Route 4 Overview

Background

Route 4 was established in 2007 by the Headteacher, Mr Searle, as a Warwick School initiative which aimed to teach eight young people from Year 10 and eight from Year 11 offsite at The Oakley Centre in Merstham. The initial cohorts were identified as, for various reasons, struggling to attend or stay within the mainstream structure at Warwick School. The initiative aimed to develop an alternative education curriculum which would create an environment where these young people could achieve more from their educational experience. The extended aim was to minimise classroom disruption for the remaining Warwick School students and staff. Route 4 now takes students from a range of other secondary schools in Surrey. The maximum capacity at Route 4 is now for 32 students with 16 students in each year group.

Current Location

Route 4
Bletchingley Skills Centre
Stychens Lane
Bletchingley
Surrey RH14LL
Telephone: 01883 818008

School Day

Registration is at 8.50 and school ends at 3.20.

Curriculum

The current curriculum plan offers a broad base of experiences including academic study, work experience and wide range of practical activities. Route 4 staff work with other agencies to maximise student engagement. Each year the curriculum has been extended and now includes the following:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Maths
- GCSE Citizenship
- OCN Step-Up course
- IT ECDL course
- PE/Dance lessons.

Year 10 students attend for work experience for 2 days a week whilst in Year 11 students attend for work experience for 3 days a week.

Year 10 attend Route 4: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Year 11 attend Route 4: Tuesday and Thursday
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Staffing

Route 4 is managed by Ms S Hampson, an experienced youth worker who has been at Route 4 since its inception. She is supported by Ms A Dyer as her deputy together with Mr M Rattigan, an experienced and qualified teacher of English. Route 4 provision is overseen by Mrs E O’Hara, Deputy Headteacher at The Warwick School.

Outcomes

A key aim for Route 4 students is that their life chances are enhanced. 100% of the students at Route 4 have been placed in either employment or in further education. These are for Level 1 courses in the first instance. However, students have progressed to higher level courses and on to university.

Attendance

Attendance is recorded at Route 4 and where there are attendance concerns the source school is advised and a joint meeting arranged with parents, EWO as needed and the student. Regular reports are provided about attendance to the source school. Parents of Route 4 students are asked to advise Route 4 staff of any issues which might affect learning prior to the student attending for the day.

Uniform

Students do not wear uniform when attending Route 4. They should, however, be dressed in an appropriate manner for an education setting. Students needs to be dressed appropriately for their work experience placements.

Catering

Students are able to use the kitchen area at Route 4 to make their breakfast/lunch. Students who qualify for free school meals will have lunch provided.

Progress

Ms S Hampson makes weekly contact with the source school regarding progress. This will be more frequent where concerns arise.

Safeguarding

The Warwick School applies the school’s safeguarding policy. The Warwick School currently has an OFSTED judgement of ‘outstanding’ for keeping students safe. Where there are safeguarding concerns the DSL of the source school is advised and a joint, agreed action plan implemented. Ms S Hampson is a Deputy DSL, experienced in working with a wide range of agencies to support students. Where there needs to be a referral to Children’s Services the source school will make the contact on behalf of their student.