

Priory College South Wales Specialist Further Education

Priory College South Wales is an independent, specialist co-educational college for young adults aged 16 to 25 years with Asperger Syndrome, autistic spectrum disorders and associated conditions. The college was set up in partnership with Coleg Gwent, the largest further education college in Wales, to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of our young people.

Our aim

Priory College South Wales provides a safe and supportive learning environment where our young adults can explore their own experience of Asperger Syndrome and develop strategies for managing their condition as part of their lives. We wish to enable young people to develop the confidence and skills they need for the next stage of their journey.

With a dedicated team of staff, we aim to provide every young person with an individually tailored programme of education, care, work experience, leisure and life skills and training within the community, to enable them to live as independently as possible and make their own life choices.



Services offered

- **Continued and ongoing support with learning and life skills**
- **Individually tailored programmes for education, social and personal development**
- **Access to specific resources and teaching strategies for those with ASD**
- **Good general practice in the care of young people and the management of behaviour**
- **Courses linked to external accreditation, leading to nationally recognised qualifications**
- **Access to mainstream further education through individualised tailored academic and vocational courses**
- **Access to SaLT therapists**



Holistic approach

- Access to a counsellor or psychotherapist if required
- Speech and language therapy
- Art therapy
- Individual care pathways tailored to individual needs

Admissions criteria

- Aged between 16 and 25 years
- An education, health and care plan
- Social and communication difficulties
- A primary diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorder or Asperger Syndrome
- Referrals from Careers Wales and/or social care
- Must not have significant medical care needs that would require a medical practitioner to be on site

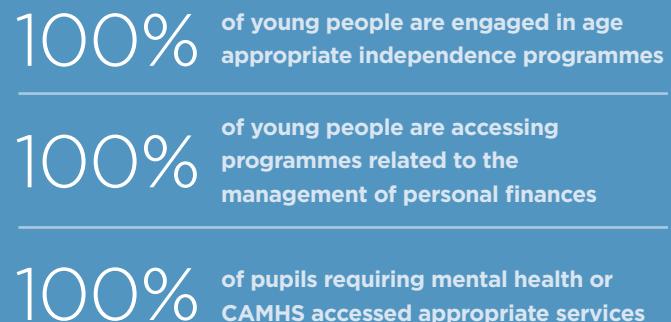
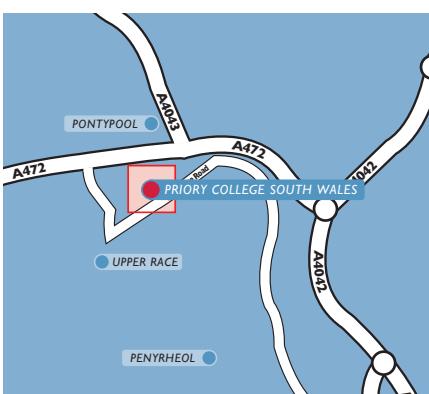
Positive outcomes

We offer ongoing support, learning and life skills development within a person-centred framework to maximise independence and individual potential. Individual plans and programmes are adjusted as required to ensure that each individual is challenged to progress at speeds and levels that are appropriate for them.

The desired outcome is for young people to gain increased levels of independence and live happy, meaningful and fulfilling lives.

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Case study: Isabella's story

Isabella* was diagnosed with autism at the age of five. She left mainstream school after year 10 and was concerned that without support, she would not have coped with the demands of completing A levels.

Since her placement started, Isabella was assigned two support assistants which have helped her interpret tasks and guide her socially with other students, which in turn has helped her build friendships with the other learners.

Before joining Priory College South Wales, Isabella had a fear of knives and heat, so as part of her ILS training, she was encouraged to get involved in cooking and is now more confident and able to produce a simple meal on her own. Isabella has also achieved the equivalent to 3 A levels and has qualified for a BA in Performing Arts for Theatre and Film University course.

Following her time at Priory College South Wales, Isabella says:

"I sincerely believe that without the Priory's help, I wouldn't be going to University to follow my dream in the drama world. I have built my confidence up so much that I've taken an active part in our local Autism Awareness Day."

I have loved my time at Priory College South Wales, and I would like to thank the college once again for everything you have done for me."

* Name changed to protect student's identity

Get in touch

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