

How to Apply

All applications for The Oaks will be through Wokingham Local Authority as the Admissions authority. If appropriate The Oaks will be added to a young person's EHC plan as their named specialist provision. With regret, students who do not have The Oaks named on their EHC plan will not have access to this specialist provision.

Young people who join our provision will be of compulsory secondary school age; with an EHC plan stating a primary diagnosis of ASD (including Asperger's Syndrome) and who require specialist teaching or additional support with other professionals to enable them to access the curriculum. More details about the application process can be found on our website.



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The Oaks

The Oaks is a specialist resource at St Crispin's School providing support and structure for young people with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis. The Oaks is not a special school nor is it an isolated resource but rather acts as conduit to facilitate students' access to mainstream education. Our school vision statement, "Excellence for All", wholly encapsulates the ethos of our specialist provision.

The Oaks itself is a resourced space, staffed with specialist colleagues to deliver planned intervention to support a young person. The resource caters for five students in each year group. Support is designed to remove barriers to learning by, for example, reducing sensory overload or anxiety. Additional to the provision given to all students, those admitted to St Crispin's through The Oaks may also have support from external services such as occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and/or an Educational Psychologist.



Our Way of Working

We recognise that all young people are unique individuals and that ASD presents in many different ways. Our priority is preparing young people for adulthood. We want our students to thrive reaching their full academic potential as well as making progress in their individual area of need and as such students have access to a wide and appropriately challenging curriculum delivered by high quality teaching.

St Crispin's is an inclusive school. The Oaks is not in a separate building away from the school and our ambition is for all young people to be fully integrated and part of the whole school. All students at St Crispin School will access the mainstream curriculum, including students who will be supported by The Oaks. All students will be members of a tutor group and will take part in tutor events, assemblies and personal, social and health education.

We encourage all our students to take part in a wide and rich variety of experiences to develop into well rounded confident young men and women. For members of The Oaks in particular, we give priority to facilitating the participation in a full range of opportunities including support to take part in educational visits and special events.

Routines

For lessons, each student will have a two week timetable and five lessons each day. At Key Stage three students will study a wide range of subjects including: English, maths, science, PE, religious studies, history, geography, computing, art, drama, music, modern foreign languages and design and technology. At Key Stage four students will be able to continue with the core subjects of English, maths, science, PE and religious studies and will also be able to study four option choices. More details about the curriculum can be found on our website.

The Oaks rightly gives additional focus and support to prepare students for their next steps in life, whether this is in St Crispin's Sixth Form or a Further Education College, and later for the world of work. The Oaks will guide and give advice to students on the key transition points in compulsory education, Post 16 education and then on to adulthood. Further information can be found on the school website.

