

OUTREACH EDUCATION

Each region has a network of specialist tutors who provide Education Outreach Programmes. These are 1:1 arrangements or small teaching groups for more socially and emotionally vulnerable young people, whose difficulties require a more highly focused / supported educational response. The tutors objective is to re-integrate each pupil back into the 'mainframe' school system, supporting the pupil in school once the integration programme is under way.

ASSESSMENT



In addition to providing a thorough base line assessment for each pupil - which dovetails into an individual education programme and a comprehensive review programme - Sedgemoor also operates a number of specialised assessment centres. These are short-term stay units and give our skilled and fully supported staff the opportunity to make carefully informed judgements as to the pupils educational needs, any additional support that may be required and how Sedgemoor will meet those needs.



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

In each region we have strong and effective links to businesses, Connexions and local Further Education Provisions. This enables our pupils to experience a range of work options and to undertake preparatory work before committing to a fully supported FE course of study.

LOCATION OF MAINFRAME SCHOOLS, ASSESSMENT CENTRES AND OUTREACH PROVISIONS

Lincolnshire	Leicestershire
Somerset	Dorset
Devon	Cheshire
Hertfortshire	Hereford
Bedfordshire	Nottinghamshire

MY FAVOURITE DAY AT SCHOOL - Aaron

My favourite day at school was when
We went to Woburn Safari Park.
We saw lions and tigers too
And snakes and kangaroos.
When we sat down for lunch
Some peacocks came in a bunch.
We give them some of our lunch
Then they ate it with a crunch.





Improving Pupil Achievement

In Somerset we have appointed a SENCO (Special Education Needs Co-ordinator) to assist our teachers in improving the achievement of all our pupils but in particular that of the boys. OFSTED have reported in " Boys Achievement" (July 2003) and "The Gender Divide" (1996) that boys continue to achieve less than girls in terms of GCSE and National Curriculum results.

The appointment of our SENCO, tasked specifically to look at this complex matter and the interlinked factors, will play an important part in helping to develop a positive learning ethos, good teaching and classroom management, close monitoring of individuals and effective support for learning.

EXAMINATIONS AT SEDGEMOOR

Foundation Level

At Sedgemoor, every student has access to a wide range of examinations to suit a variety of needs and abilities. We currently offer Literacy and Numeracy Examinations, levels 1-3 that are suitable for any year group and run twice a year with the AQA examining board. In addition, there is an OCR Spelling Skills Examination that is also offered to candidates twice a year; this is usually appropriate only for Key Stage 4 students. Both the aforementioned examinations can be sat on an 'on demand' basis and require no coursework.

Years 10 and 11 coursework.

During years 10 and 11, students will have the opportunity to complete coursework towards Entry Level and GCSE Examinations. The WJEC (Welshboard) offer an excellent range of Entry Level Examinations and we currently access 5 subjects with the view to students sitting terminal papers in Mathematics, Food Studies, Child Studies, Science and Information and Communication Technology. These examinations have proved to be an excellent preparation during year 10 towards the GCSE expectation in year 11.

Entry Level English plus GCSE's.

An Entry Level Examination in English together with all of the GCSE subjects is available to students through the AQA Examining Board. At present, students can study GCSE examinations in English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Art and Religious Studies. However, our current registration allows us to access all of the GCSE specifications, this effectively makes any examination available to individual students who have perhaps followed a particular programme of study at previous schools.

The Future

Future developments regarding examinations will undoubtedly have an effect on the courses available to students. New GCSE's that incorporate vocational studies in Health and Social Care, Business, Art and Design and Leisure and Tourism could all play a part in future studies for year 11 and possibly 16+ students at Sedgemoor. We are also currently looking to expand the amount of Entry Level courses available, enabling greater examination possibilities to an extensive variety of candidates.