

## Priory College Swindon

Priory College Swindon is an independent specialist college with both day and residential provision for young people who have specific social and communication difficulties. The college's area of particular expertise is autism and Asperger Syndrome including co-morbid conditions, sexualised and anti-social behaviour.

Our staff are experienced in working with young people with autism who are unable to access a mainstream educational provision, for example due to school phobia, extreme anxiety or sensory difficulties.

The college has multiple sites comprising of residential homes as well as teaching and therapy rooms. The college is part of a large, vibrant town but located in the quiet suburb of 'Old Town'. Students therefore benefit from the great communication links and all of the amenities a large town has to offer as well as handy local shops in the immediate Old Town suburb.



### Services offered

- **Continued and ongoing support with learning and life skills**
- **Individually tailored programmes for education, social and personal development**
- **Courses linked to external accreditation, leading to nationally recognised qualifications**
- **Development of work related and enterprise skills as a high priority in the curriculum**
- **Strong links with local employers to provide an extensive work experience programme for students**
- **Close working partnerships with other colleges, social services and other key agencies**
- **A comprehensive therapy team that includes counseling speech and language, creative therapy, cognitive behavioural therapy and clinical psychology**
- **Transition planning and the 'next steps' from the start of the placement**
- **Safe, secure and independent living environment to bring about positive change**

## Support offered

- **Staff are available for support 24 hours a day for residential students**
- **Each student has a key worker who will hold regular meetings to review how they are progressing and feeling about their placement**
- **All students work on social and independence skills**
- **All activities are thoroughly risk assessed and managed in such a way to promote safe independence**
- **Students are encouraged and supported to eat healthily and partake in regular activities and exercise**
- **Special attention is paid to specific dietary requirements, whether as a result of health or cultural/religious beliefs**
- **The therapy team is available to help students manage specific issues**

## Personalised curriculum

Through a combination of 'in-house' courses and partnership arrangements with other local providers, the college offers a very broad range of course choices at levels ranging from pre-entry to level three, as well as work placements.

Courses are selected in consultation with each student and based on their academic ability. For students who are too vulnerable or anxious to access a mainstream campus, the college will develop a bespoke package that meets educational and social needs.

## Visit us

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## Get in touch

For information on our specialist education and care services please call us on **0179 371 9500**, send an email to [farleighfecollegeswindon@priorygroup.com](mailto:farleighfecollegeswindon@priorygroup.com) or visit our website at [www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk](http://www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk)



## Positive outcomes

Young people on leaving Priory College Swindon progress onto a variety of pathways, including residential, the world of work, training, Further and Higher Education. The college ensures through reviews that each of these pathways is progressed if and when appropriate.

The college has demonstrated positive outcomes for its leavers over several years. These include:

**65%** of FE college students continued in education or moved into employment or work related training

**96%** of young people manage their own budgets or contribute to unit budget planning

**98%** average attendance

**100%** of young people engaged in age appropriate independence programmes

**100%** of young people take part in house meetings or school council meetings



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