



# Transition



Transition to college starts at the beginning of the school year with information being sent to all Year 11 pupils and their families, detailing how to apply for college.

We ask that all applications to college be made by the Christmas break to ensure that the pupils' qualification reports can be sent to the relevant college(s) to enable them to identify the most suitable supported learning course for the pupil and process their application.

Once applications have been processed by the Post 16 setting, applicants will receive an offer of a place and pupils will be invited to an interview to find out more about the course and to meet tutors and familiarize themselves with the new setting they will be attending.

The majority of our local colleges have a link Transition Support Worker (TSW) attached to Pinewood. The TSW's work very closely with the school to ensure that each individual pupil receives a graduated transition to college that best suits their needs.

The college transition workers start visiting the Year 11s from January. They sit in classes, talk to teachers and find out exactly what each student would need to make a smooth transition into college.

The college and/or school organised taster days for individuals/groups of students as per the college request. The transition workers are supportive of our Y11's, attending the leavers assemblies and forging relationships with families.

# Post 16 Information Evening

- In the Autumn term we traditionally hold an Information Evening for local representatives from Post 16 colleges, social support and finance to talk to all parents and carers of our pupils in Years 9-11. This is a valued opportunity to learn about all the information needed to move in to the next stage of education. We encourage parents/carers and pupils to attend college open events during the Autumn in order to make an informed choice as to the post 16 setting that most suits their needs.

## Services for Young People

- Young people who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities (LDD) can get help until they reach their 25th birthday from Services for Young People (SfYP), who are part of the Hertfordshire Local Authority.
- The LDD team includes specialist personal advisers (PA) who offer young people with LDD aged 13-24 impartial information, advice and guidance on their Post 16 options such as further education, training and employment. Personal Advisers also work closely in partnership with parents/carers, teachers, tutors, social workers and other professionals to identify appropriate support and provision.
- PA's write a 'Preparing for Adulthood' (PfA) Transition Plan for young people from Year 9 onwards. This uses a person-centred approach to help the young people gather information 'All About Me', reflecting what is important to them and important for them as they make the transition from school to what comes next.
- The SfYP Advisers linked to Pinewood school are:
  - Essex: Daphne Williams: Telephone: 0333 032 1147  
[daphne.williams@essex.gov.uk](mailto:daphne.williams@essex.gov.uk)
  - Hertfordshire: Sophie Corcoran Telephone: 01438 843 541  
[Sophie.Corcoran1@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Sophie.Corcoran1@hertfordshire.gov.uk)
- Further information on SfYP LDD Team can be found at: <https://www.servicesforyoungpeople.org/buy-our-services/about-our-services-for-schools-and-colleges/services-for-young-people-with-learning-difficulties-and-or-disabilities-ldd/>

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- SfYP also have a Supported Employment Team which works with employers and supports 16-25 year olds with LDD into the workplace, arranging work experience placements and supporting, training and coaching young people before and during their employment.
- Further information on SfYP Supported Employment Team can be found at: <https://www.servicesforyoungpeople.org/support-for-young-people/support-for-young-people-with-learning-disabilities/the-services-for-young-people-ldd-team/supported-employment/>

# Year 11 Leavers June 2022- destination data

Pinewood School has formed strong relationships with local further education settings ensuring a smooth transition into post 16 education. The majority of our students leaving in the summer of 2022 accepted places at Hertford Regional College (HRC) but pupils also go on to North Herts College (NHC), Oaklands, Capel Manor and Harlow College all of whom have excellent Supported Learning programmes.

## **Data for Cohort 2021 - 2022**

24 pupils went to Hertford Regional College

2 pupils went to North Herts College

1 pupil went to Oaklands College