

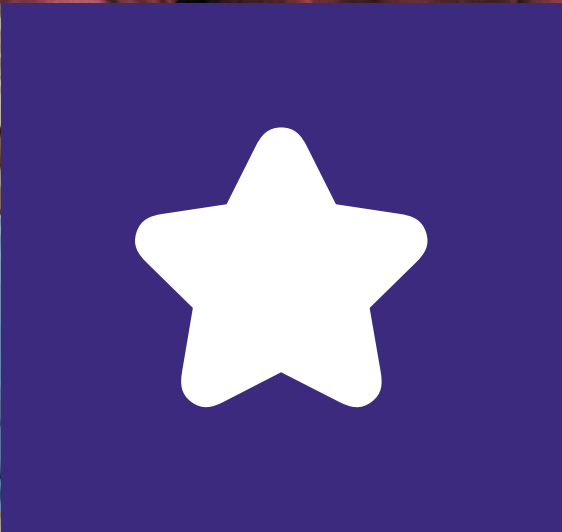
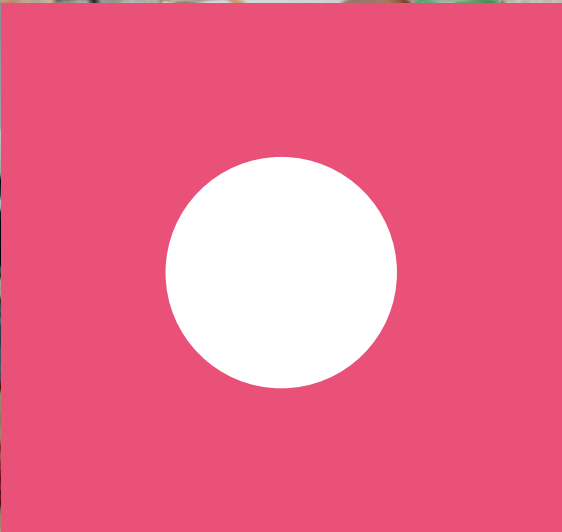
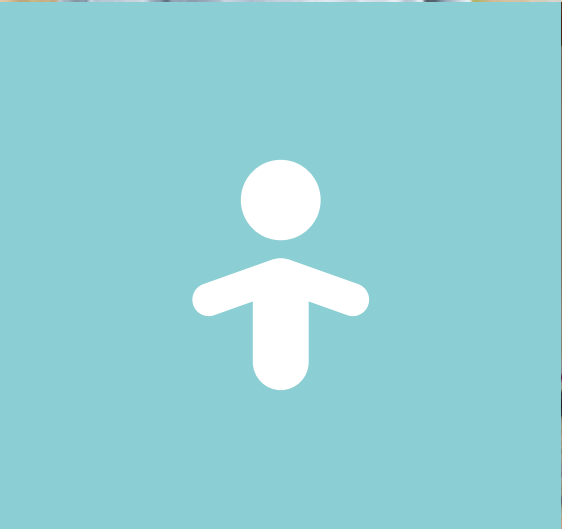


**St Piers**  
College



**Prospectus**





# Welcome to St Piers College

St Piers College provides a warm, friendly, and unique environment for students aged 19 to 25 and offers innovative and creative education to both day and residential students with special educational needs and disabilities.

We provide inspiring and exciting learning environments that encourage, stretch, and challenge, enabling young people to develop their aspirations and build their confidence and independence. Programmes incorporate a multi-disciplinary approach and personalised learning through Personal and Social Development (PSD), Work Based Learning, and Wellbeing and Relationships, all of which set the foundations for each young person to achieve and succeed.

Our broad, balanced, and innovative curriculum includes a range of outdoor and vocational activities incorporating Pathways to Adulthood, Employment, Independent Living, Community Inclusion and Health. Personalised programmes are carefully designed and aligned to the student's aspirations and interests, allowing each young person to learn to the best of their ability and reach their full potential in preparation for the next stage of their life.

*Franky Baptie*

Head of St Piers College



From the moment a young person arrives at St Piers College, they are supported to progress as a student and as a unique individual. We place the student at the centre of everything we do, whilst encompassing our college values "BEST" - Believe, Empower, Succeed, which we do as a Team. We will work with the student to identify what gives their life purpose and meaning, enabling them to become the very best version of themselves!

*“ Staff know their students very well, including those who have highly complex needs, and are able to adapt their teaching successfully to meet those needs. ”*

*Ofsted*



# St Piers Campus

Located in Lingfield, Surrey, just 30 miles from Central London and under an hour by train to London Victoria, the campus benefits from a countryside location with easy access to local towns and cities.

