



The Autism Project



Our mission is to enable young autistic adults to make the transition from education to employment with confidence and independence.

Who are we?

The Autism Project is a Supported Internship managed by CareTrade in partnership with Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital and Whittington Health. The Autism Project has just entered its 10th year.

What do we do?

The Autism Project offers students a unique approach to employability study. The first year of our supported internship consists of 75% of learning in real work settings within Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospitals. It is a full time 36 week active learning employment programme for young people on the autistic spectrum who would like to be employed but need more confidence, support, experience and skills to become work ready. Students also study for a City & Guilds Employability skills qualification each term.

The second year focuses on greater independence and confidence in the workplace and supports students to actively seek and apply for employment, further training or apprenticeships. Work experience placements are also available to students wishing to experience environments away from the hospital.

Students' timetables are individually planned with their Education, Health and Care Plan outcomes in mind. Whilst employment is our main focus our curriculum also focuses on all four Preparing for Adulthood Pathways – **Independence, Employment, Better Health and Community Inclusion.**



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Independence- students are encouraged to gain independence in all aspects of their life this is done by:

- Travel training for those who are not independent or who need more confidence
- Working as valued member of a team
- Going on and organising social groups and events
- Money management workshops
- Interview skills and practice, including mock interviews

Employment- our aim is to make students 'work ready' this is done by:

- Real work setting experiences
- On the job support from a job coach
- Studying towards City & Guilds Employability awards
- Support for employers to make workplace adjustments
- CV writing and job application support

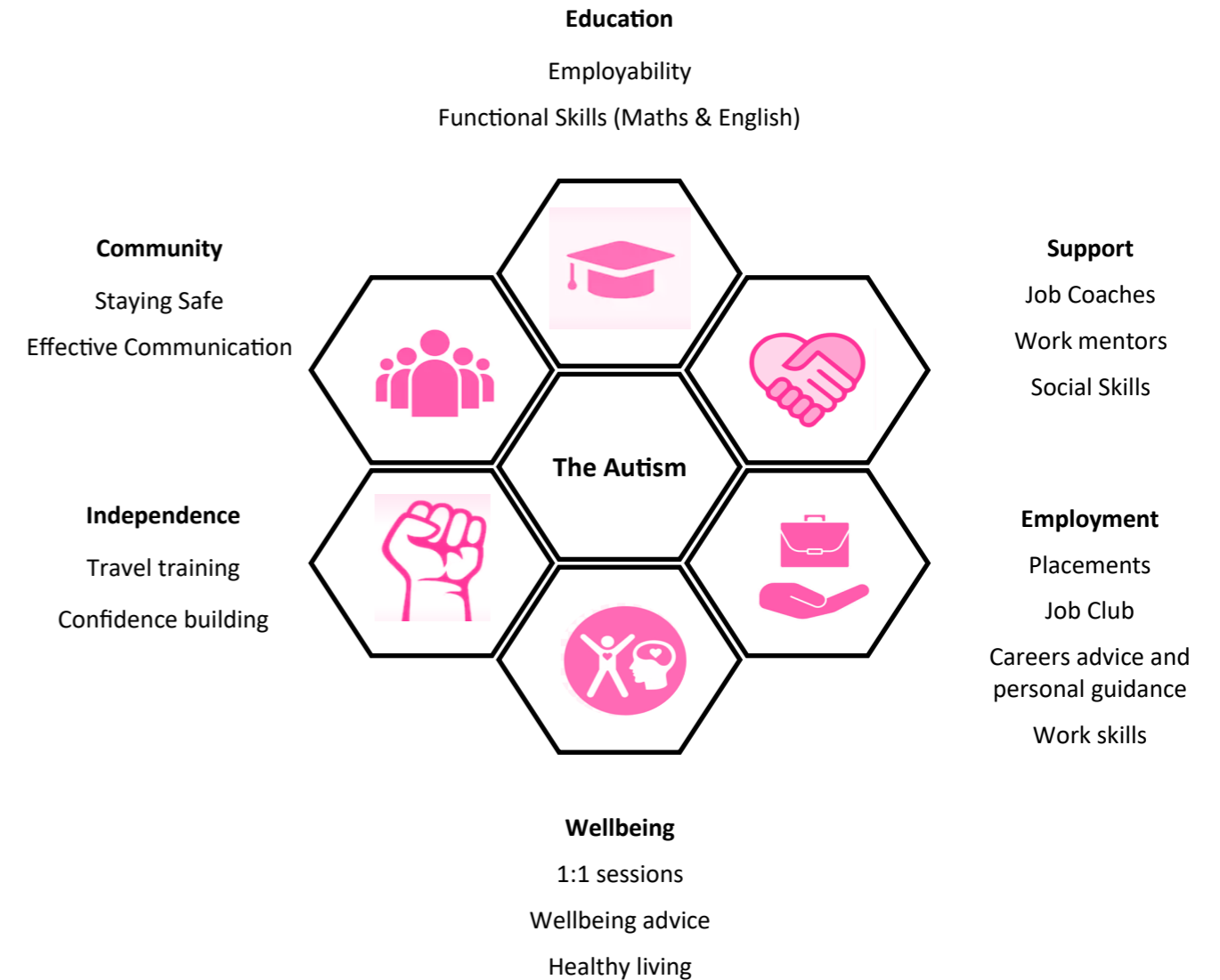
Better Health- we acknowledge that a healthy life is important to our students' development and we encourage this by:

- Studying towards a City & Guilds unit in Healthy Living
- Students have access to our wellbeing lead, this will be through small group sessions and 1:1 appointments

Community Inclusion- students are encouraged to be a part of their own community

- Students have the opportunity to volunteer at various community events/activities
- We run many social' events in the local area and encourage students to explore groups and hobbies in their local area
- Learn about local careers and voluntary opportunities

Our Curriculum



We make a real impact!

Outcomes for leavers 2018/19:

60% progressed onto employment or an apprenticeship

100% of students achieved an employability qualification

100% of students achieved at least 2 elements of Functional Skills