

Spa Bermondsey



Transitions information for KS5 pupils

## Useful websites

### Southwark information advice and support team (SIAS)

A service which offers impartial advice to parents and young people.

SIAS offer parents support, training and advice on topics including:

- special educational needs
- communicating with schools and other agencies
- transition from nursery to primary school
- transition from primary to secondary school
- advice for all parents on applying for a school place
- age 16 plus education and career choices
- how to request for an education, health and care plan
- helping parents and young people understand tribunals
- support parents, carers and young people complete an appeals process
- attend school meetings
- SEND exclusions

This service is free to all parents, carers and young people who live in Southwark and parents who have children attending schools in Southwark.

Drop-in sessions are during school term time only.

They're located at - **Sunshine House, Ground floor, 27 Peckham Road, London, SE5 8UH at the following times:**

- **every Tuesday 9.30am to 1.30pm these are virtual sessions and can be booked by viewing the [Calendly website](#)**
- **every Thursday 2pm to 5pm at Sunshine House, Ground floor, 27 Peckham Road, London, SE5 8UH**

**For more information:**



We hope you found the information in this booklet helpful. We encourage you to visit a variety of college options to find the best fit for your young adult. For further support with the college transition process, you can schedule an appointment with the school SENCO by calling the school office at 020 7237 3714.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents in the borough of Lewisham, Southwark, Lambeth and Croydon</li> </ul>
Other information	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>call <b>020 3049 8100</b></li> <li>email <b><a href="mailto:sias@southwark.gov.uk">sias@southwark.gov.uk</a></b></li> </ul>	
The London borough of Southwark local offer	<p>The local offer contains details of provision available locally and nationally to children, young people and adults (aged 0-25) with special education needs and disabilities.</p> <p><a href="https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/">https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/</a></p>

<b>The Park College</b>	
<b>Address:</b>  Bishops House 5 Kennington Park Place London SE11 4AS	<b>Contact information:</b> 020 7735 4154 <a href="mailto:office@theparkcollege.org">office@theparkcollege.org</a>  <a href="https://theparkcollege.org">https://theparkcollege.org</a>
<b>College overview:</b>  The Park College is a special educational needs college in Southwark for young people aged 19-25 with autism and/or moderate learning difficulties. Training courses at the college prepare young people with autism for work and independent adult life. We teach employment skills and support students into work at the end of their courses. Students are supported to realise their potential and encouraged to make informed choices and decisions about things that are important in their lives.	
<b>Entry requirements</b>	Entry level 3 and above with a degree of independent skills. Age 19 - 25
<b>Other information</b>	Visits can be organised by emailing <a href="mailto:office@theparkcollege.org">office@theparkcollege.org</a> or calling Tel: 0207 735 4154

<b>Banardos – The Building Hope Academy</b>	
<b>Address:</b> <b>Building Hope Academy, The Triangle. 2 Coxwell Road. Crystal Palace LONDON SE19 3BG</b>	<b>Contact information:</b> Sarah Rowson - Service Administrator, Employment, Training and Skills (ETS)  <a href="mailto:Sarah.Rowson@Barnardos.org.uk">Sarah.Rowson@Barnardos.org.uk</a> Mobile: 07784 239106  <a href="http://barnardos-ets.org.uk">Building Hope Academy - Barnardo's ETS (barnardos-ets.org.uk)</a>
<b>College overview:</b> Designed for young people ages 16-18 years old up to 24 with EHCP, who are not in education, employment or training. Delivered in partnership with Saint Gobain's Future Place providing pre-employment training, work experience, and personal support as well as construction skills qualifications.	
<b>Study programme includes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vocational training</b> – Construction (level 1), health and safety award ( level 2), functional skills or GCSE in numeracy and literacy</li> <li>• <b>Work placement</b> – industry work experience at reputable organisation</li> <li>• <b>Employability, life skills and personal development</b> – group and 1:1 support towards independent living, employment</li> </ul>	
<b>Entry requirements</b>	16-18yrs up to 24 with EHCP who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looked after children or care leavers</li> <li>• Not in education, employment and training (NEET)</li> </ul>

