The Pathfinder Vocational Centre

Further learning

Increased Independence

Supported Employment

Apprenticeships
Employment

Independent Living

Shipley College

THE SOUTHFIELD GRANGE CAMPUS
one campus one community

Background to the idea

- Increasing numbers of students and demand for quality provision in the area
- Opportunity for schools and colleges to work in partnership to develop new provision
- An experience of college in the security of the campus
- Maximising the potential for young people to live fulfilling lives

Mission statement

The Pathfinder Vocational Centre exists to offer young people with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities a college-style experience, in which students can develop their confidence, make choices, and practice the independent living skills that they will need to get the most from their life after school.

The centre will provide learning programmes linked to Vocational areas (currently Horticulture, Catering and Sport and Leisure) within the Foundation Learning Curriculum and provide opportunities for learners who would not be able to access Further Education opportunities available on the main sites of the partner Colleges.

The target group

The **independent learners** who work primarily with speech and text as their medium and have some facility with abstract concepts

The **supported learners** who need a more concrete experience and often have additional communication needs such a signing or picture/symbol use, which require a more functional learning experience

The 16-19 pathways

Further learning

Supported Employment

Independent living or increased autonomy

Employment

The curriculum offer…

Horticulture
Catering
Sport and Leisure

Work skills
Independent living skills
Self development

Maths
English
ICT

Horticulture

Preparation for working life

Looking after plants

Ground maintenance

Health and safety

Caring for the environment

Care and maintenance of equipment

Catering

Health and Safety

Food Service

Food Preparation

Cooking

Sport and Leisure

Coaching

Leading

Training

Health and fitness

Recruiting students to the centre

From Y10 learners consider options post 16 as part of the transition plans and SEN annual review.

The Centre can recruit from
Local schools, Colleges and other Education Providers.

Funding routes via Local Authority Post 16 funded provision via Local College funded provision or by the YPLA/SFA Special Colleges Budget

The staffing and management structure