



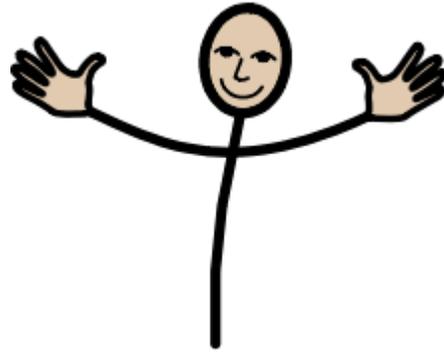
St. Nicholas School Canterbury

St Nicholas 6th form



**A Community of
Learners**

About us:



St Nicholas is a special school for pupils aged 4-19 with severe, profound and complex learning needs maintained by Kent County Council.

Our 6th Form is located on the main Canterbury College Campus, and we work in partnership with them to access a range of their facilities including their sports centre, and café areas.

We strive to provide a wide range of learning opportunities for our young people that will prepare them for their future aspirations. We run a time table that covers the core subjects (English, Maths, ICT, PSHE, PE) as well as offering a wide range of choices that suit individual need and interests.

Our aim is to provide our young people and their families with a clear understanding of future pathways and we work in collaboration with a wide range of professionals to ensure this.

The 6th form team:



The 6th form consists of 6 teachers, who lead our 5 Form groups, the Key Stage 5 Manager Carrie and the 14-19 Lead Louise, we then have, Lee, Karl, Kelly and Catherine. Our groups here are streamed into Entry Level groups to try to ensure that we are setting the challenge for academic achievement at the correct level. However we have a range of 'options' sessions which students choose from and these groups are of mixed ability depending on individual interest and choice.

We remain a part of St Nicholas school, and therefore continue to work alongside the therapy team including the Physios, OT's, SaLT's, VI and HI specialists. Students are able to continue any therapeutic programmes they are accessing such as Counselling, play therapy, art therapy, music therapy etc. We will continue to work with and support any Social services, CAMHS, Ed Psych's or any other professionals involved with your young person, and are happy to facilitate meetings onsite.



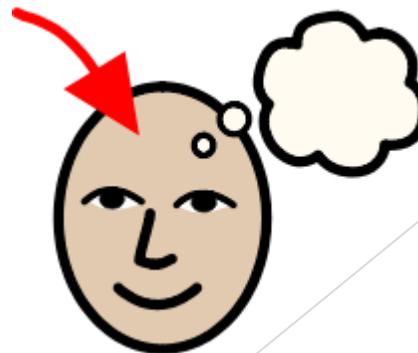
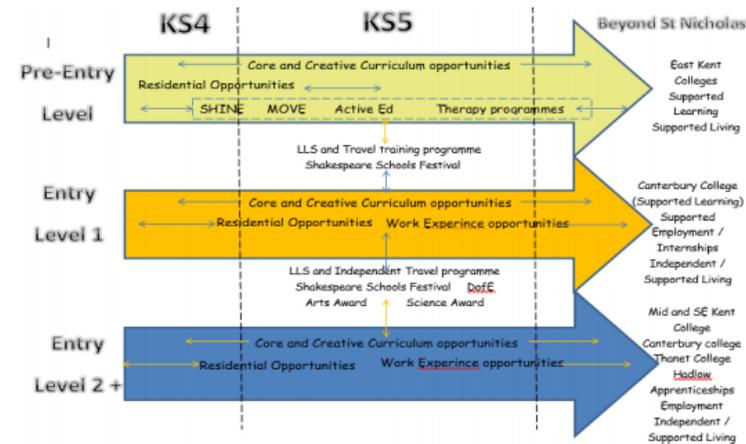
From Left to right:

*Carrie- KS5 Manager and F4 Teacher, Louise- 14-19 Lead, Lee- F1 Teacher,
Kelly- F3 Teacher, Catherine- F5 Teacher, Karl- F2 Teacher*

Learning Pathways:

We continue to work hard to develop a wide range of links with our educational provisions as well as work based providers to ensure that experiences and transitions are meaningful and realistic to our learners. We have identified 3 main pathways for our young people although are always keen and willing to work with families and other professionals to re-develop these to suit individual need if required.

