

THE
PATHWAY
CENTRE

Croydon's Pathway to Independence Learning for Life Programme



What is the Croydon Pathway's Programme?

Croydon Pathway's is a specialist provision based at The Pathway Centre at Croydon College's Coulsdon Campus and The Waddon Pathways Centre (based at the youth centre), with a social community element included as part of the programme.

The Pathway Centre is for young adults with complex and severe difficulties. This may include young people who have significant learning difficulties, autism, health and medical needs, physical difficulties including visual and hearing impairments, and associated behaviours resulting from these needs. Every student is recognised and respected as unique and special. We place each young person's individual needs and goals at the centre. It is this approach that underpins our curriculum; developed to ensure students are given opportunities to develop their communication, learning and independence, in a safe and inclusive environment.

At the Pathway Centre the focus is on developing vocational skills, including numeracy and literacy, arts and music. Where suitable, the course offers opportunities for mainstream integration with a focus on social interaction and development of life skills.

At The Waddon Centre the focus is on social and life skills development. There is also provision for taking part in supported activities in the local community, such as swimming, the gym, a community allotment and supported work placements.

“ Good things are happening, the energy and enthusiasm have given us a glimpse of possibilities that previously we would not have considered. ”

**Parent
2019**

“ I love, love, love Waddon and the staff. My daughter absolutely loves it and if she’s happy then of course I’m happy. She has come on in leaps and bounds, very confident and learning new skills every day. The staff are excellent, they show a huge respect and care for all the students and go above and beyond their responsibilities. ”

Parent
2020

THE PATHWAY CENTRE COURSES

Explorer course

Core aim

The course will prepare students for adulthood by enabling them to reach their full potential to develop routines, improve communication and make choices and decisions which will enable them to gain the maximum possible degree of control over their daily lives.

Life Skills course

Core aim

Independence (through practical activities). Life Skills is a course for young people with a range of learning difficulties who are likely to have high support needs on entry and will develop the skills to become more independent as they progress through the course. The course will prepare students for adulthood by enabling them to gain the maximum possible degree of independence in their daily lives.

Into Work course

Core aim

Skills and experience in the world of work. The course will prepare students for adulthood by focussing on developing the skills needed for the world of work, with added opportunities for developing independence, community and social skills.



Who can attend?

Croydon Pathway's is for young adults with complex and severe difficulties. This may include young people who have significant learning difficulties, autism, health and medical needs, physical difficulties including visual and hearing impairments, and associated behaviours resulting from these needs. There is no specific entry criteria; each candidate is considered on their individual needs identified in their Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

How long is the course?

Students will usually access the programme for 1 or 2 academic years. They will retain their EHCP and the annual review will be used to discuss when the young person has met their outcomes and is ready to transition on to adult life beyond education.

What happens when a young person completes their course?

The main focus of Pathway's is to plan for adult life. When a young person is ready to move on to adult living there is a joined up approach between the young people, their carers, the team at the Pathway Centre, Waddon and social care, plus other professionals who may be involved. Young People will undergo a social care transitions assessment to start planning early for their transition to adult life. This will mean considering long term hopes and aspirations which may include living arrangement and work options. When a young person leaves the programme at the end of the academic year (July) there will be a transition plan in place for them to ensure they have the best chance of a fulfilled and happy adult life.





WHAT IS IT LIKE?



The course starts in September



College is from 9am – 3pm



Enjoy your lunch at College



There will be about 6 people in the group

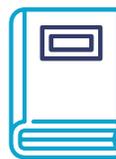
WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING TO COLLEGE?



Freedom pass for travel



Appropriate clothes (and spare clothes if needed)



Our communication book/planner



Money for cookery and if going out



Any emergency medication or support items for eating, drinking or personal care

AN EXAMPLE WEEKLY TIMETABLE FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING BOTH CENTRES

MONDAY AT THE PATHWAY CENTRE

Literacy, numeracy, ICT

TUESDAY AT THE WADDON CENTRE

Independent living skills

WEDNESDAY AT THE WADDON CENTRE

Outside activities

FRIDAY AT THE PATHWAY CENTRE

Sports and cooking

Staffing of the programme

The team at The Pathway Centre is headed up by an experienced and skilled leader who has worked with young people with special educational needs for many years. The teachers have all undertaken specialist training to work with students who have complex needs. In addition, each of the class groups have learning support staff.

All young people will be part of a small and nurturing group, some young people will require 1:1 support. The Coulsdon campus also benefits from support provided by a speech and language therapist and occupational therapist, implemented as part of the daily curriculum.

The team at The Waddon Centre is led by an experienced practitioner who has managed the provision for many years. His skillset is working with young people with complex needs and the excellent provision focuses on the development of life skills and social interaction. The centre is supported by a number of professionally qualified workers who have received specialist training and have many years of experience within SEND.

Staff are skilled in communicating using augmentative and alternative communication techniques. Croydon Sensory Support Service also offers specialist teaching support for the young people who have hearing or vision needs. Specialist teachers will provide advice and support to the wider Pathway's team to ensure the best resources are in place for these students.

“ All those doubts have completely dissolved, within the space of a short time. Her progress is evident, not only to us but also to others, her vocabulary has improved enormously. ”

**Parent
2020**



AN EXAMPLE WEEKLY TIMETABLE FOR STUDENTS AT THE PATHWAY CENTRE

MONDAY

Literacy, numeracy, ICT



TUESDAY

Sports and cooking



WEDNESDAY

Gardening and community access

FRIDAY AT THE PATHWAY CENTRE

Independent living skills



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