



Helping young people with special educational needs to help themselves



Uplands School

'Doing it Differently'

16th June 2017





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*A vibrant and caring community
where learning for life is fun*





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Introducing Uplands School

Statistics ...

- Outstanding School – Ofsted July 2014
- TES School of the Year – 2015
- 0% exclusion rate – No exclusion Policy
- PFI & Co-located with 2 mainstream and 1 other special school
- 11 – 19 years with a broad range of SEN including ASC, PMLD, SLD, MLD & SEMH with students working from P 1 to NC level 5.
- 145 on roll in September 2016 - 140+ Innovative, adaptable and dedicated Staff
- 17 classes in Needs Led Provision Groups (NLPG) - Stage not Age groups
- High Staffing Ratios (Average staffing:student ratio 1:1.5)



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Uplands – What makes it special

A culture that embraces new challenges and is always moving forward – dynamic but never chaotic and always aspirational.

- Forward-thinking & Effective Leadership Team
- National Support School (HT – NLE) – Proven record of working locally and nationally to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for SEN students.
- Needs Led Provision Groups (NLPG)
- Unique individualised curriculum
- Learning Mentor Programme (LMP) – moving to the ASC Free School
- Collaborative relationship with Uplands Educational Trust (UET) – delivering Post 19 Education, Farm Provision, Retail Provision & Leisure Clubs
- Work Related Learning – Leading to employment
- Totally & Truly Inclusive community – Individual successes



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Introducing UET

The Game Changer



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Uplands Educational Trust ...



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UET Mission

We aim to ...

- Provide safe, stimulating and age appropriate learning, working and living environments
- Break down barriers towards disabled young people through meaningful community inclusion
- Support young people with special educational needs and their families on the journey to adult life.
- Support and enable young people, regardless of their special educational needs to shape their future and contribute to their community.
- Promote the core learning and life values of **Independence** and **Interdependence**



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About UET ...

- Uplands Educational Trust (UET) became a Company limited by guarantee and governed by its Articles of Association and successfully registered with the Charities Commission in June 2012
- Governed by a board of voluntary trustees
- Jackie Smith Executive Headteacher – UET & Uplands
- Working with disabled young people across Swindon & surrounding areas
- Non-profit making in all respects
- Ensuring families & young people get the support they need to live & work in their community



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Defining what we do ...

Learning
Working
Living



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Learning ...
Acquisition of skills

Horizons College - Our Vision

Empowering learners to shape their future



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Working ...
Application of skills

Core Purpose: To provide appropriate working opportunities leading to the development of skills for employability.



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Living ...
Sustaining skills
"Keeps skills alive"

Core Purpose:
To assist young people with special educational needs/disabilities to access their community in meaningful ways. An all year round provision for those 0 – 30 years of age and their families, assisting them along the journey to adult life.



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The Journey So Far...



**UET Charity Shop Redhouse
(Opened Nov 2012)**

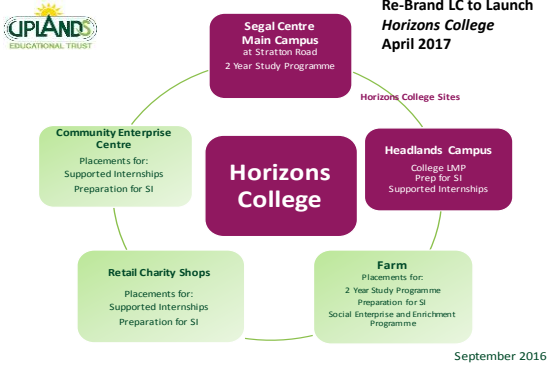


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**UET Learning Centre
(Opened Sept 2013)**

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Re-Brand LC to Launch
Horizons College
April 2017



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**UET Charity Shop Town Centre
(Opened Nov 2014)**



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**South Leigh Farm
(Opened September 2014)**



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Maryfield
(Opened Feb 2015)



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UET Charity Shop Gorse Hill
(Opened Dec 2015)



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Community Enterprise Centre
(Opened April 2016)



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Success Stories...

UET working to help young people
help themselves and shape their
own futures





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What next?



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- Supported Internships – developing more business links
- Sourcing Warehouse Premises
- UET Shops 4 and 5 – Gorsehill Baby opened May 2017
- Expansion of UET Farm
- Working in Partnership with local organisations -Wiltshire Fire Service & Brunel Shopping Centre
- Young People in Paid Employment – 100% success rate!



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It is about...
Doing it differently,
but even better

And being truly aspirational



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The Sky Really Is The Limit

No Barriers – Just Potential






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