Our main offer is to provide students with the functional skills they require to be able to access and function within their local community. For our young people working at pre Entry Level and Entry Level 1, we look at offering them with a wide range of enjoyable experiences within the local area and accredit their skills through the OCR Life and Living skills Program. For those working at Entry level 1 and 2 we strive to develop their functional use of skills within English, Maths and ICT to enable them to continue making progress and move onto other educational provisions to continue practicing and developing these skills.

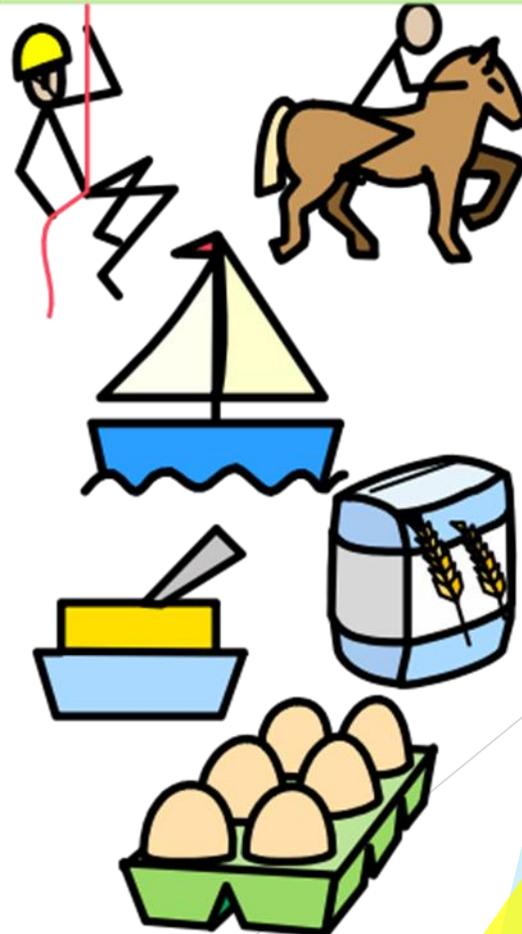


Programme of Study:

We have developed our curriculum to ensure that all students continue to develop and practise their skills in English, Maths and ICT.

We also continually develop a comprehensive PSHE and RSE program that supports students to develop and understand relationships both within our setting as well as out in the wider community.

Students have weekly PE sessions which vary from dance, gymnastics, team games, cycling, trampolining and so on, as well as having the opportunity to opt into swimming sessions. We believe home management skills are extremely important to our young people, therefore students take part in weekly sessions. This comprises of planning, purchasing and cooking their own lunches, and the clean up that goes with it!



Optional Activities:

We have a variety of optional activities offered each afternoon which the students can choose from, these are changeable and adaptable to student need and interest. This is in addition to our lunchtime clubs that are run by staff.

The students are given the options to choose from at the start of term 1, end of term 2, and end of term 4. They will then participate in their chosen option for 2 terms, and generally these sessions are project based.

We use a range of courses to accredit the work of the students in these areas for example the Arts Award, OCR Life and Living Skills etc.

Name: _____

Please circle your Subject Choices:

Monday:  PE  Gym  Orienteering  exercise to music  mindfulness 

Tuesday:  Work experience (all day)  drama  music  Creative Arts 

 mini enterprise  DT

Wednesday:  textiles  or  Work experience (all day)  Muddy wellies (all day)

science  swimming  world studies  in the afternoon 

Thursday:  Construction (all day) 

Friday:  Beauty / Relaxation  Music  ICT 

Work Based Learning:

We are continually looking for realistic work based learning opportunities for our young people, and we have partnered with a number of establishments to provide this. These experiences provide students with the opportunity to develop their social skills, find out areas of interest, develop functional skills in relation to time management.

We work closely with Brogdale CIC who provide our students with a range of horticultural, and craft experiences at Brogdale Farm in Faversham, and Muddy Wellies Farm in Ashford. They also provide catering and hospitality experiences at their cafes, where students gain their food hygiene award.

We also have a great new link with The Umbrella Café in Whitstable, where students are able to work in a busy running café using the till, serving customers and preparing food etc. Currently we work with The FAR Academy who offer a construction course, where previously students have made clocks, skateboards, and a variety of animal houses.



Timetabling:

Our day runs from 8.45 -2.45 pm. Students have a morning break of 20 minutes (10.20-10.40 am), their lunch break is 11.30-12 pm where we go to the refectory in the main College Campus to eat. Students are able to choose from a wide range of options within the refectory and experiences excellent social skills within the main campus environment.

