

## **Prior Pursglove College – SEN Local Offer**

### **Introduction**

Prior Pursglove College is an open access college; we pride ourselves on always finding a course for anyone who applies to us regardless of age or ability, dependant on suitability, funding restrictions and course availability. We are committed to providing an inclusive and supportive environment where students can thrive and reach their potential. The college welcomes applications from all, regardless of prior achievement, and is committed to providing appropriate resources, facilities and services to enable all students to be successful.

Our programmes range from Entry Level to Level 3 BTECs and A Levels and we offer support at all levels of the curriculum.

There are two distinct strands of support in college.

Here to Help (H2H) which is college-wide and concentrates on academic support. This is divided into three areas – support for Maths and English, study skills support and support for students with LDD.

Specialist Learning Support which takes place in the Alternative Provision Faculty and is a combination of pastoral and academic and involves working with those students who have more challenges in their lives.

All Learning Support Assistants in the college are trained in dealing with a wide range of conditions including ASD, ADHD, behavioural issues, dyslexia and dyspraxia.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Identification of Need - how do we identify what you need to be successful at college?**

Information from other agencies – such as secondary school, Connexions, training providers, parents, social workers

Assessments – such as literacy, numeracy, subject specific

Specialist assessments - such as dyslexia, ASD, dyspraxia

#### **Transition – how can we help you to move on from school or other learning providers?**

Information from staff at school – teachers, learning support assistants, form tutors,

Advance support from college – Year 10 Days, Year 11 Days, Preview Days, Taster Sessions, informal visits.

Support during the first few weeks at college (or as long as you want) – Transition Mentor, Student Counsellor, Progress Tutor

### **Well-being – if I am worried about anything to do with college or any aspect of my life who can I talk to?**

Progress Tutor, subject teacher, transition mentor, counsellor, Faculty Manager, Deputy Faculty Manager or a member of college staff who you feel comfortable talking to.

### **Learning – who will help me to help myself?**

Progress Tutor – setting targets, reviewing progress, study skills, organisational skills

Subject Teacher – setting targets, regular assessments, revision support, time management

Learning Support Assistants – further explanations, show you how to, organisational skills, revisit work to improve it

### **My Involvement – do I get an opinion?**

You will be consulted on all aspects of your life at college. Learner voice is very important to us and you will be asked to fill in surveys, join Focus Groups, join the Student's Union, join in and help organise events.

### **Parental Involvement – will my parents / carer be consulted?**

Parents / carers are important to us at college – we have Parents' Evenings throughout the year and if we have concerns we will contact them. They are kept informed of your progress throughout the year. They are always welcome to come in to college for a chat to discuss your progress.

### **Curriculum**

You will be taught in a group that matches your needs and levels.

Work will be differentiated to match your needs and your way of learning.

Targets will be set which will challenge your learning but will be within your reach.

College staff will be around to support you and enable you to achieve and reach your goals.

### **Support – who can I ask for help?**

Progress tutor, subject teacher, Faculty Manager, parents, somebody at college you feel comfortable talking to.

**Accessibility – will I be able to move around college easily?**

The college is an accessible campus with access to all buildings via electronic doors suitable for wheelchair users. There are accessible toilets located throughout the campus. We also have lifts and accessible desks.

**Staff Training**

All teachers have qualified teacher status and all Learning Support Assistants have relevant qualifications at a minimum of Level 3 with related experience. All staff are trained in safeguarding and all relevant staff are trained in behaviour management, ASD and other associated needs.

**How will I be able to take part in trips and activities?**

The college is committed to ensuring all students have equal access to enrichment activities and support will be put in place to ensure that all who want to can participate.