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ABOUT US

Fairfield College is a Specialist College for young people with SEND; it is a registered Charity, with residential options available. Additionally, we offer training programmes at the Fairfield Animal Centre in Trowbridge and The Weavers Pub in Dilton Marsh.

The college is situated in the village of Dilton Marsh in Wiltshire. Our 26-acre farm site includes well-resourced teaching and vocational learning areas, including a dedicated teaching house, a common room, Hub and Canteen and a farm shop. We offer residential programmes delivered in our houses in the village.

When you start at the College, you will take part in an induction where you can try all subjects. This helps us develop a programme with you that meets your longer term aspirations and your Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) outcomes. This includes:

- Vocational learning including practical skills and enterprise, small animal care, equine & stable management, grounds maintenance and horticulture.
- Personal Growth and Wellbeing, Tutorial, Independent Skills and Life Skills, English and maths.
- Pastoral support through your tutor group and dedicated tutor.

Workbased learning opportunities at the College canteen, animal

- centre, cafe, farm shop, on site bakery, dog groomers, market garden & reception.
- Regular external work experience, initially with an appropriate level of support available through our Careers Team
- Career guidance available from our Workbased Learning Team.

Fairfield College is committed to promoting equality, eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity amongst staff and learners. For further information please see the college's Equality and Diversity policy and related documents on our website. We are graded Good by Ofsted in every area. Inspection reports are available on the Ofsted website.



PROGRAMMES AND PATHWAYS

You will follow a 2-year study programme which will enable you to build upon and learn new skills in order to support your educational and career aspirations. All our programmes of learning will be appropriately challenging with a focus on individual progression.

The core elements of our study programme include vocational pathways, relevant aspects of English and maths, independence skills, tutorials, enrichment and work experience or work-related activity. We offer externally accredited qualifications through nationally approved awarding organisations at Entry Level and beyond.



OUR COLLEGE VALUES:

Teamwork

We hold ourselves, and each other to account, and are better when we work together

Compassion

We act with trust, honesty and kindness in everything we do

Inclusion

We treat each other fairly, and with respect

Innovation

We encourage thoughtful, creative and aspirational ideas

Pride

We encourage each other to be proud of who we are and what we do

OUR VISION:

Fairfield Trust is a centre of learning excellence for young people and adults with additional needs to realise their potential.

WE PROVIDE:

- highly trained staff;
- a stimulating environment;
- high quality individualised learning and training opportunities;
- well-resourced buildings.





STUDY PROGRAMMES

Fairfield College is a provider of post-16 education and training for young adults with learning difficulties and physical disabilities. As a college of Further Education, we are funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) with Local Authorities commissioning places from us.

We deliver study programmes that combine a range of subjects and opportunities that help you to understand and develop new skills, knowledge and experiences. All of our study programmes last 2 years.

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QUALIFICATIONS

Each part of your programme is tailored around you. We provide accredited functional maths and English qualifications to all learners at the right level as well as a range of vocational employability qualifications.

The qualifications we currently offer include Functional Skills maths and English, Vocational Studies Work Skills and Hospitality. In addition, you may be able to complete smaller qualifications such as Sports Leaders, Health and Safety or Food Hygiene.



TUTORIAL

You will have a personal tutor in the same way that you had a class teacher in school. You will be part of a tutor group who meet weekly and at the end of each day you will check in with your tutor and have an opportunity to review your progress, set targets, share concerns, and explore social issues and college life. Your tutor is one of many staff that you can talk to or seek help and support from. You will have a daily check-in and weekly Tutorial, a work experience opportunity and access to the Life Skills and Personal Growth and Well-being Curriculum to support you to keep safe and well.

ENGLISH, MATHS & IT

These subjects are really important as they form the basis of everything we do in the world of work and life. You will have sessions that focus on the functional use of English and maths and allow you to work towards qualifications that you can achieve. You will also be encouraged to think about how maths and English are part of all of your sessions at college and in the work place.

IT is embedded across the whole college. You will learn how to stay safe online, use the internet safely and also be able to use a range of different technologies. These might include iPads, PCs, laptops, digital cameras, iPods, interactive boards and much more.

THE WORLD OF WORK

As part of your programme you will be supported to engage with the world of work. This can sound frightening but our specialist staff will help you every step of the way. We offer impartial advice on career opportunities as well as a range of work experiences. A key part of the study programme at Fairfield is learning about the world of work and the skills that enable you to access jobs that interest you. You will gain confidence through accessing work experience at Fairfield and through work placements linked to your EHCP outcomes.