The campus provides a variety of interactive and inclusive environments, both indoors and out, which support the pursuit of ambitions and aspirations through a whole range of exciting and creative spaces.

*“As a result of your patience, kindness and understanding, my son has matured into the lovely young man he has become today, and I feel like the proudest mum on Earth!”*

**Parent**



Woodland Learning Centre



Boating Pond



# Introducing the students

The aim at St Piers College is to empower each student to recognise and achieve their potential. Our students have a range of abilities, and we work with them to help them make informed choices that enable us to create motivating, personalised learning programmes that not only meet their needs and aspirations but also encourage them to take ownership of their learning.

The learner voice is powerful and is heard throughout St Piers College. Students of all abilities access the Learner Voice Group, contributing towards operational decisions for the college, sharing ideas, and promoting equity for the students. As trusted adults, students are empowered and enabled to report any worries or concerns they may have.

The students participate in discussions with students from specialist colleges around the country, and, in 2021, they responded to the UK Government Disability Strategy Survey. Most recently, discussions have involved the importance of well-planned, post-college transitions so that skills and aspirations are not lost. Topics have also included the need to increase understanding in the wider community around young peoples' skills, abilities, and accessibility needs.





The staff team provide support and guidance every step of the way, empowering students to develop relevant and meaningful skills that are important in everyday life. The team have extensive experience and are highly qualified in supporting young adults with a range of special educational needs, including:

- Autism
- Epilepsy
- MLD
- SLD
- PMLD
- Communication and interaction
- Cognition and learning
- Physical and sensory needs
- Social, emotional, and mental health
- Independence

Students take part in a broad, balanced, and innovative curriculum, supported by well-trained staff who understand every student's unique requirements and personality. Every single one of us, from the leadership team through to tutors, the support team, and therapists, has a shared aim:

**“we strive to support the students at St Piers College to achieve their full potential.”**



# Learning with St Piers

We think every young person should have opportunities to develop their skills, gain new knowledge, and get the most out of their education in an inclusive and positive environment, no matter what their learning, health, or medical needs.

At St Piers College, our students learn new skills in a variety of safe, interactive, and inclusive environments and they pursue their education through an extensive range of dynamic and stimulating resources.

Each young person is guided through their journey at St Piers College by a Personal Tutor, who works with each student to craft a personalised Personal & Social Development (PSD) programme aligned to the young person's future aspirations and interests. Each programme incorporates four key areas that helps to prepare them for their future:

- Independence
- Community inclusion
- Employment
- Health & wellbeing



Learning is tailored to the individual, and learning includes personal safety in the home or community, environmental awareness, leisure pursuits and hobbies, personal care, health and wellbeing, rights and responsibilities, relationships and sex education (RSE).

Students of all abilities access a rich academic curriculum through a wide range of inspiring vocational options, providing the platform for students to excel in work experience, work skills and functional skills. The learning areas include innovative and motivating environments including:

- Art
- Boating
- Ceramics
- Cooking
- Drama
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Farm
- Fleece to Fibre
- Horse riding
- Horticulture
- Multi-Skills
- Sport
- Swimming
- Tea Room
- Textiles
- Trampoline
- Wellbeing
- Yoga

The broad curriculum is further enriched through additional options, including animal encounters, mindfulness, sculpture and jewellery design, ceramics, crafts, cake decorating, choir, local activity centres, film studies and access to a catering or multi-skills link course at a local mainstream college.

Enrichment activities and events add another layer to the ambitious and inclusive curriculum and celebrations include The Student Ball and topical festivals and celebrations such as the King's Coronation, Pride, Black History Month,

International Day, Wear it Pink Day and Purple Day. All of this helps to raise students' awareness and enables them to learn about different cultures.

St Piers College aims to ensure that every student believes in themselves and is empowered to succeed.

**Is St Piers College right for you? Get in touch with us to discuss your needs and how we can support you.**

**Call us on 01342 831348 or email [admissionsandplacements@stpiers.org.uk](mailto:admissionsandplacements@stpiers.org.uk)**





# Learning and communication

Our teams are highly trained to accommodate a variety of learning and communication styles that help young people to excel and feel included.

These include visual and auditory aids, sign language, reinforcement systems, intensive interaction, information and communication technology and sensory equipment, all designed to enhance students' educational experience and make it the best it can possibly be.





