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Formerly Sutton Parent Partnership Service

Post 16 Special Needs provision in Sutton



We thought parents might find information on Post 16 Special Needs provision in Sutton useful.

Carew Academy (www.carewacademy.org)

- Carew Academy is expanding to open a 6th Form in September 2015. As part of Orchard Hill College Academy Trust, the Carew Academy 6th Form Centre will be located at Orchard Hill College's centre in Carshalton.
- Carew Academy provides a broad and wide ranging curriculum, adapted to meet the needs of individual pupils. It offers pupils other opportunities through life-skills based lessons, residential visits, work experience and access to a wide range of therapies, including Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Music and Drama Therapy.
- To apply please contact the Academy for an application form.

Carshalton College (www.carshalton.ac.uk)

- Offers 6 courses specifically aimed at young people with learning difficulties, however there is support offered for young people with learning difficulties on mainstream courses.
- The college can accommodate people with physical disabilities, including wheelchair users.
- Learners undertake an entry assessment to determine their numeracy and literacy levels.

Cheam PEP (www.cheam.sutton.sch.uk)

- Cheam PEP is a part of Cheam High School Sixth Form for students between 16 and 19 years of age who need a stepping stone between school and open work or supported work placement courses.
- As the PEP group is based within a large secondary school and 6th form, young people should display behaviour that indicates they can be successful in a mainstream school sixth form setting.
- Prospective students must have a statement/Education Health and Care Plan which specifies 'Moderate Learning Difficulties'.
- Applications for places at Cheam PEP must be made through the Sutton SEN department. You must apply by the last day in November to be considered for entry the following September.

Orchard Hill College (www.orchardhill.ac.uk)

Orchard Hill College is an Ofsted Outstanding specialist College for students with learning difficulties and disabilities. Based across 5 Centres in London and Surrey, it aims for its students to have the opportunity to experience new challenges, whilst feeling secure in the support that they receive from its experienced and enthusiastic staff teams. To apply please either do an online application enquiry or contact the College.

Stanley Park High School (www.stanleyparkhigh.org.uk)

The Aqua Opportunity Base provides places for Post 16 students with mild autism. They have access to a range of level 2 and level 3 courses whilst accessing specialist interventions within the base. Prospective students must have an EHCP / statement.

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Sherwood Park (www.sherwoodpark.org.uk)

- Sherwood Park is a school for pupils that have Severe, Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties and some pupils who have Autistic Spectrum Disorders.
- Applications for places at Sherwood Park must be made through the Sutton SEN department.
- Post 16 students are placed either in the FE Unit or Transition class depending on the scope of their individual learning and physical needs
- The Students attend link courses at local mainstream colleges, undertake community based learning and work experience alongside developing the key skills - numeracy, communication, literacy and ICT.

There are, of course, other state providers quite close to Sutton that parents may wish to look at such as Croydon College (<http://www.croydon.ac.uk/>), South Thames College (<http://www.south-thames.ac.uk/>) and NESCOL (<http://www.nescot.ac.uk/>). In Sutton there is also the Link Secondary School which is a non-maintained Special School for young people with Speech, Language and Communication difficulties (www.link-sec.sutton.sch.uk).

Sutton Carers Forum

The Mental Health Carers Spring Bulletin is jam packed with a huge range of useful information. Although some of the dates of some events has passed the sheer wealth of information is such that we have included a link to it.



http://www.carers.org/sites/default/files/mental_health_carers_bulletin_scc_15th_edition_spring_15_final.pdf

Charlotte's Tandems



Charlotte's Tandems is a charity that lends tandems and tag-along bikes all over the UK for free to people with additional needs or disabilities, so that they can enjoy the wonders of cycling on the open road.

Please see: <http://www.charlottetandems.co.uk>

Preparing for Adulthood



The Preparing for Adulthood programme (PfA) is funded by the Department for Education as part of the delivery support for the SEN and disability reforms.

Please see www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk
info@preparingforadulthood.org.uk

Sutton IAS leaflets and factsheets

We have revised our leaflets to reflect the changes in legislation and currently have the following available:

- *Sutton IAS Service Leaflet;*
- *The impact of the SEND reforms on children and young people with Statements;*
- *The Local Offer;*
- *Funding for special educational needs in mainstream schools;*
- *SEN support in mainstream schools;*
- *What if I do not agree with decisions about SEN provision?;*
- *Education, Health and Care plans*

Please contact us if you would like any hard copies of the leaflets. They will soon be available on our Website.

Local Offer Update



Jean Haigh, DfE Advisor said:

"... the recent stocktake of Local Offers undertaken on behalf of the Department ... found that the Sutton Local Offer is one of only a handful of local offers which include all the areas of information that are a 'must' in the Code. This is a considerable achievement."

Please see <http://localoffer.sutton.gov.uk>

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