The students then have leisure time between 12-12.45 pm, during this time some students may choose to remain within our block socializing, watching films, using computers, 'chilling out' etc or joining in with a lunch time club.



Students to sign up to lunchtime clubs during registration period.
Staff running clubs to round up students for club start time.

Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
What	Creative Arts	Film Club	Makaton to Music	Mindfulness	Karaoke	Music Club
Who with	Charlotte	Amy	Charlotte	Jill	Sam	Lee
Where	Form 3	Leisure room	Form 2	Form 2	Form 3	Kitchen

Alternatively there are often sports activities on offer over at the sports centre. For those students who are more independent, we are happy to work with families to enable them to explore the campus area at their leisure, providing they take responsibility for themselves, and navigate there way back to us on time for their lessons.

Teaching Groups & Social Interaction:

The students within the 6th Form are grouped according to the level of accreditation they are working at. Form 1 caters for those students who are working to achieve Entry 2 or 3, with the aim of moving onto a vocational course offered within the main College Campus. Form 2, generally caters for those students working within Entry Level and developing skills in Entry Level 2, with the aim of moving onto another supported course.

Student	8:45	9:30	10:20	10:40	11:30	1:00	2:00	2:45
Monday	Register and Tutor Period	literacy	Break	literacy	Lunch	Orienteering	Reflection	Home
Tuesday	Register and Tutor Period	PSHE	Break	PSHE	Lunch	Creative Arts	Reflection	Home
Wednesday	Register and Tutor Period	World of Work	Break	World of Work	Lunch	SALT	Reflection	Home
Thursday	Register and Tutor Period	Cookery	Break	Cookery	Lunch	ICT	Reflection	Home
Friday	Register and Tutor Period	Maths	Break	Maths	Lunch	Music	Reflection	Home

Form 3 and 4 run fairly parallel in offering a wide range of experiences for our learners working pre Entry Level and working towards Entry Level 1. These classes have a higher staff ratio to ensure the students receive the level of support required to participate in the activities. Form 5 is for our high needs learners and this class is currently based on our main school site at St Nicholas to enable access to therapeutic input such as hydro, Active Ed etc and where facilities are more suitable to their need, and the nurse is readily available onsite. During leisure times, Forms 1 -4 have great social opportunities to mingle, as well as access social opportunities within the main collage campus.

Useful Information:



6th form fund:

We do ask for a weekly donation of £4 or a termly donation of £20. A huge part of our curriculum is based on encouraging the students to become more independent, therefore we access a variety of community activities, regular cooking sessions and practicing functional money handling skills within the community. This money goes towards these costs, helps us to subsidise costs of activities and trips out and allows students to practice their money handling skills during trips to local cafes/ shops.

Transport:

As our young people reach the age of 16, KCC requires you to reapply for transport. We will endeavour to support you with these applications and will alert you of the availability of forms as soon as we can.

Family support:

We continue to work very closely with the family support team, who base themselves with us 1 day per week, however are regularly available.

FAQ's:



What are the term dates?

The term dates are exactly the same as the main school, these can be found on our website, or are regularly included in the newsletter.

Can my child still have school meals?

Yes! Cost of school meals at the 6th form are £3 per day. Those entitled to free school meals can still claim this. Some students prefer to bring in their own money each day and choose from the wide variety of food available at the refectory.



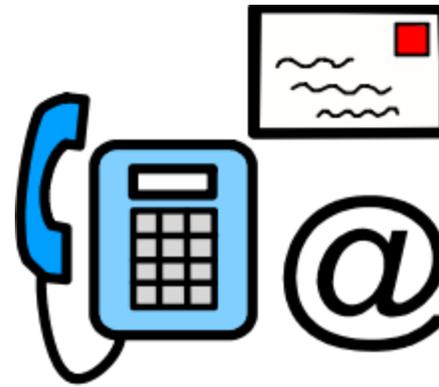
How long can my child stay at the 6th form?

Up to 3 years, however this will be dependent on each individual and their progress. Some learners may only stay with us for 1 or 2 years before moving on.

Where are you?

We are based in the campus grounds of Canterbury College.

Contact Details:



Telephone number:

01227 464316

(this will take you through to the main school, please ask to be transferred to the 6th form).
Please note our office is manned between 8.30-11 am, however we regularly check our answer phone.

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