# Learning environments

At St Piers College, all students will find a place where they can safely and confidently develop their skills in personal and social development, work-based learning, and functional and independence skills. To support their learning experiences, students will have access to:

- Accessible classrooms that include interactive whiteboards, hoisting facilities and visual resources.
- A life skills provision that includes a fully equipped cooking department, bedrooms, bathrooms and living rooms to practice everyday living skills.
- Work experience on campus through the tearoom, radio station, reception areas, maintenance, and restaurant.
- Work experience opportunities off-site through local farms, hospitals, cafes, and retail outlets
- Land based areas including the farm and horticulture areas, providing safe and open outside spaces.
- Vocational areas, including multi-skills, textiles, fleece to fibre, wellbeing, and cooking.
- The Arts include creativity, drama, creative arts, and ceramics.
- Sports activities on campus include archery, basketball, trampoline, and yoga plus swimming in our own fully accessible swimming pool and canoeing in our large pond.
- Fully equipped indoor and outdoor gyms.
- Sports activities in the community include access to leisure facilities, gyms, activity centres, and golf plus boating and sailing at our local reservoir.
- Students can enjoy cycling around the campus and we have adapted bikes and trikes to make this accessible for everyone.
- There are sensory conservation areas and footpaths in our own ancient woodland which has a low ropes course and adventure trail to promote ingenuity, teamwork and, of course, fun in the great outdoors!

The Personal and Social Development (PSD) programme at St Piers College includes Health and Wellbeing and every student has the opportunity to take part in fun, physical activities that can challenge, improve mood, increase inclusivity, and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Whatever a student's individual needs, we will have a learning environment that's right for them.

*Horticulture area.*



# Learner Journeys

St Piers College provides a three-tiered curriculum, these are called Learner Journeys. A multi-disciplinary approach to learning is embedded throughout the young person's journey. This model allows students to move seamlessly through the Learner Journeys to create a personalised programme of study. This in turn provides access to a range of learning opportunities and best possible learning outcomes for the student.

There are three Learner Journeys across St Piers College, incorporating work skills, employment, community inclusion, independence, health, and wellbeing.

St Piers Learner Journeys focus on personalised learning aligned to individual aspirations.

*“ There is a good range of work experience and work-related activity for students so the vast majority develop skills and attitudes that will support them into employment, voluntary work and independent living. ”*

*Ofsted*



## Learning for Life

- Communication, social skills, life skills, functional skills, and experience of work skills.
- Complex and profound physical, medical and sensory needs.
- High level of support and small groups.

## Skills for Life

- Communication, social skills, life skills, functional skills, and work skills.
- Intellectual or cognitive impairments, communication, and sensory processing difficulties.
- High levels of support and small groups.

## Specialist Skills

- Social skills, life skills, functional skills, subject specific work skills and work-based learning.
- Support and guidance for numeracy, literacy, and social skills. Sensory processing difficulties.
- Graded support levels.

## Learning Opportunities

- Accredited learning from Entry level 1-3.
- A range of non-accredited learning programmes.
- Supported internships and on and off site work experience.

# Work Based Learning

Work based learning is an essential part of every student's timetable. Our excellent Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) programme, develops employability and work skills and empowers students to make informed decisions about their learning and future lives. A wide range of realistic, meaningful work experience placements are available matching students' aspirations and abilities both on campus and off site.

Volunteering roles through the Supported Internship Programme provide students with opportunities to achieve sustainable voluntary or paid employment by equipping them with the knowledge and skills they need for work, through learning in the workplace.

The College Enterprise Project adds an additional layer to work related learning and transferrable work skills.

Supported internships and our vocational areas offer students the opportunity to learn a range of new skills in:

- Accounts
- Administration
- Catering
- Customer service
- Land based industry
- Premises and grounds maintenance
- Product design
- Sport and Leisure

Students are able to transfer their skills and knowledge into work experience placements both on and off site and they are also able to gain vocational qualifications that are linked to their aspirations and work-based learning. Off site work placements include:

- Animal centres
- Cafes and restaurants
- Charity shops
- Farms
- Garden centres
- Hairdressers
- Hospitals
- Retail



St Piers has been awarded the national Quality in Careers Standard for its careers

education, information, advice, and guidance provision.



*“ I am excited about the supported internship opportunity at St Piers as I think it will help me a lot in the future. ”*  
**Student**






# Engaging in the local community

Students embrace and are fully engaged with their local community, and Lingfield village has easy access to a range of shops, pubs, and restaurants where students can experience community living. The students are well respected and valued by the local community and are included and keen participants in local events that include:

- Countryside and Fly-Fishing Experience
- Horse Riding with Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA)
- It's a Knockout Competition
- Mainstream College Link Courses
- National Specialist College (Natspec) Games
- Swing Bridge Canal Boat Trip
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award
- The Jim Green Competition (vocational)
- The Standen Art Exhibition

Going a bit further to local towns such as East Grinstead, Oxted, Edenbridge, and Crawley, enables students to practice their personal safety in the community and improve their independence through travel and access to community care facilities, high street shops, cinema, bowling, swimming, leisure facilities and other interests.

