



# Introduction to life at St Joseph's Specialist School & College

## Key Stage 4 & Key Stage 5

Welcome to this information booklet about our Key stage 4 & 5 departments, and the great work that goes on in this part of the school.

Key stage 4 consists of two years, from year 10 to year 11; and Key Stage 5 for three years, from year 12 to year 14. This is a particularly important time, as it is when learners really start to grow into young adults, with all the challenges that involves. In Key stage 4 & 5 learners are supported to meet these challenges, building on the work that has gone previously, aiming to prepare them for adult life.

Our aim is to make sure that the education we provide is the most suitable for our learners. We want them to enjoy all that the National Curriculum has to offer, but also want to make sure that they are interested, motivated and challenged. We also want to prepare them for leaving St Joseph's and moving on to their next placement. This may be at the end of Key stage 4, or they may stay with us for an additional 3 years in Key stage 5.

For learners already at St Joseph's in Key stage 3, transition to Key stage 4 will start in year 9, when they will join their older peers for selected sports, educational visits and combined lunches. As the end of year 9 approaches they will meet their new teacher and see the classroom they will be based in.

## Progression Pathways

To help us make sure that each learner receives the right balance of practical and more academic teaching and learning, we offer four Pathways. We choose the most appropriate Pathway with them, thinking about where they are likely to go after they leave St Joseph's, their individual interests and the skills and subjects they are good at and those where they need more help. Pathways help us to plan an individualised curriculum for each learner that best meets their own individual needs.

The Pathways are not fixed - we monitor progress to make sure that each learner is on the right Pathway. They can move from one Pathway to another at any time, if this is best for them, but we want their chosen Pathway to be realistic and achievable. The timescale covered by a Pathway is 5 years, ending in the transition of the learner to a post-19 placement.



## Yellow Pathway

Their likely destination is Social Care or a specialist residential college. They need to concentrate on their speech and communication, on skills that will make them as independent as possible in their home, on social skills and functional literacy and numeracy.

## Purple Pathway

The learner's long term destination is likely to be supported living and supported working, but they will probably go to a specialist residential college for continuing education straight after they leave St. Joseph's.

They need to continue to improve their communication and social skills, develop skills that will help them look after themselves and their home, and skills that will help them in a supported work setting.

## Green Pathway

They are likely to leave St Joseph's and go into Further Education at a local college, with learning support, before getting an apprenticeship or job. Developing skills that will help them to learn and make the most of their time at FE college are especially important. This will include their social skills as well as more academic subjects, which may include GCSEs.

Yr 9	<b>Transition Annual Review - Staff to explore your transition and Post 19 destination</b>		
Routes	Yellow	Purple	Green
Yr10	Asdan Certificate in Personal Progress	Asdan Certificate in Personal Social Development Entry Level Maths, Eng, ICT	Asdan Certificate in Personal Social Development Entry Level Maths, Eng, ICT, GCSE's
YR 11	Asdan Award in Personal Progress	Asdan Award in Personal Social Development Entry Level Maths, Eng, ICT	Asdan Certificate in Personal Social Development Entry Level Maths, Eng, ICT, GCSE's
Yr 12	Diploma in Personal Progress	Diploma in Life Skills Entry Level Maths, Eng, ICT	Diploma in Life Skills Entry Level Maths, Eng, ICT, GCSE's
YR 13	Diploma in Personal Progress	Diploma in Life Skills Entry Level Maths, Eng, ICT	Diploma in Life Skills Entry Level Maths, Eng, ICT, GCSE's
YR 14	Diploma in Personal Progress	Diploma in Life Skills Entry Level Maths, Eng, ICT	Diploma in Life Skills Entry Level Maths, Eng, ICT, GCSE's
Post 19	Specialist residential college / Supported Living	Specialist residential college / Supported Living	Life Skills / Work Skills at local FE College Employment