LIFE SKILLS

This part of the programme focuses on your personal development, wellbeing and helps you learn to be safe whilst at home and also while working and when accessing the community. This session takes place across the college site and out and about in the town and community.

We use Life Skills to support you in practical projects and activities that help you to understand the outcomes in your EHCP and more importantly how you can develop and achieve success.

All learners at Fairfield College can now make use of the life skills house to learn essential skills in a real home setting to prepare you for living more independently.



CANTEEN AND BAKERY

We have a learner-run canteen that offers a range of drinks, snacks and meals for learners. The preparation, service and leadership of the canteen is learner-focussed. You will get involved with baking, serving customers, using the till and EPOS system, stocktaking, stacking shelves,

In addition to a range of home cooked snacks and options, there is a small range of confectionary available at break for those that do not bring in a snack from home.

At lunch time each day, learners can choose from the following:

- Freshly made sandwiches (brown, white, gluten free and wraps)
- Jacket potatoes
- Homemade sausage rolls & cooked pasties,
- Freshly made pasta bowls (vegetarian/meat),
- Salad boxes with a range of toppings,
- Homemade pizza,
- Homemade soup,
- Homemade quiche
- Fresh fruit (home grown)
- Fruit juice
- Sugar free squash
- Water (still or sparkling)
- A range of sugar free drinks.
- Flapjack and cakes (all homemade)



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PERSONAL GROWTH & WELLBEING

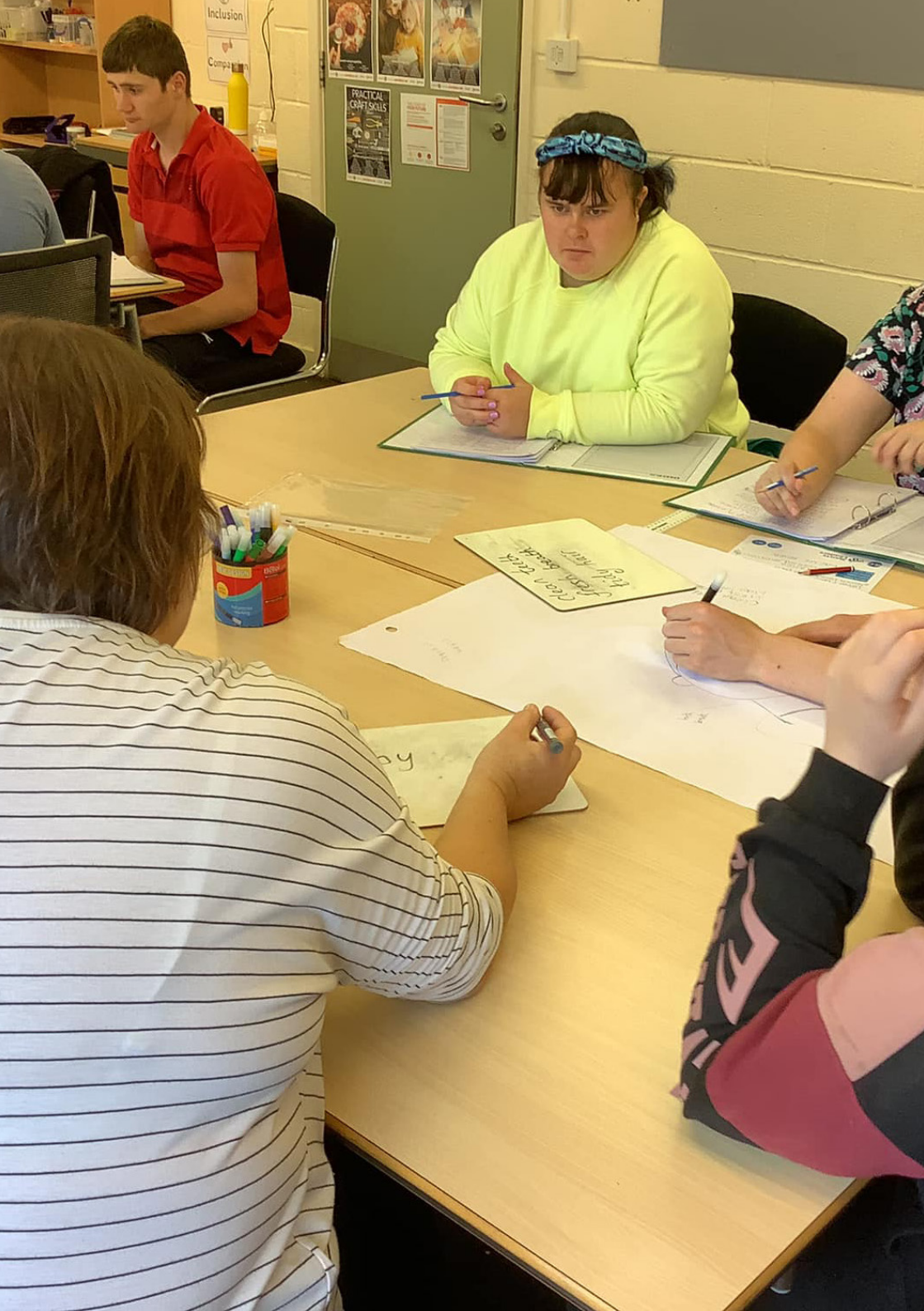
Understanding yourself can be very difficult and sometimes you need help with this. Personal Growth & Wellbeing (PGW) will help!

