



Abbey Hill School & Technology College Working in partnership with Stockton Riverside College

Our ambition is to develop and use effective partnership working across Stockton and beyond to allow more of the young people in Stockton who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities to remain in their own communities, thereby increasing their chance of success in later life at living independently, enjoying and sustaining employment and accessing leisure opportunities. In order to establish firm foundations for this effective partnership to be developed SRC & AH will not endeavour to work in partnership within a number of developments.

The project that staff has been asked to become involved with is to ensure that progression routes for students who have LDD are much more effective and show continuity through AH and SRC departments work in partnerships to:

Objectives:

- Ensure effective progression routes
- Share expertise across the partnership
- Share resources across the partnership
- Ensure smooth transitions for students from AH attending SRC

Too often, professionals working with these young people are not encouraged to focus on young people's ambitions for adulthood and how best to help them prepare. Such poor planning of support is exacerbated by a lack of choice and opportunities for young people: for example, a limited choice of entry-level courses in further education that do not build on what has gone before, or prepare young people for life and work; poor quality work experience; and a lack of supported employment opportunities to help them prepare for, find and retain work.

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In order to establish successful partnerships we have organised staff from AH to meet with staff from SRC from similar subject areas to start off with discussions around the objectives identified above:

During your first meeting please can you discuss the following areas and record your discussions on this document, then further share these discussions with staff back at AH/SRC.

Thank you so much for your support
Mel Lyons

AHT
Abbey Hill School & Technology College

	Abbey Hill	Stockton Riverside College
<i>Names of staff involved</i>		
<i>Length of time teaching at establishment</i>		
<i>Qualifications/ Subjects/ level of subjects taught at establishment</i>		
<i>Expertise of staff that could be shared across the partnership</i>		
<i>Resources that could be shared across the partnership</i>		
<i>Possible dates for a visit to the partnership establishment for the staff to visit</i>		
<i>Possible visit to the partnership establishment for the students to visit as a group</i>		
How could the partnership ensure a smooth transition for students from AH attending SRC within your subject area?		

How could the partnership ensure a smooth transition for parents of students from AH attending SRC within your subject area?		
What are the shortfalls of the partnership to date?		
How could these short falls be addressed in the future?		

Any other discussions/comments:

*Thanks for your time
Mel Lyons*