



Alternative Provision (AP) at Cranbury College (text for website)

At Cranbury College we believe that every student is unique with their own passions and interests and is inspired, engaged and stimulated through a range of learning experiences and environments.

AP gives students the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom and places them into an environment that is practical based, relevant to their interests and where the expectations are very different.

Alternative Provision is accessed by all students from Primary through to Post 16 and is built into students personalised learning programmes. The support offered and courses available are dependent on age, phase, interest, need and are offered alongside an academic curriculum. All AP partners offer accredited courses.

Learning Outcomes and benefits of Alternative Provision include:

- Improve confidence and self-esteem
- Increase emotional well-being and happiness
- Improve communication and interpersonal skills
- Improve teamwork skills
- Promote independence and resilience
- Develop pro-social behaviours
- Develop time and self-management skills
- Develop skills in decision making and initiative taking
- Develop ability to take responsibility

Our AP Partners

We are proud to say that we have been working with our AP partners for over 15 years to develop amazing working relationships and ensure the delivery of high quality provision that meets the needs of our all of our students.

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Auto Skills

Auto Skills is a Motor Vehicle Project which supports students in a practical workshop environment to gain the experience and qualifications that will teach them valuable life skills and help them progress into further training or future employment. Students learn everything from basic car maintenance through to more complicated projects like removing and replacing whole engines! Many students choose to continue in this field either by studying at college or gaining apprenticeships.

Auto Skills have recently just piloted a Mini Auto Skills for Primary aged pupils which is proving incredibly popular and very successful!www.gsautoskills.com

Reading YMCA

YMCA are the oldest and largest charity working with young people in the world. Reading YMCA was founded in 1847! As part of their commitment to transforming lives they offer woodwork sessions in a purpose built workshop where students gain a basic understanding of and learn a range of carpentry and life skills.

Students work on individual projects but are also given the opportunity to help work on projects around the building to use their skills in a practical environment. As a result of these sessions many students develop a passion for carpentry and end up going on to college or into apprenticeships.

www.readingymca.org

RAW Health and Fitness

Through 1:1 and group sessions, coaches provide sports and health and fitness sessions to inspire change and allow students to take control of their lives and decisions enabling them to live a healthy and happy lifestyle. Many students go on and pursue sports coaching or personal training as a career as a result of their positive experiences with the RAW team.

RAW also provide drama/ street dance and singing sessions.

www.rawhealthandfitness.com

Reading Rockets

Reading Rockets was founded in 1997 and are one of the most successful basketball clubs in England. They provide sports coaching to our pupils and with their values of passion, vision, quality, motivation and commitment make a real difference to the lives of our primary students who thoroughly enjoy and look forward to their 2 sessions a week with Ben!

As well as providing opportunities to enjoy and learn both individual and team sports, coaches use the sessions to promote healthy life styles and teach vital transferable life skills.

www.readingrockets.co.uk

Readipop Studios

Readipop believe that music can change lives and that creativity is vital for a fulfilled life. Students work in a professional studio and are challenged and inspired to express themselves through music. They are given the opportunity to develop and record their own tracks supported by music leaders.

Last year a student auditioned for and gained a place at The Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford!

www.readipop.co.uk

Path Hill Outdoor

Using the outdoors, Path Hill design special programmes to reconnect young people to the adventure of learning without the constraints of a classroom. Through a practical learning environment students learn a wide range of skills alongside developing their social and emotional literacy.

Activities include: canoeing/ mountain biking/ climbing/ woodland skills/ cookery/ first aid.

Students are also given the opportunity to participate in overnight expeditions both nationally and internationally. This summer one of our students is preparing to go canoeing in Sweden! www.pathhill.com

Outdoor Academy

Outdoor Academy work 1:1 or in small groups and use inspiring local locations to re-engage students with a passion for learning. They build students resilience, confidence and social skills through a wide range of land, water based and wilderness activities.

www.outdooracademy.co.uk

Heads High Hair and Beauty

Kate from Heads High designs courses with a view to creating an awareness of the hair and beauty industry, a basic understanding of hair and beauty techniques and to build on vital social skills needed to work with clients in a salon and pursue hair and beauty as a career. Most students who participate in these courses go onto further training or apprenticeships.

The sessions are also designed to tackle difficult issues such as negative body image, anxiety and depression, low self-esteem and media stereotypes.

This year at the request of a student Kate has been trialling a new Theatrical Stage makeup course!

Heads High also run a successful volunteering programme Bloom and Groom where students deliver hand and arm massages to ladies with learning difficulties from a local church group.

Heroes

Heroes is a small, therapeutic animal centre where students learn about animals and get fully involved in the daily running of the farm. They are expected to clean, feed, groom and exercise the animals as well as doing general tasks such as farm maintenance and stock takes. As well as this students learn about the natural environment and get the opportunity to work as part of a team to problem solve real life farm related issues that arise.

Heroes have close links to Berkshire Agricultural College for those students who want to undertake further training.

www.heroesberkshire.co.uk

Reading FC Community Trust

Reading FC Community Trust offers students the opportunity to learn about coaching and leadership in football as well as developing students social skills, emotional well being and resilience and providing students with vital transferable skills. Coaches promote the positive power that football can deliver to help students lead healthy, active, socially inclusive lifestyles whilst also building safer, stronger and more secure communities.

<http://community.readingfc.co.uk/>