PGW offers a bespoke approach to supporting you to understand positive health, wellbeing and resilience. This could include:

- Confidence
- Alcohol
- Positive relationships
- Smoking
- Exam stress
- Dealing with change
- Transition from secondary school
- Teamwork and problem solving
- Online stress
- Body image in a digital world
- Understand how to form positive relationships,
- Use social media safely and to understand how to stay safe online.

The sessions focus on the development of communication skills, advocacy and assertiveness.

Learners work in small groups on targets that are tailored to your needs and aspirations.



ENTERPRISE

We offer an opportunity for you to understand how your ideas and skills can be used to make money!

You will work in small groups learning a range of new skills, such as car washing, sewing, cushion making, candle making, jewellery making and art.

The aim of this subject is to make items to sell across the Trust in its shops and to practice running a small business.

ONSITE THERAPIES

We have a range of onsite therapists available to help you on your course.

They include:

Talk Therapy - an opportunity to meet with a trained psychotherapist and explore worries and concerns.

Speech, Language Therapy - access to professional SALT and weekly lessons focusing on communication.

Equine Facilitated Learning - a way of understanding yourself and learning about the world through equine and stable management skills.

Communication - Using Communication Software, Makaton, Widgeo, LEGO Therapy, Alternative Augmentative Communication, Understanding Language, Expressing Language, Attention building and Verbal reasoning

Art Therapy (Drawing & Talking Therapy) - weekly small group therapy that looks at using creativity to explore worries, concerns and challenges at the same time as being expressive and creative.



HORTICULTURE

Introduction

The aim of the subject is to learn about plants, how to grow them and Health and Safety in the plant house. You will learn to sow seeds, prick out seedlings, identify parts of a plant, plant out, weed, feed, water and harvest a range of vegetables. You will help to plan what we grow in each plot and select produce to be sold in the farm shop as well as help maintain the gardens at the college houses. You will learn to identify and use a range of hand tools as well as using a petrol mower and cultivator under supervision.

Learning, Knowledge and Skills

You will undertake projects in the community, including conservation work, working in a local quarry as well as undertaking work experience at local garden centres.

Progression and the Future

With the skills and experience of working in the college and local community, you could secure paid or supported employment or voluntary work in a Garden Centre or for a Gardener or Landscaping Company. You could also gain employment by supporting others to maintain their own gardens.



SMALL ANIMAL CARE

Introduction

You will learn to look after a wide variety of small and larger animals as well as work on the farm. You will learn about Health and Safety on a farm and when working with animals. Sometimes you may see animals born. You will meet the vet and the sheep/alpaca shearer and see them working.

Learning, Knowledge and Skills

You will learn to care for a wide range of animals, and the food and conditions they need to survive. You will learn the life cycle of animals and how some are used for meat which is sold in our Farm Shop. You will learn skills to maintain the land around the college. You could gain additional work experience on a farm, at a local nature centre, animal park or at a farming retailers such as Mole Valley Farmers.

Progression and the Future

You will have gained a wide range of skills and could look for work or voluntary positions in a pet shop or animal park, you could also work with a local farmer or farm shop. You could work independently to help others to look after their pets, particularly dog walking or caring for pets when their owners are on holiday.



DOG GROOMING

Introduction

You will learn how to keep a canine coat neat and tidy; you will help maintain their overall hygiene and decrease the chance of them experiencing health problems. In addition to this, you will be able to check for cuts, bruises, and parasites. You can also learn how to educate pet owners on how to take care of their dogs between grooming sessions.