With easy transport links to London and the South Coast, learning experiences can be enhanced by accessing exciting exhibitions, museums, shows and tours or a trip to the coast.



*“ I am now able to travel more independently and have enjoyed doing work experience with the college maintenance team. ”*

*Student*



# Boarding at St Piers

For some students, boarding at St Piers College enhances their potential for successful education through the proximity to college and a dedicated level of support. Our residential boarding options include weekly and termly boarding.

Boarding at St Piers gives students the opportunity to access a range of different learning and social experiences, both on campus and in the local community.

Students boarding here have the opportunity to socialise with their peers through a range of after college activities such as:

- Access to sports facilities
- Bowling and cinema
- Disco
- Sensory based activities

*“ Thank you to the very supportive, caring and experienced staff who are helping our daughter make the adjustments to new education and living arrangements. ”*

*Parent*



*St Piers has its own dedicated swimming pool exclusively for student use.*





## The 'Waking Day' Curriculum

This is our specially designed learning programme for residential students giving them a structured and productive day — all day, not just during classroom hours.

Supporting students to improve their communication, independence and self-care skills, we help them build skills that are transferable into the home, community, and lifelong placements.

## The Team

Our residential staff work closely with our therapy and medical teams to make sure the care our students receive is personalised to their needs — whether that means providing a special diet or understanding how they prefer to communicate.

All our staff undergo regular training to update their skills and are qualified to support a range of individual needs. If you have any concerns about how we can address specific requirements, then let us know and we can discuss this with you.

## The Rooms

All our students have their own bedroom which they can decorate to reflect their unique personality. Each house accommodates six or seven students, providing a social environment where students can make friends and enjoy fun activities with their peers.

There are spacious, well-equipped kitchens and dining rooms where students are supported to plan menus and cook, and we will also help them learn a range of household skills.



Students are supported to focus on developing skills related to their EHCP outcomes.

Showers and bathrooms have specialist equipment, and we work with students to develop personal care routines that will help them live independently in the years to come.

## Families

We want students to keep in touch with their family and friends who are welcome to visit at any time; please just check with us before you come in



case we are doing an activity off site! Students can also be contacted regularly via FaceTime, Teams or phone — whichever is most convenient.

**Want to learn more about how you can board with us at St Piers?**

Please call us on **01342 831348** or email **[admissionsandplacements@stpiers.org.uk](mailto:admissionsandplacements@stpiers.org.uk)**



# Meeting Health and Therapy Needs

Students at St Piers College have access to our exceptional medical centre, based here on campus. In addition to providing 24-hour care, we work with some of the world's best epilepsy and neurology experts.

Our highly trained and approachable staff will listen and discuss students' health needs and build an individualised health programme with them.

The following professionals are available:

- Dieticians
- Nursing care including Epilepsy Nurse Consultants
- Occupational therapists
- Pharmacy advisor
- Physiotherapists
- Play specialists
- Psychologists
- Senior registrars
- Speech and language therapists

The campus-based therapies team at St Piers provide clinical assessments throughout college which, alongside a young person's EHCP, are used to inform the level of input required. Intervention provided by the therapies team is comprised of direct work with students on a 1:1 basis and group work both in and out of the classroom environment.

Our team of highly specialised therapists and nurses work across the college providing holistic support for students during their time with us. Nurses and therapists provide student specific training to staff working with students to ensure that medical protocols, feeding regimes, and therapeutic strategies are fully understood and can be implemented throughout the waking day.





# Life after St Piers – what's next?

From the moment a student starts at St Piers College, we work with them, their family and their local authority to plan for a smooth transition into the next stage of their life.

Opportunities to plan for the future include:

- Discussing aspirations during assessments and annual reviews.
- Visits to transition events to learn about different opportunities for independent and supported living.
- Practising independent living skills in our Life Skills centre.
- Working closely with tutors and our careers advisor who provide support around further education, training or work.
- Gaining valuable skills and knowledge with realistic work experience placements.
- Learning about vocational activities in our tearoom, farm and horticulture centre.

