

St Piers Sixth Form Provision



St. Piers Sixth Form enables students to:

- Prepare for adult life, whether in Further Education or in an Adult Residential Provision.
- Develop independence skills and practice real life-skills.
- Equip them with specific employability skills for the transition to 19+.
- Continue to develop self-understanding and the capacity to continue making progress on essential skills.
- Identify areas of interest that will guide their choices for the next stage of their lives.

St. Piers Sixth Form curriculum facilitates this by:

- Offering scope for choices and decision making at all levels within lessons and programmes.
- Offering opportunities for work experience placements, mini enterprise projects and access to community facilities.
- Encouraging students to work on self-help and independence skills (in collaboration with care staff for residential students and parents/carers of day students), including money management, social communication and aspects of personal care.
- Encouraging students to assume responsibility for their own learning through guided self assessment.
- Encouraging students to work with peers outside their own class groups through options groups and joint events.
- Encouraging students to explore a wide range of activities that they may choose to develop in future living and learning environments.

Staff in the Sixth Form actively promote all the above through:

- Skilled and sensitive teaching in small class groups.
- A broad and balanced curriculum which offers differentiated opportunities based on the level the student is working at.
- A multi-disciplinary approach across all settings.
- Support that fosters independence and confidence.
- Effective use of resources and facilities within school, across site and in the local community.

Sixth Form Curriculum Coverage:

St Piers Sixth Form students follow the 'Moving On' Curriculum produced by Equals that is designed specifically for students aged 16-19 years with learning difficulties. The work that the students produce within the curriculum is moderated internally and externally. This nationally recognised accreditation covers the following areas of learning:

Literacy

(Sharing information, creating an interest and gathering and using information)

Numeracy

(Money matters, patterns in everyday life and working it out)

Vocational Studies

(Work Related Learning and Careers Education and Guidance/Post School Planning)

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

(Science, Technology, Foreign Cultures, Creativity and Humanities)

Life Skills/Independent Living

(PSHE, Citizenship, Leisure and Recreation and Daily Living Skills)

The curriculum contains five separate one year programmes of learning which run as a rolling programme. The programmes are named: Adventurer, Explorer, Traveller, Voyager and Globetrotter. Within each programme the teachers select those subjects which are appropriate to the specific cohort of sixth form students. The students have a choice in some of the subjects that they study and the more able groups move around and are taught by different teachers. The subjects are linked together through a central theme which also links to the main school theme.

Key Skills

Embedded in the curriculum is a focus around developing each individual's Key Skills including:

Communication

(Language and literacy)

Application of numbers

(Practical numeracy skills and life skills maths)

Information Technology

(Practical opportunities for building experience at a level appropriate to the individual and the use of IT in all areas of life)

Working with others

(Personal, social, health and citizenship education)

Improving their learning and performance

(Study skills, personalised learning, independence and self help skills)

Problem solving

(Developing cognitive and thinking skills, acquiring knowledge and understanding to process and solve physical and emotional issues)

The curriculum in the sixth form reflects the changes and transitions that the students experience to prepare them for adulthood. It is built around functional skills, to consolidate learning and to learn new skills in a safe environment while also allowing for personalisation and creativity.

Vocational studies and Employability Skills - Preparing for Adult Life

St Piers School sixth form prepares students for adult life by developing their independence and vocational skills through units of study within the Moving On curriculum. Students have opportunities to develop these key skills in social communication, choice making, anticipate routine and have control over patterns in their lives, meal planning and preparation, budgeting, shopping, aspects of personal care and demonstrate an understanding of cause and effect.

Within the subjects of PSHE and Citizenship, students learn about such key concepts as healthy eating, awareness of drugs, personal safety, relationships, E-safety, bullying and self-expression.

The World Studies units allow the students to take responsibility for themselves, others and their environment and understand their place within it while incorporating literacy and numeracy.

Work experience placements and enterprise projects are offered through the vocational studies aspects of the curriculum. These address individual need, broaden experiences, build confidence and competence by developing skills, knowledge and understanding to equip students for life.

