



West London Community College

Situated in Uxbridge, West London Community College is a well established Independent Living Skills provision for adults with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder or Asperger Syndrome.

Using a person centred approach, we are able to meet the complex and specific needs of our students. Each individuals programme is designed to promote the students intellectual, psychological, moral, social, cultural, physical and creative competencies.



Sessions offered include: Budgeting, Social Practice, ICT, Vocational Skills, Emotional Literacy and Independence. More practical groups are a Lunch Enterprise Scheme and a student run Tuck Shop. Students also have the option of including some academic study in to their timetable.

This can be through a variety of routes and depends which best meets the needs of the individual. College staff work closely with other professional colleagues to form a multi-disciplinary team, providing a holistic approach to student's welfare and well-being.

"It is our vision to improve the quality of life for our students and promote understanding of Autistic Spectrum Disorders."

"Our mission is to enable adults with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding which will afford them the opportunity to achieve as fulfilled, meaningful and independent a life as possible through the provision of a high quality, personalised life skills programme that meets their needs and interests."



At a glance

West London Community College, Uxbridge, provides high quality individual programmes for students aged 16 and over.

Using a person-centred approach, we cater for the specific and complex needs of adults with an autistic spectrum disorder or Asperger syndrome.

The College is committed to students accessing opportunities to maximise their potential. For some students, this means combining social and independent skills with an academic element. For others Vocational training may be the chosen option. Or perhaps a combination of each.



The dedicated staff team at West London Community College liaises closely with multi-disciplinary colleagues nationwide to ensure each student is encouraged and supported to reach their potential.

For further information or to receive a College prospectus, please contact Sandra Johnstone on 01895 619700 or Sandra.johnstone@wlcc-uk.com.

Also use the same contact details for information regarding our:

- Autism/Asperger's training facility
- Parent/Carer's support group
- Friendship and Dating Agency
- Football Foundation funded football team



Facilities

West London Community College is a small, Independent Living and Daily Life Skills provision located in Uxbridge. The College caters for the specific and complex needs of students with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder or Asperger's Syndrome. Using a person-centred approach, we provide high quality individual programmes for our students. Sessions include: Budgeting, Social Practice, Vocational Skills, Independence, Emotional Literacy and Critical Thinking. The College is committed to students accessing opportunities to maximise their potential, our experienced and dedicated staff team provides the support and encouragement required to reach their personal goals.

Staff are always willing to discuss students' progress and any further opportunities that may be available to them. We would like you to feel free to contact us for advice, information or any general enquiry pertaining to a student's welfare or wellbeing.



The College offers the following facilities:

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Three classrooms
- Comfortable and welcoming lounge area
- Dining area
- IT Suite
- Wellbeing Room for relaxing
- Counselling Room
- Outdoor recreational area
- Garden Room
- Seating in a tranquil riverside garden





Feedback

Parent's comments:

"This is a successful placement for my son because of the continuity of staff and the consistently high standard of involvement from his key worker."

"West London Community College (and The Old Vicarage) have been a godsend. My son, before his placement was agoraphobic, highly anxious and very deeply depressed. Since beginning at the College the transformation has been phenomenal. I now have my smiling, funny, talkative son back. His confidence has improved and relatives/friends have been moved to tears at the progress he has made. This has to be down to the skill of the staff, who works as a team to create a dove tailed dual placement."

"From day one at the College, we could see that this was the right place for him. We find it to be a nice location, quiet and very educational. The staff are friendly and very keen to pursue help and advice for students/parents/carers. In the six months that our Son has attended the College we have more confidence in his every day life."

Student's comments:

"I am now more able to influence and take charge of my own future."

"Taking part in discussions has improved my interaction skills."

"The staff have set up a solid structure which helps me with my routine."

"A stepping stone towards the future."

"The staff give me all the information I need to make choices."

"Social Practice has helped me to feel more confident about myself."



Course Price List

(Courses (1 x weekly for ½ day) and sessions are priced by assessed need. An assessment will be carried out by a senior staff member before a place can be offered. Prices are in a 3 tier system and are charged in relation to level of support required, for example 1st tier = 1 staff to 3 client ratio. Full details of courses, including references to relevant legislation are available on request: 01895 619700).

Course Attendance available in:

Subject	1 st tier 1:3	2 nd tier 1:2	3 rd tier 1:1	Length of course
I.T.	£2610	£2850	£3120	Academic year
Image in Action	£1800	£1800	Not available	Academic year
Vocational Skills	£2088	£2280	Not available	24 weeks
Budgeting	£1566	£1710	£1872	18 weeks
Independence	£2088	£2280	£2496	24 weeks

Sessional Attendance available in:

Subject	1 st tier 1:3	2 nd tier 1:2	3 rd tier 1:1	Length of course
Social Practice	£87	£95	£104	Ongoing
Emotional Literacy	£87	£95	£104	Ongoing
Critical Thinking	£87	£95	£104	Ongoing
Swim/Gym	£87	£95	£104	Academic year
Practical Work Experience	£87	£95	£104	Ongoing



FAQs

At what age can students access the college?

