

**THE HORIZON PROJECT**  
**EXTENDED SEND PROVISION FROM SEPTEMBER 2018**

We are delighted to extend our individualised programmes for learners aged 16-19 or 16-25 with SEND, for whom college or 6<sup>th</sup> Form may not be their best option. We can offer **Horticulture** in conjunction with **Grow to Grow** at **Bore Place**; as part of our bespoke mix of **work based learning**: work experience, vocational skills training, intensive interpersonal skills supported 1:1 by highly experienced tutors, a designated keyworker and a personal mentor. **Learners are fully supported, to:** achieve excellent qualifications in vocational and functional skills; ensure progression to, and success on, an apprenticeship, further education at college or with a training provider, a supported internship or supported employment - after their training with us.

**Do you know a young person** for whom this could be better than 6<sup>th</sup> Form or college - to help them access work, college or apprenticeships? Please [contact us](#) to discuss, ask questions, arrange a visit or suggest a young person we should contact.

Our programme lasts up to a full academic year (roll on roll off basis) including:

- ✓ City & Guilds Level 1 **Construction Skills Diploma** in Carpentry [Tonbridge] and/or Multi-skills [Tunbridge Wells TN2]
- ✓ City & Guilds Level 2 in **Site Carpentry**
- ✓ City & Guilds Level 1 **Horticulture** - in conjunction with Bore Place
- ✓ **Health & Safety** Certificate at Entry 3 and /or Level 1 [required for CSCS card]
- ✓ **City & Guilds Functional Skills** – Entry Level to Level 2 – literacy & numeracy
- ✓ **Work experience** in all areas of customer services and retail
- ✓ **Intensive 1-1 support** to prepare for work, college or apprenticeship
- ✓ **Ongoing support** to secure suitable and successful progression
- ✓ **Training** in upcycling / decorating furniture / craft / bike repairs / First Aid at Work
- ✓ Access to our **youth work**, youth **counselling** service, Duke of Edinburgh **Awards**

This runs in our friendly, welcoming workshops; shops or at Bore Place for Horticulture - all with **intensive pastoral support** including a **personal mentor**. We have run the HORIZON Project for some 15 years using vocational training in construction skills to: engage and empower learners, break down barriers to learning, improve coping strategies, develop teamwork skills and raise functional skills (typically 2 full levels a year). **Most learners achieve** 95% attendance, improved attitude and increased self-awareness and self-confidence, gaining substantial qualifications. The vast majority progress to FE College, apprenticeships, supported internships or work. They can also progress to our Traineeships for further training in customer services, retail and related skills if they are not quite ready to access an apprenticeship or work.

Every learner has a **bespoke** course to meet **their** needs and overcome any barriers to learning. Visitors compliment the engagement, teaching and learning in The HORIZON Project. We are regularly commended by schools, colleges, early help teams, parents and learners. City & Guilds External Verifiers view us as a **Centre of Excellence** and consistently praise the quality of our vocational and functional skills teaching, pastoral support and standards of assessed work and outstanding portfolios.

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