

16 to 19 Study Programmes – Pear Tree School

The 16 to 19 study programmes available at Pear Tree School have been designed to meet the very personalised needs of our learners.

We believe that all 16 to 19 students should be given the opportunity to follow a study programme based on the Department for Education's study programme principles:

- To provide opportunity for progression to a level higher than that of their prior attainment
- To include qualifications that are sufficient size and rigour to stretch the student and that are clearly linked to future choices
- To include work experience if relevant or follow a programme focusing on the development of employability skills
- To include other activities unrelated to qualifications which develop the character, skills, attitudes and confidence that support progression

Qualifications available

- Functional Skills (English, Maths, ICT) accredited through City and Guilds
- Entry 1 Qualification in Personal Progress accredited through ASDAN
- Entry 2 and Entry 3 Skills for Working Life accredited through City and Guilds.

Core entitlement

- All students within Pear Tree Sixth Form study programmes in English, Maths, ICT, PSD, Vocational Education, Sport and Leisure and Enrichment.
- All students are streamed for English, Maths and ICT and are taught in mixed groups in all other curriculum areas.
- All students access 2 days of vocational options. The options available for 2017/18 are: Catering and Hospitality; Animal Care and the Environment; Travel, Transport and Engineering; Home and Garden.
- All students have weekly swimming sessions in either the Pear Tree pool or at Kirkham Baths.
- All students will access courses at local colleges within their chosen vocational areas.
- All students will take part in mini-enterprise activities
- All students receive Independent Advice and Guidance from our Transition Support Adviser which is personalised to meet the individual's needs and prepare them for future destinations.

Additional programmes

- Work placements are designed to meet an individual's needs and aspirations. They are organised, risk assessed and supported by Pear Tree staff.
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award to be introduced in September 2017
- Individual sensory diets and timetables are available for pupils who require additional support with input from a consultant in sensory processing and sensory integration. This may include personalised timetables, weighted therapy, rebound therapy, physiotherapy programmes, sensory integration and speech and language therapy.

- Travel training where appropriate led by Pear Tree's Independent Travel co-ordinator

Future destinations

Our study programmes have been designed in consultation with our local post 19 providers. The awarding bodies chosen allow for seamless transition onto further study and if possible, at a higher level.

Possible future destinations include:

- Local college day placement
- Independent specialist provision day placement
- Independent specialist provision residential placement
- Supported/independent living
- Adult day services
- Supported employment
- Supported internships

All families are supported through transition by Pear Tree's Parent Support Advisor who offers independent advice related to future destinations.