

Elm Court School



Sixth Form Proposal

- Elm Court School is a special school for students aged 11-16 who have learning difficulties with associated social and communication needs. Many of the students have a diagnosis of ASD.
- All pupils have a Statement of Special Educational Need or an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP).
- The three other Lambeth SEN schools already have post 16 provision and this has been further expanded within these schools.
- The proposed Sixth Form will cater for our most vulnerable students who would benefit from staying at the school post 16 due to their needs.
- Many students join the school after the beginning of Year 7 having had an unsuccessful time at mainstream schools. Often this can be in Year 10 and a common issue is that students have settled and have started making good or outstanding progress at Elm Court and are then expected to leave to go on to another provision. These students would also benefit from staying at Elm Court for the Sixth Form.
- Students who are able to successfully go onto local colleges or mainstream sixth forms will still be encouraged and supported to do so.
- Informal consultation with parents/carers has shown 100% support for the development of a sixth form.
- Proposed for a small sixth form to open in September 2016.
- Located at the current site – no new build needed.
- In 2016, there will be 5 places for students in Year 12 expanding over the next three years to a maximum of 20 places total in Y12, Y13 and Y14.
- Placement of a student at the school would be the decision of the Local Authority in consultation with the school.
- The overall purpose of the sixth form will be to better prepare students for working life.
- A personal plan will be written for all students to ensure progression into further education, employment and apprenticeships. Students would be able to stay for one, two or three years.
- The sixth form curriculum will include further development of literacy, numeracy and life skills along with a substantial vocational element with supported work experience.

Developing a sixth form at Elm Court School will enable us to more appropriately respond to one of the key areas of development within Lambeth which is the need to expand the pathways to employment for young people with SEND. With the extension of EHC Plans up to 25 years, there will be an increasing need for schools, FE and other training providers to provide supported internships and other supported employment opportunities Post 16 and Post 19.

Also -

The National School Apprenticeship programme is a network of like-minded schools with a commitment to employing apprentices aged 16-23 and creating job opportunities for young people in their local communities.