<b>Big creative education, apprenticeships training academy</b> <b>Big creative education</b>	
Address: Uplands House, Blackhorse Ln, London E17 5QJ	Contact information: <u>020 3873 5800</u> For open evenings/admissions email <u><a href="mailto:recruitment@bigcreative.education">recruitment@bigcreative.education</a></u> For Student Services please email <u><a href="mailto:bctstudentservices@bigcreative.education">bctstudentservices@bigcreative.education</a></u> For Apprenticeship enquiries please email <u><a href="mailto:apprenticeships@bigcreative.education">apprenticeships@bigcreative.education</a></u>
College overview:	
<p>Big Creative Education offer courses and Internal progression routes from Entry Level through to Level 3 (for 16-18 year olds and up to 25 years old if the learner has an EHCP).</p> <p>BCE offer courses in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Digital media</li> <li>- Gaming</li> <li>- Drama</li> <li>- Dance</li> <li>- Fashion</li> <li>- Events management</li> <li>- Music production</li> <li>- Music performance</li> <li>- Music business</li> </ul> <p>An apprenticeship at BCE will give young people the skills and experience needed to start a career within the creative industry.</p>	
Entry requirements	
Other information	

<b>Ambitious college</b>	
Address: Clyde Rd, London N15 4FY	Contact information: <u>020 3870 8775</u>  <u><a href="https://ambitiouscollege.org.uk">https://ambitiouscollege.org.uk</a></u>
College overview:	
<p>A day college in London for young people with autism and complex needs.</p> <p>The college opened in September 2014 and is dedicated to supporting young people with autism aged 16–25. The College offers young people specialist education and support and provide the vocational and community-based opportunities they need to make a successful transition to an active life in their community.</p> <p>The college deliver personalised programmes of learning which follow the four pathways developed by Preparing for Adulthood: employment independent living, better health, friends, relationships and community.</p>	
Entry requirements	Entry level 3 and above with a degree of independent skills. Age 19 - 25
Other information	

Orchard Hill College	
Address:  Quadrant House, The Quadrant, Sutton SM2 5AS  Lomond House 50 Camberwell Green London SE5 7AL	Contact information:  <a href="tel:03454020453">0345 402 0453</a>  <a href="mailto:enquiries@orchardhill.ac.uk">enquiries@orchardhill.ac.uk</a>  <a href="https://orchardhill.ac.uk">https://orchardhill.ac.uk</a>
College overview:  There are six <a href="#">college centres</a> across London and Surrey where committed, specialist teams deliver a range of programmes to meet the needs of our students.  Students who study with us have a wide range of needs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profound and multiple learning disabilities</li> <li>• Moderate learning difficulties</li> <li>• Physical and sensory impairments</li> <li>• Mental health and/or emotional difficulties</li> <li>• Communication and behavioural difficulties</li> <li>• Social and communication disorders e .g. Autistic Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>• Specific medical needs</li> </ul> <p>All students are individual and each programme is as unique as they are. The 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.</p>	

Westminster Kingsway College	
Address:  211 Grays Inn Rd, London WC1X 8RA	Contact information:  <a href="https://www.westking.ac.uk/">https://www.westking.ac.uk/</a>  <a href="https://www.camden.gov.uk/alexandra-centre">https://www.camden.gov.uk/alexandra-centre</a>
College overview:  Four centres across Camden and Westminster, located in King's cross, Victoria, and Soho, offering an extensive range of academic and vocational courses for all ages.  They offer A levels, A levels intensives, vocational courses, and higher education courses.  Westminster Kingsway college is an accessible college, and is committed to providing adjustment to ensure students with disabilities succeed.  They also offer a wide range of specialist programmes for learners with learning difficulties or disabilities at the King's cross centre, Alexandra centre.	
Entry requirements	
Other information	Will arrange individual appointments and visits as well as general open days