Throughout your practical training, you will be supervised and supported by experienced dog groomers.

Learning, Knowledge and Skills

You will work alongside trained and highly experienced dog grooming professionals. You will learn how to promote and maintain the health and welfare of the dogs in your care. This includes studying the health and safety requirements you will need to apply in a dog grooming setting.

Progression and the Future

If you are passionate about dogs, you can use your skills and experience to work or volunteer in a local dog groomers or pet shop. You could also help people in the community with dog walking.

You'll study dog grooming's basic principles, including how to prepare, style, and finish different types of dog coats. You will also cover how to safely handle different shapes and sizes of dog and safely bathe them.

This unique hands-on experience will allow you to develop a new skillset and develop your grooming and styling techniques by practising on clients (dogs) in our newly built dog grooming salon.



BAKERY

Introduction

In the kitchen you will learn about different breads, pasteries and cakes. You will help to prepare and cook products that will be sold in the farm shop and canteen. You will learn how to set tables, use a range of kitchen equipment and prepare a variety of foods.

You will learn about Health and Safety in the kitchen, working as a team and completing real life tasks.

Learning, Knowledge and Skills

You will gain an understanding of different food types and how to create a wide range of meals. You could gain experience working in local kitchens and cafes.

Progression and the Future

There are always opportunities to work in catering in one of the many cafes, restaurants and hotels in your local area. You could secure paid employment or voluntary work in a kitchen or food outlet.



CUSTOMER CARE AND OFFICE SKILLS

Introduction

When you work in the college reception and office skills area you will be the first point of contact for telephone enquiries and greeting visitors. You will learn to answer the phone, use the computer, produce essential documents for the college such as letters and posters. You will liaise with staff to provide support such as creating stationery orders, placing the order, checking and delivering the order, distributing post and parcel deliveries.

Learning, Knowledge and Skills

You will gain valuable skills in working in an office as well as confidence in dealing with customers at reception, on the telephone or via email. You will provide administrative support to staff and contribute to the daily operation of the college.

Progression and the Future

The skills and confidence you have gained will help you to work towards paid or voluntary work in the office of a local business.



MARKET GARDEN

Introduction

You will learn that there is not one simple way of growing vegetables, but it can be approached using many different techniques. You will learn how to crop plan, bed prep, fertilise soil, weed control and much more.

Learning, Knowledge and Skills

At Fairfield College we focus on polytunnel production and selling our produce in our cafes, pub, farm shop and community box scheme.

Progression and the Future

You will have gained the practical experience to grow crops in a market garden or small holding. You could also work in a nursery, garden centre or commercial growing.



FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Our Foundation Programme is highly structured and supports young people with more complex needs. This is a specialist course that meets all of the expectations of a study programme through the principles of RARPA.

You will study life skills, maths, English and undertake small group sessions that will help you to work towards your EHCP outcomes. You will be supported to improve your communication, understanding money, keeping safe, working in a team, problem solving and turn-taking.

The Foundation Programme provides a safe environment with specialist facilities, such as adapted wet room, hoist, specialist toilet and changing facilities.

With high levels of support, the programme provides an opportunity to work both in a small group, and to access all areas of the college sites and community.

Young people on the Foundation Programme will also work with our Careers Manager to explore transition opportunities and future planning.



FAIRFIELD ANIMAL CENTRE

Introduction

When you work at Fairfield Animal Centre you may be part of the Café or Animal Park team. In the Café, you will learn about preparing food and food hygiene, Health and Safety in the kitchen, communication skills and customer care. You will get the opportunity to serve behind the counter, take orders from customers, use the till and prepare food orders. In the Animal Park, you will learn to look after a wide variety of small and larger animals, undertake maintenance tasks across the site and learn about Health & Safety in the park.

Learning, Knowledge and Skills

You will learn how to take orders, wait on tables, and use a range of catering equipment. You will gain an understanding of environmental health requirements for a business selling food to the public. Working in the Animal Park, you will learn to care for a wide range of animals. You will gain an understanding of how best to care for them, such as food and living conditions. You will learn general maintenance skills for the park, including painting, fencing, hedging and ground maintenance. You will gain confidence whilst working with members of the public, both within the Animal Park and Café.

