

TRANSCRIPT: Planning for post-16 pupils

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Students leave here at aged 16 right through to 19. Some stay for the sixth form for one year, some stay for three years. And the curriculum in the sixth form is very much a life skills based programme to prepare them for a life which is going to be quite different from being here at school, where some of them have been for 16 or 17 years, and we feel it's really important that the pupils here have basic literacy and numeracy skills, basic self-help skills and that the social skills and the communication skills are continued right through 'til the sixth form to ensure that the maximum potential for each of our students is maintained.

We link very closely with the local college to ensure that their programmes follow on from our programmes, and we've done a lot of training with the college to enable them to teach the pupils, that have come in from the school to the college, in a similar way to us.

We also have lots of work with outside agencies linked to our enterprise work, whereby a local wine distribution centre gives us their boxes which we disassemble and then recreate into all kinds of saleable goods. The students work out the costings for this. They've got outlets in various garden centres and they go and deliver the products that they've made, collect the money, come back, count it out and so it's a little mini-business and they can see that they can make a profit and then how they can plough that profit back into their range of goods, which is constantly developing.

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