**Whatever the future holds, we will help you get there.**



*“ I really enjoy all the activities we do in college and residential. I especially like boarding at Cedar House and I have made lots of friends. ”*

*Student*

# How to apply

Applying to St Piers College is quite straightforward and our expert admissions team are happy to help guide you through the process and are on hand to answer any questions you may have. You can call them on **01342 831348** or email **admissionsandplacements@stpiers.org.uk**

## Attend a Virtual Open Day

We hold Virtual Open Days regularly throughout the year. Dates and links to book places are available at <https://www.stpiers.org.uk/choosing-st-piers/virtual-open-days-and-informal-visits>

## Come for an Informal Visit

If after attending one of our Virtual Open Days, you think we might be the right college for you, you are welcome to come and have a look around, simply contact our Admissions Team on **admissionsandplacements@stpiers.org.uk** to arrange an Informal Visit.

## Complete an Application Form

You will need to complete an application form, which can be downloaded from our website, and return it to us together with your EHCP and latest annual review. You should let your Local Authority know you have applied to St Piers College, and you can also ask them to consult with us for a placement.

## Application Review

Our Admissions Panel will review your application and, if we think we can meet needs, we will invite you in for an assessment visit. We will also meet with your current school so that we understand as much as possible about your needs and whether we can meet them.

## Assessment Visit

You will spend some time in college and meet with experts from some of our teams including education, therapy, and psychology. If you are looking for a residential placement you will also meet a member of our residential team. The Assessment Visit takes half a day and will either be in the morning or the afternoon.

## St Piers Decision

Following the Assessment Visit, the Admissions Panel will meet again to decide if we are able to offer you a place. We will let you know within 5 working days of your Assessment.

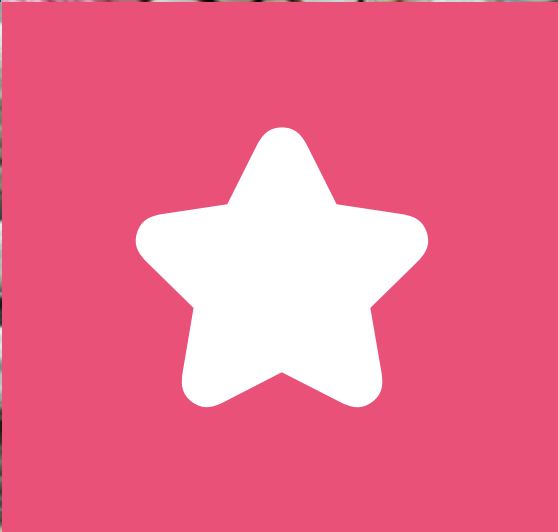
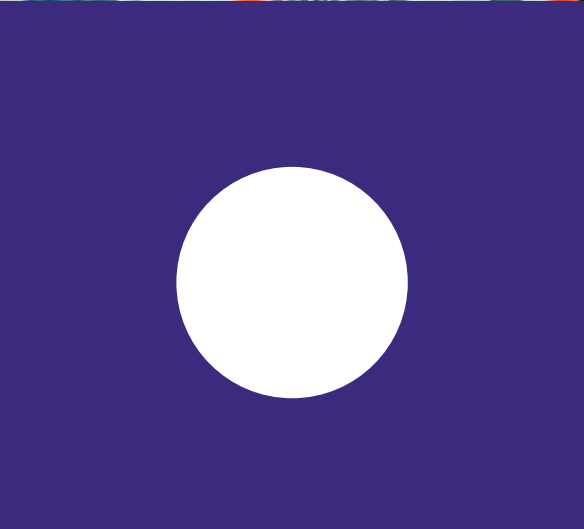
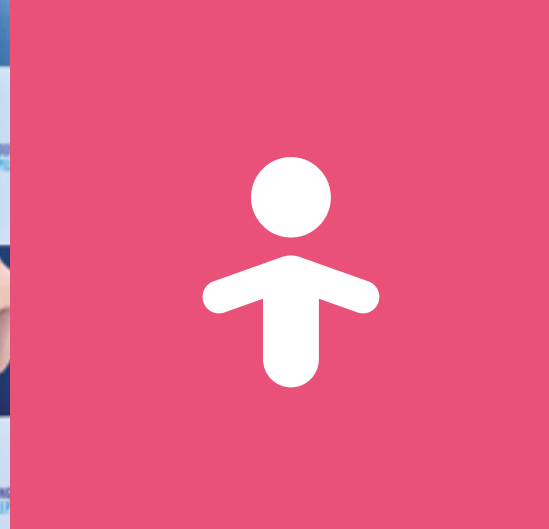
## Funding Request to Local Authority

If we can meet needs and offer you a place, we will notify your local authority and submit a detailed assessment report and funding request. We aim to do this within 10 working days of your Assessment.

## Local Authority Decision

Your Local Authority Panel will review our placement offer costs and let us, and you, know if they agree to fund the placement.







# Whatever the future holds, we will help you get there.



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