Progression and the Future

There are plenty of jobs in the hospitality industry in local cafés, coffee outlets and restaurants. You could gain paid or voluntary work in a kitchen or café, serving customers or preparing food and drinks. You could look for work or a voluntary position in a pet shop, animal park, vets or with a local farmer.



LEARNER LIFE

There are many reasons to come to Fairfield to study. We offer a natural progression from school, with a small campus in a rural setting where we offer a diverse range of learning opportunities in a safe and caring setting.

We are small enough to enable all staff and learners to know one another but large enough to offer a wide range of experiences that will prepare you for life after college, living and working in the community. We have spaces for 130 students and our groups sizes are approximately 8-12. All of our programmes are full time, 5-days of the week and are offered for 38 weeks per year.

Work Experience

Whilst you are at college you will have the opportunity to undertake a work experience placement (with support if you need it). You may work as part of a group on a conservation project at a local quarry or at a country park. You may go on weekly work placements to a café, retail outlets, a riding stables, garden centre, school or museum. All places are flexible to meet individual needs.



Enrichment

Your wellbeing is important to us and taking part in sports sessions will help you to find physical activities that you enjoy and help you to stay fit. You will have the opportunity to work with young people in Wiltshire and take part in regional events.

The Living Well Social Club

For college leavers and non-college members (over 18)

Our Living Well Service is offering weekly meet up and social events, such as the cinema, pub, meals out and more for adults over 18.

For full details, including costs, timings and dates, please register your interest with Ria-Jane Cann via email ria-jane.cann@ffc.ac.uk.

LEARNER LIFE

Youth Club

Current Fairfield College learners only

Youth club is for Fairfield College learners of the college up to age of 19 years, to get together, have fun and make new friends.

It is currently every Thursday in term time, 7 – 9pm and costs £3. To join Youth Club please email **ria-jane.cann@ffc.ac.uk** for an application form.

Social Skills

The common room and the Hub are your spaces to socialise with your friends at lunch and break times. You can enjoy food and refreshments as well of a variety of lunch clubs which are on offer . Such as:

Badminton
Football
Pool
Music Club
Games Club
Art Club
Walking Club
Chess Club
Quiet Zone
Walking Club
Computer Club
Lego Club
Dog Walking

Advice and Guidance

You will be supported to find out about opportunities that will be available to you in the future and plan your course at this college to help you to achieve your long-term goals. College staff will support you to plan your transition for after you leave Fairfield.

Short-breaks & Residential

If you are aged between 16 and 25 years and would like to learn to live independently, we offer flexible weekend and short breaks and respite to meet your needs. You can stay in one of our houses and sometimes join existing residential young people. Prices vary on length of stay. See our website for further information or call our Care Team on 01373 823028.



WE ALSO OFFER

Work Skills Programme

In addition to our full-time and residential programmes we offer a Work Skills Programme as a final transition year from college into the world of work. You will spend most of your time in a range of work place settings that interest you and meet your longer term work ambitions. Job coaches will help you to settle in to your work placements.

Work Experience Opportunities

We can accommodate young people with learning difficulties from local schools and colleges to undertake work experience at Fairfield College. Placements may form part of your weekly programme, as part of a course you are studying elsewhere or as a work experience week from local schools.

We can provide additional support, please contact us to ask about this, we may also ask you to provide your own support on some occasions. If you would like to be considered for a placement please visit our website, there is usually a charge.

Training Opportunities

We also offer opportunities to undertake training at Fairfield Animal Centre, Trowbridge. There is a Café and Animal Park with a wide range of training opportunities, these include working in the Café, serving customers preparing food and drinks, working in the Animal Park, caring for animals and looking after the site.



HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1- attend an Open Day

We offer Open Days each month. These can be viewed and booked by calling 01373 823028 or email opendays@ffc.ac.uk

STEP 2- Application

If after this visit you feel that this might be the right college for you, then you can apply for a place. You will need to fill out an application form and send it to us, with information from your school, from other professionals who have worked with you, and your EHCP or My Plan.

Suitable applicants will be invited for an assessment day. During the assessment you will follow a timetable that allows you to try all the activities on offer at the college.

STEP 3- Consultation

Courses at the college are usually funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency and the Local Authority. You will need to tell your SEND Lead worker, Social Worker or Personal Adviser that you would like to attend Fairfield College, so that they can help you with your planning. The Local Authority will then consult with regarding your placement.

STEP 4- Plan for transition

Once this process is complete the Local Authority and the college will inform you of the outcome. If you are successful, we can then start to plan transition.



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