

# The Skills Centre at Coxlease

The Skills Centre is an off-site post-16 Vocational and Study Centre offered by Coxlease School to provide bespoke vocational experiences and formal accreditation to our older students, and to students from the local community.

## Our aim

The Skills Centre at Coxlease School provides a safe and supportive environment where our young people can follow individualised programmes of study to help them meet their ambitions and to continue their journey to independence.

With a dedicated team of specialist staff, we aim to provide every young person with a programme of education through appropriate vocational courses, academic qualifications, work experience, independent living skills and leisure, as preparation for potential further education or employment.



## Positive outcomes

We offer ongoing support, learning and life skills development within a person-centred framework to maximise individual potential. Individual plans and programmes are adjusted, as required, to ensure that each individual is challenged to progress at speeds and levels that are appropriate to them.

## Qualifications available at The Skills Centre

- BTEC Hospitality and Catering (Professional Cookery)
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- BTEC Food and Beverage Service
- BTEC Food Safety in Catering
- BTEC Basic Cooking Skills
- BTEC Vocational Studies
- Hair and Beauty Vocational Qualifications and Awards
- Emergency First Aid
- Employability Skills
- Functional Skills Qualifications in English & Maths
- GCSE English
- GCSE Maths
- Additional GCSE's specific to individual learners



“ Staff are entirely focused on enabling students to experience highly personalised learning pathways that are accurately attuned to their interests and talents. ”

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## Post-16 opportunities

Coxlease School offers a range of packages for post-16 students dependent on their individual needs. We support students to gain greater independence skills, life skills and to continue in full time education.

Each package is tailored to each student with a mix of the following:

- **College courses, part time/full time (supported by experienced staff at Coxlease School)**
- **Core subject studies and learning skills**
- **Life and independent skills**
- **Work-based training, work experience, supported employment programmes**

A detailed transition process underpins the post-16 provision with a clear pathway plan leading to agreed goals and targets. All post-16 students will continue to receive relevant pastoral and therapeutic support, whilst moving towards self-determination and independence.



## About Coxlease School

Coxlease School is an independent specialist day school with an excellent reputation for providing highly effective education, care, therapy, welfare and support for boys and girls aged 5 to 19 years who have social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) difficulties, as well as other complex needs often associated with autistic spectrum disorders (ASD). Following our latest Ofsted inspection, we were awarded 'Outstanding' in each of the six categories (July 2017).

Through an individual inclusive approach to education, care, therapy and healthcare, we provide young people with the opportunity to make positive changes in their lives, develop as lifelong learners, fulfil their individual potential and integrate into the wider community.

"All pupils make excellent progress from their different starting points." **Ofsted July 2017**

The service includes a day school, six separate Ofsted registered children's homes, and one CQC registered semi-independent home for young people aged 16-25 years. The homes are in rural and urban community locations in the New Forest and Southampton.

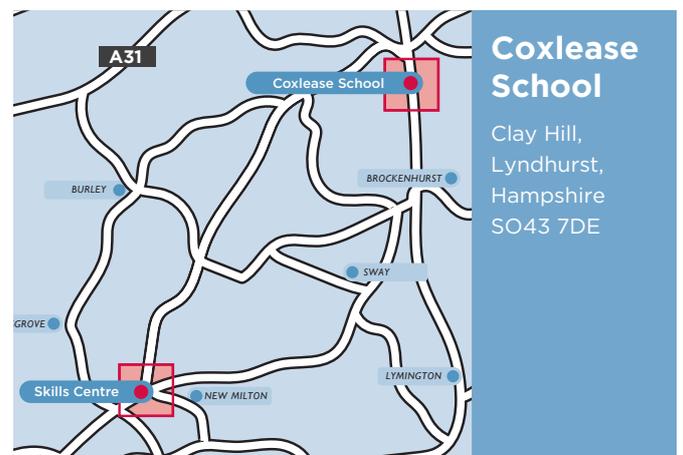
Placements are flexible; term-time, weekly boarding and for up to 52 weeks of the year, depending on individual need. Flexible placement options are always explored to benefit the young people in our care.

## Admissions criteria for The Skills Centre

- **Complex difficulties consistent with combinations of behavioural, emotional and social difficulties as well as other related conditions such as autism and mental health**
- **Learning difficulties within the mild to moderate range**
- **Poor peer relationships**
- **Poor self-image**
- **Prior disaffection with education**
- **Inability to deal with vulnerability with an appropriate response**
- **Anxieties and attention seeking behaviours**
- **Difficulty in coping with change**

“ Students’ accomplishments in their future lives are marks of the superb support they have received during their time at Coxlease School. ”

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