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South Thames College	
Address:  Wandsworth High St, London SW18 2PP	Contact information: <a href="tel:02089187777">020 8918 7777</a>  <a href="mailto:Info.SouthThames@stcg.ac.uk">Info.SouthThames@stcg.ac.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:learner.support@south-thames.ac.uk">learner.support@south-thames.ac.uk</a>  <a href="https://stcg.ac.uk">https://stcg.ac.uk</a>
College overview:  South Thames College deliver courses in further and higher education across three college sites in Wandsworth, Tooting and Merton.  The college also have a dedicated site in Merton called Aurora Provision, a specialist, non-residential FE centre for young adults 16-25 year olds with moderate to severe learning disabilities who may have Autism, behaviours of concern or complex support needs. Each site has different courses available. <a href="https://stcg.ac.uk/foundation-learner-send/aurora-provision">https://stcg.ac.uk/foundation-learner-send/aurora-provision</a>	
Entry requirements	Varies from course to course but most ask for an interest in developing skills for work and employment with a commitment to completing the course.
Other information	There are courses at all levels in Foundation learning courses/SEND with the Aurora Provision being one

Southwark College	
Address:  25 The Cut, London SE1 8LF	Contact information:  <a href="tel:02037574000">020 3757 4000</a>  <a href="mailto:info@southwark.ac.uk">info@southwark.ac.uk</a>  <a href="https://www.southwark.ac.uk">https://www.southwark.ac.uk</a>
College overview:  Southwark College offer vocational courses in a wide range of subjects – from dance and drama to business and IT – as well as A levels and higher education programmes.  Southwark College offer Supported Learning courses to support people with Educational Health Care Plans and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to gain more independence, improve knowledge and get the guidance and encouragement they need to successfully move into work.  Course list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported Internship Pathway Work</li> <li>• Community And Enterprise Engagement Programme</li> <li>• Skills for Progression Programme</li> <li>• Towards Independence Programme</li> </ul> <p>The wide-ranging Student Services team are there to give students the help and guidance you need to get the most out of your time at College.</p>	
Entry requirements	Varies from Entry level 2 up to level 1, with an emphasis on pupils having this in



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult SEND courses of students who do not have EHCP who continue to benefit from being taught within a supportive and encouraging environment through personalising teaching and learning to meet individual needs.</li> </ul> <p>The Inclusive Learning department is within the main College so students should be able to feel comfortable within that busy environment, at least for arrival and departure.</p>	
Entry requirements	A degree of independent skills.
Other information	Will arrange individual appointments and visits as well as general open days

Capel Manor college	
Address:  The Regent's Park, The Park Office the Storeyard Inner Circle, London NW1 4NR	Contact information:  <u>020 7486 7930</u>  Live chat via the website: <a href="https://www.capel.ac.uk">https://www.capel.ac.uk</a>
College overview:  Capel Manor College offers a range of full and part-time land-based courses which lead to nationally recognised qualifications and potential progression into employment or on to further study. The college deliver a range of courses from Animal Management, Floristry, Garden Design and Horticulture.  Learning support is provided by our expert team of Learning Support Assistants, all of whom are experienced in meeting the needs of those with a wide range of learning difficulties and/ or disabilities.	
Entry requirements	For Land based studies Entry Level 2 in English and Maths (the approximate equivalent of a Year 8 secondary school literacy and numeracy level).
Other information	Individual applying must be willing to work outdoors and take part in practical activities. An interest in gardening, working outdoors or with animals is a key requirement of this course.

Care Trade: The Autism project	
Address:  The Clarence Centre 6 St George's Circus London, SE1 6FE	Contact information:  <b><u>020 3375 6288</u></b>  <a href="mailto:info@caretradeuk.org">info@caretradeuk.org</a>  <a href="https://care-trade.org">https://care-trade.org</a>
College overview:  A full-time, two-year, employability programme for autistic young people aged 18-25, with an Education Health & Care Plan. It included on site class based learning to develop skills relevant to employment and independence.	
Entry requirements	Diagnosis of autism Entry level 2 or above with a degree of independent skills
Other information	Open days are held several times a year, which need to be booked. <a href="#">The Autism Project Online Information Sessions 2024-25</a>

