therapists work closely with teaching team and liaise with homes, parents and carers as well as other health professionals.

The type of therapy offered is based on the student's clinical need and the influence on the student's learning, independence and quality of life. The multidimensional model of universal, targeted and specialist levels is used.

Delivery of therapeutic interventions is not necessarily specific to weekly hours but over a period of time to ensure goals are supported/achieved. This may be in the form of staff training/upskilling, group or 1:1 sessions.

Therapists assess and review specialist equipment, develop programmes for students based on their clinical needs and the influence on the student's learning and quality of life.

**Occupational Therapists** support students to maximise their level of participation and increase their independence in learning activities at college.

**Speech and language therapists** work with curriculum staff to embed a total communication approach across the College. SALT's provide bespoke communication and dysphagia support for individual learners as appropriate.

**Physiotherapists** support students with their manual handling, postural management and functional independence.

**Music therapists** work with students individually and in groups. Music therapists help people express their feelings such as being worried, anxious, angry or upset. Difficult feelings are explored in sessions in a safe and private place.

## **Nursing**

To ensure students have the right support when taking part in our programmes, the College has a specialist team of Nurses.

Our experienced Nurse team works in partnership with the students and their support networks to provide holistic medical support, enabling students to achieve their full potential.

In addition to the College's Core principals, the Nurse Team aims to:

Optimise and promote every student's health and wellbeing, enabling the students to achieve their full educational potential.

## **Student progress**

Students' progress is measured by:

- Half termly assessments (academic, personal and social development)
- The annual review of the Education, Health & Care Plan
- Termly Core skills assessments and tracking
- Termly outcome/study programmes assessments and tracking
- Weekly Case study, good news stories and learner challenge evidence
- Weekly photographic, video and e-learning evidence on e-portfolio and ShareSpace (student friendly)
- Student Friendly e-Learning evidence on e-portfolio

## **Facilities**

Following an assessment by the team, students can study at one of our five College centres across London and Surrey. Each centre is different but all have strong links with the community.

**VPC** is for students aged 16+ and can accommodate between 70-80 students. The centre has strong links with the community and students at this centre regularly access two working allotments.

**Beaconsfield** is located within a quiet residential setting and is in walking distance of the town centre. The centre can accommodate 40-60 students aged 16+.

**Lomond House** is situated just off Camberwell Green and is next to the library and in the heart of the town centre with access to many facilities including Camberwell leisure centre. Lomond House can accommodate up to 50 students aged 16+.

**The Vocational Centre** is co-located with Nightingale Community Academy and has access to vocational facilities including the farm and allotment, industry kitchen, mechanical workshop and hairdressing salon. The centre currently accommodates 20 students aged 16+.

**Wyvern House** accommodates between 70-100 pupils aged 16+. The centre has a large kitchen and open space. The centre is near Uxbridge town centre.

### **Support for families**

We actively encourage a strong partnership between home and College and involve parents and carers as much as we possibly can. We also offer events for parents and carers on topics such as independent living and transition in and out of College.

Accessible, simple progress reports are provided every term to parents. Our admissions process is centred around the Student and parents and carers, as is our termly review process and, of course, the annual review of the Education, Health & Care Plan.

### **Complaints**

We welcome compliments and complaints and use this process positively to improve services for our pupils and students and the wider community.

We are committed to the continuous improvement of our services. If you have any feedback please either complete the below form or email us at [enquiries@orchardhill.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@orchardhill.ac.uk)

### **The Local Offer**

We offer placements to all Local Authorities and have students placed from across a large number of London's boroughs. We are included on many Local Offers as providers of specialist education and therapy for students with a wide range of special needs.

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