

Ambitious College

Description

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Ambitious College is located on the Tottenham Campus at the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East, London N15 4RU and West Thames College, West Thames College, London Rd, Isleworth TW7 4HS.

We are London's first specialist day college for children and young people with complex autism. At Ambitious College we offer young people specialist education and support and provide the vocational and community-based opportunities they need to make a successful transition to an active life in their community, including partnerships with local employers and services.

Our co-located approach enables us to extend our curriculum significantly and offer learners a wide range of mainstream vocational learning, social opportunities and work experience.

Our learners are at the heart of everything we do and their curriculum is highly personalised to help them achieve their goals. Within the curriculum we embed functional literacy and numeracy, positive behaviour support, communication skills development and ICT skills development.

We're here to support young people with autism to achieve the life they want. To do this we follow the four pathways developed by Preparing for Adulthood:

- Vocational Learning
- Independent Living
- Better Health
- Friends, Relationships and Community

Learners, where there is an assessed need for it, have one to one support provided.

The learner is at the centre of their study programme. Where possible they set and agree their own learning targets or this is done involving their circles of support. There are monthly and annual learner reviews of progress that are set up and facilitated with the full input of the learner and to which parents and any other relevant parties attend to review and reset goals.

The curriculum is delivered by our very skilled and friendly staff. Staff are trained in a variety of communication methods including PECS, and Makaton. They also communicate in print and use iPads and assistive technologies where appropriate.

Our curriculum is delivered through a transdisciplinary team consisting of:

- Qualified Teacher(s): plan and deliver sessions around the four Preparing for Adulthood pathways
- Speech and Language Therapist(s): support learners to develop their communication and social interaction skills
- Occupational Therapist(s): help learners to manage sensory issues and develop functional life skills
- Behavioural Analyst(s): work with learners to overcome behavioural issues which could create barriers to learning
- Employment specialist(s): support learners to develop vocational skills and access work experience
- Learning and Behaviour Specialist(s): work with learners to access their person-centred curriculum and mainstream and community provision

We know with the right support and opportunities, children and young people with autism can learn, thrive and achieve.

For more information please visit our website: <http://www.ambitiouscollege.org.uk/>

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Availability: Term Time Only, but the College offers a 38 week term.

The college offers only full time, 5 day per week placements and so all learners would attend 5 days per week.

Our learners are funded by local authorities, usually from education budgets with some input from social care and / or health as best meets the young person's needs. Personal budgets can be used for the service, though we are in the early stages of exploring this with families and local authorities.

We are now operating a waiting list (we refer to this as our reserve list) and this is the first year we are doing so

Suitable for ages

Age of Users

From **16 years** to **25 years**

Questions & Answers

Are The Premises Accessible For Wheelchair Users?

Yes

Do You Have A Waiting List? No

Do You Have Child Protection Policies And Procedures

Yes

Eligibility - Can The Service Be Accessed By Extended Family Members Or Carers

No

Has A Service Description? Yes

Open To Extended Family? No

Further Information

Provider Type

SEND |

Delivery Channels

Office / Premises |

Referral Criteria

None (Self-referral) |
By Parents Or Family | Council |

Provider

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Ambitious About Autism

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Opening Times

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Tuesday from 09:30 to 15:30

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Thursday from 09:30 to 15:30

Friday from 09:00 to 15:30

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