Although the entry age for a student to access the college is 18 years old, we do strongly advise parents and carers to start looking for appropriate provision several months earlier. The process for assessment and funding approval is quite lengthy.

Who pays for placements?

Placements are funded mainly by the referring Borough, although some students choose to use a portion of their Direct Payments for sessional attendance.

Is there any residential provision?

Yes. We have a residential home, The Old Vicarage. This is also situated in Uxbridge and is a 10 minute walk from the college. Most students are able to self travel after some travel training. If self travel is not possible, students can be escorted either on foot or by car.

How can I make a referral?

Referrals can be made via the application form which is down loadable from this site. We would recommend however, that you visit the college in the first instance to discuss specific needs. The funding authority (usually the Borough in which you live), will need to be involved as the case will need to be presented at a funding panel for approval.

Can students access academic courses?

Yes absolutely. We currently have students accessing University degree courses and others GCSE's. The route taken to achieve academic qualifications depends on the individual and what is likely to be the most successful outcome based on their situation. For example, some students are happy to access a main stream college with some support. For others this environment would be far too overwhelming and a distance learning or correspondence course would be a more comfortable and likely way of them succeeding in achieving a qualification.

How many days a year is the college open?

The college is open for up to 220 days per year for students. We have an additional 2 weeks where we are open for staff training and development. Each January a college calendar is distributed.

Is there any therapeutic input?

Yes. Students have a weekly session with a Guidance Counsellor and the opportunity for an additional session with a Psychotherapist. This is particularly useful where it has been identified that Cognitive Behaviour Therapy would be of benefit.



How many students can the college accommodate?

The current college capacity is for 15 full time students.

Is there an opportunity to visit the college prior to an application?

This is an essential and welcome part of the assessment process. It is important that you and the potential student feel their needs can be fully met here at West London Community College. We just ask that you either call or e-mail prior to visiting and we will ensure someone is available to meet with you and answer any questions you have.

Can I pay for a placement independently?

Yes. Although traditionally day placements are funded by your Local Authority, we are seeing an increase in students choosing to fund a placement with their Direct Payments.



Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:45 – 10:45	Budgeting Alan Social Practice James	Tuck Shop Meeting James Cookery/Enterprise Craig	GCSE English Lit / Maths Work Sheets Craig/Alan	Critical Thinking Craig/James Practical Work Experience Alan	Swimming/Gym Alan/James/AD
10:45 – 11:00	Break/Tuck Shop	Break/Tuck Shop	Break/Tuck Shop	Break/Tuck Shop	Break/Tuck Shop
11:00 – 12:00	Budgeting Alan Social Practice James	Tuck Shop Shopping James Cookery/Enterprise Craig	History Project Alan Emotional Literacy Charlotte	Critical Thinking Craig/James Practical Work Experience Alan	Swimming/Gym Alan/James
12.30 – 13.15	Interactive DVD Club	Comedy Club	DVD Club	Board Games Club	Wii club
13:15 – 14:00	Student Development Meeting All Staff	ICT Alan & Alan	Vocational Skills Craig Emotional Literacy James AD	Independence Group 1 Group 2: James/Alan	Image in Action Alan/James/Richard
14:00 – 14:15	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
14:15 – 15:00	Project Work Key-working Sessions	ICT Alan & Alan	Vocational Skills Craig Emotional Literacy James AD	Independence Group 1 Group 2: Alan/James	Image in Action Alan/James/Richard



Term Calendar

West London Community College Students/Staff Calendar 2009 – 2010

2 nd Jan 09	Staff/Student holiday
16 th Feb 09 – 20 th Feb 09	Student's Winter break
16 th & 17 th Feb 09	Staff Winter break
18/19/20 Feb 09	Staff training/development
10 th April 09 – 17 th April 09	Student's/Staff Easter break
4 th May 09	Bank Holiday
25 th May 09 – 29 th May 09	Student's/Staff Spring break
17 th Aug 09 – 28 th Aug 09	Student's/Staff Summer break
31 st Aug 09	Bank Holiday
26 th Oct 09 – 30 th Oct 09	Student/Staff Autumn break
18 th Dec 09 – 1 st Jan 10	Student Christmas break
21 st Dec 09 – 23 rd Dec 09	Staff training/development
24 th Dec 09 – 1 st Jan 10	Staff Christmas break