

Contact us

Should you have a concern about the provision for your child or want to find out more about the support and services we can offer, please contact:

- Your child's Tutor or Subject Teacher
- Sally White (SENCO) 0203 252 2020 or sally.white@saffronvalleycollegiate.co.uk
- Jill Williamson (SEND Support) jillian.williamson@saffronvalleycollegiate.co.uk

Ethos

At Saffron Valley Collegiate we acknowledge the potential, the uniqueness and the worth of each student and are committed to creating an inclusive learning community. We understand the benefit of working in partnership and seek advice from outside agencies. This collaborative approach is used to improve provision as well as to support families directly.

Training and Equipment

We have a committed team of teachers and teaching assistants at Saffron Valley Collegiate who regularly attend SEND training. Expertise and knowledge is shared by individual staff and our Taskforce to ensure support can be offered across the school to all staff. We invest in resources to support each student's needs. Where necessary, we work with the Local Authority to access more specialised equipment. We ensure that every student has the tools and support to achieve their best.

Saffron Valley Collegiate Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Report



Admissions

When your child is referred to our school, your family will be invited to attend an admissions meeting. We will discuss the needs your child may have and will invite them to return for initial assessments to enable us to create a supportive transition plan for when they join us.



Curriculum

Our school offers a broad and balanced curriculum, designed to allow students to successfully reintegrate back either into mainstream or specialist schools or to access ambitious post-16 destinations.



Interventions

Our SEND team have specialist areas of expertise. They offer 1:1 sessions in areas of identified need. We are able to support students through with identification of need and intervention for Speech and Language therapy, ELSA, Draw and Talk, Mental Health Support, Creative Arts Therapy. We also have our own multi-agency Taskforce Team working with referred students within the school.



Exam Support

Some students will complete their GCSE exams with us. We will arrange for assessment where appropriate for Access Arrangements. Your child will be assessed, if we feel this is needed, to ensure any needs are identified and the correct exam support is in place to ensure the best possible outcomes.



Outside Agency Support

We feel that the best way to ensure a student is given all the support they need is to liaise with and, where necessary, use the services of our Taskforce professionals and outside agencies such as Educational Psychologists and Occupational Therapists where necessary.

Parental involvement

At Saffron Valley Collegiate we value a strong partnership between parents and the team working with your child. You will be provided with information on interventions and support for your child and will be invited to meet with us to review these provisions. You will also have weekly contact with your child's tutor.

Student voice

Every student is unique; many children and young people may experience a period in education where they need additional support. Every student is at the heart of everything we do. They are involved in the planning, reviewing and setting of ambitious targets taking into account their views and opinions.

Provision for disabled students

Saffron Valley Collegiate is committed to ensuring that no student is disadvantaged by any disability. Each student's needs are considered and barriers to learning identified. Further information can be found in our Accessibility Policy.

Local offer

Details of The Borough of Croydon's Local Offer can be found at https://croydon.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Croydon_SEND_Local_Offer/

Complaints

Please see Saffron Valley Collegiate complaints policy for details.

Welcome to the Taskforce at Saffron Valley Collegiate

The Taskforce is a team of professionals working together to provide holistic support to students at Saffron Valley Collegiate. Our goal is to help young people navigate their emotional, social, and academic challenges, ensuring they are given the best chance to succeed both in school and in life.

Who is in the Taskforce?



Youth Engagement Worker: Offers workshops and one-to-one support on topics like self-esteem, confidence, online safety, and more. They also organize positive activities outside of school hours, including holiday schemes and residential trips.



Youth Justice Service Worker: Works with students who may be involved with or at risk of involvement with the Youth Justice Service. They provide preventative support to avoid criminality and exploitation and educate students about their rights and the law.



Speech and Language Therapists: Identifies and supports speech, language, and communication needs that may impact students' learning and emotional regulation. They provide interventions and support for students with communication difficulties.



Mental Health Team: Provides a range of therapeutic services, including creative therapies, trauma support, talking therapies, and more. The team works with students individually or in groups to improve emotional well-being and help them build coping strategies.



Family Support Worker: Acts as an advocate for families, helping to connect them with community resources such as healthcare, housing, and counseling. They also work to support family relationships and overall well-being.



Assistant Psychologist: Conducts initial clinical assessments to identify learning, social, emotional, and behavioral difficulties in students. They collect and analyze information to provide recommendations. Their work includes screening for conditions like autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and anxiety, and developing targeted support plans to enhance academic and emotional well-being.

How Can You Help?



Stay Involved: Communication is key. Feel free to reach out to the Taskforce team for updates on your child's progress or to discuss any concerns.

- **Work with Us:** We encourage open discussions with families to create a clear plan of support for your child. Your involvement helps us provide the best possible care.
- **Use Available Resources:** If your child is struggling or you feel they could benefit from additional support, you can reach out for a referral to the appropriate team member.

We are here to ensure that your child is supported in every way, and we look forward to working together to help them succeed.