All work is accredited externally and the students receive nationally recognised qualifications within the subject areas.

BTEC

Sixth Form students working at an Entry levels 1-3 have the opportunity to achieve an Edexcel Award/Certificate BTEC in Skills for Independence and Work.

The units for the BTEC are run as a satellite from St Piers College who internally verify the schemes of work which are laid out as a series of tasks, success criteria and evidence. These students get a term to collect evidence for the tasks that they have completed which is in the form of worksheets, observational statements, witness statements and video and photographic.

There are many cross curriculum links to the current Moving On Curriculum. The tasks for these are a combination of classroom teaching and applying the skills within the local community. The teaching staff have planned to complete a unit per term depending on the number of credits each unit produces towards the qualification. The sixth form leavers with completed units can continue to progress towards a higher qualification at the college.

The BTEC units enhance our teaching of employability skills than solely teaching the Work Related Learning and Careers Education units from the Moving On curriculum. We have strong links with the college and a clearer understanding of the pathway our students take in terms of academic and vocational qualifications. Students have the opportunity to transfer qualifications to the college and through these work related qualifications they are giving the students knowledge, understanding and skills that are key to prepare them for employment.

Life and Living Skills

All students will have the opportunity to achieve a Life and Living Award at Entry level 1-3. This accreditation equips students with the knowledge and skills at they need for their future and to celebrate achievement and success through completing skill units.

Students are encouraged to develop their own interests and undertake a programme of work related learning by accessing the Young Epilepsy facilities and work opportunities. Within the school community students participate in the student council, participate in work experience, mini enterprise projects, environmental improvement projects, horticulture projects and a tuck shop. Students support their local, national and global communities through fundraising events and work experience placements.

Qualifications/Accreditation

The work produced by the students in the sixth form is based on level descriptors which refer to levels of attainment and indicate progression throughout the three years of study. All students leave the sixth form with a nationally recognised accreditation in chosen areas of study. St Piers Sixth Form offers an Entry Level BTEC Award/Certificate in Skills for Independence and Work and an Entry Level Award and Certificate in Life and Living Skills. Students will collect credits through the units and work towards either an Award or Certificate qualification.

Key Stage 5 (16-19) Accreditation	Key Stage 5 (16-19) EDEXCEL Entry Level Qualifications	Key Stage 5 (16-19) OCR Entry Level Qualifications
Moving On Accreditation: Literacy - Numeracy - Key Skills / Functional Skills	Entry Level 1 – BTEC Award in Skills and Independence and Work	Entry Level 1 – Life and Living Skills Introductory Award, Award, Extended Award or Certificate in Communication, Arts and Crafts, The Environment and Community, Home Management, ICT, Numeracy, Personal Skills and World of Work.
Moving On Accreditation: World Studies Science Technology Foreign Cultures Creativity Humanities	Entry Level 2 - BTEC Certificate in Skills and Independence and Work	Entry Level 2 – Life and Living Skills Introductory Award, Ward or Certificate in Communication, Arts and Crafts, The Environment and Community, Home Management, ICT, Numeracy, Personal Skills and World of Work.
Moving On Accreditation: Independent Living PSHE Citizenship Leisure and Recreation Daily Living Skills	Entry Level 3 - BTEC Certificate in Skills and Independence and Work	Entry Level 3 – Life and Living Skills Introductory Award, Ward or Certificate in Communication, Arts and Crafts, The Environment and Community, Home Management, ICT, Numeracy, Personal Skills and World of Work.
Moving On Accreditation: Vocational Studies Work Related Learning Careers Education	Additional Award Qualifications Sport Playmaker Award British Gymnastics Trampoline Proficiency Award Rebound Therapy Winstrada Award Amateur Swimming Association Award Canoe England Paddlepower Award	
Moving On Accreditation: Leisure and Recreation	Non-accredited courses and programmes SRE So Safe Creative Arts Work experience	

