



"SWRAC is really nice. The teachers are really different, they make the learning easy to understand and they are very helpful & sweet. I'm here to gain independence and work skills for when I leave."

We support around 150 young adults every year across Dorset through our education programmes. We work with young adults with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) and those who require an alternative to mainstream education.

We understand that every individual has varying needs & capabilities and we deliver flexible programmes that work for everyone - whether you want a helping hand or intense support.

SEND Programmes

- Prepare for Life · Prepare for Work
- Supported Internship · Thrive

Our SEND programmes cater for young people who:

- Are aged between 16 & 25 (up to 30 for Thrive).
- Have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) already or are under assessment by the Local Authority for this.
- Have learning difficulties, low-level physical disabilities and/or low-level mental health concerns.

Alternative to Mainstream Education

- Vocational Study Programme (Post 16)
- Traineeship Programme

Our alternative provision caters for young people who:

- Are aged between 16 & 18 or have an EHCP.
- Function better in a more tailored, relaxed and inclusive environment rather than mainstream school.

Our Centres

- Bournemouth · Merley
- Dorchester

Our three main centres act as the bases for our education provision. Each centre has excellent facilities to aid practical learning & socialising such as break-out areas, games rooms and fully equipped kitchens. We also utilise other indoor & outdoor sites for physical activity and hands-on experience.


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