South Bank college /Lambeth FE College (Part of LSBU Group)	
Address: Brixton Centre 56 Brixton Hill London SW2 1QS  Clapham Centre 45 Clapham Common South Side London SW4 9BL	Contact information:  <b><u>020 7501 5000</u></b>  <b>info@southbankcolleges.ac.uk</b>  <a href="https://www.southbankcolleges.ac.uk">https://www.southbankcolleges.ac.uk</a>
College overview: Inclusive Learning courses, which are full time (16 Hours per week). Courses for 16-25 year-old young adults with an Educational Healthcare Plan.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative Media and Performing Arts</li> <li>• Catering</li> <li>• Digital Skills</li> <li>• In the Garden</li> <li>• In the Kitchen</li> <li>• Preparation for Employment</li> <li>• Introduction to the Hospitality Industry</li> <li>• Independent Living Skills</li> <li>• Learning for the Community</li> <li>• Life and Work Skills</li> <li>• Retail Enterprise</li> <li>• Transition</li> <li>• Tasters for Progression</li> <li>• Sports</li> </ul>	
They also offer other pathways available if you are interested in gaining employment or your EHCP has come to an end. These include:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project search a Supported Internship (SIs)</li> </ul>	

Other information	Will arrange individual appointments and visits as well as general open days
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Roots and Shoots	
Address: Roots and Shoots, Walnut Tree Walk, Kennington, London, SE11 6DN	Contact information:  <a href="tel:02075871131">020 7587 1131</a>  <a href="mailto:office@rootsandshoots.org.uk">office@rootsandshoots.org.uk</a> <a href="mailto:employment@rootandshoots.org.uk">employment@rootandshoots.org.uk</a>  <a href="https://www.rootsandshoots.org.uk">https://www.rootsandshoots.org.uk</a>
<p><b>College overview:</b> Roots and Shoots is an independent, award-winning educational and environmental charity based in Kennington, South London. It offers practical vocational training and education to young Londoners with an Education, Health and Care Plan.</p> <p>Study Programme subjects include: Horticulture, customer service, Floristry, Employability, functional skills and Hospitality. Its Horticulture based work experience includes onsite class based learning to develop skills relevant to employment and independence.</p>	
Entry requirements	<p><b>Prospective students who are eligible to study at Roots and Shoots must be:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16-24 years old.</li> <li>• In receipt of an active Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)</li> <li>• A resident of a London borough.</li> <li>• Willing to travel to Roots and Shoots.</li> <li>• Willing to attend a full time (a minimum of 16 hours a week) supported vocational training course.</li> </ul>
Other information	They offer flexible options for transitioning into programmes at a pace that aims to guarantee individual success.

	<p>They cannot effectively support needs which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people who require dedicated one-to-one support on a full time basis</li> <li>• Young people who require personal care support</li> <li>• Young people who have demonstrated a significant history of challenging behaviours.</li> </ul>
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<b>Lewisham F.E. College</b>	
<p>Address:</p> <p><b>Lewisham Way, London SE4 1UT</b></p>	<p>Contact information:</p> <p><b><u>020 3757 3000</u></b></p> <p><b><u><a href="mailto:info@lewisham.ac.uk">info@lewisham.ac.uk</a></u></b></p> <p><b><u><a href="https://www.lewisham.ac.uk">https://www.lewisham.ac.uk</a></u></b></p>
<p><b>College overview:</b></p> <p>Lewisham College offers a range of supported learning courses with built-in support for young people with high needs such as with autism, Asperger syndrome, dyslexia, physical disabilities, visual and hearing impairments, and mental/personal care/health needs. If potential students need in-class help, this will be put in place by our Transition Coordinator.</p> <p>They offer vocational courses in a wide range of fascinating subjects – from business to beauty – while our large Deptford campus specialises in construction training. Our aim is to prepare you for an exciting career in your chosen sector, and our courses are designed with this in mind.</p>	
<p>Entry requirements</p>	<p>For supported learning courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EHCP (Educational Health Care Plan)</li> <li>• A degree of independent skills.</li> <li>• You do not need any academic qualifications but some students have some qualifications at E1 E2 and/or E3.</li> </ul>