

YOUR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROVISION



SPORTING CHANCES GROUP

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ENCOURAGING
EXCELLENCE,
NURTURING
TALENT!

“ I’ve found being at Sporting Chances has helped me start the gym and exercising... The facilities here are good and allow for most activities to occur. ”

- Year 9 student

“ *My main concern is when I was at school I got bullied... I have gotten more confident in speaking to people and I have gotten better at sports. I would recommend [Sporting Chances] to someone because [they] support you.* ”

- Year 8 student



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ABOUT US

Established in 2009, Sporting Chances Group (SCG) was founded by David Johnson as an alternative provision to meet the immediate and growing needs of young people (YP) with emotional and behavioural issues that often prevent them conforming to mainstream school and society.

SCG is swiftly emerging as a premier alternative provision (AP) in the UK, thanks to our proven success in transforming young lives and our dynamic, innovative approach to engagement. Recently, we've introduced several exciting projects, some in collaboration with affiliates to broaden our reach and services significantly. This expansion allows us to offer enhanced opportunities for individuals, including work placements, apprenticeships, mentoring, access to further education, and more.

Our Vision



“ At SCG, we pride ourselves on being able to uniquely connect with children who in many cases, have multifarious & **complex needs**. It is our vision to **make a significant difference** to the lives of each child to better their life-long outcomes, using the gift of **sport & creative outlets** as our vehicle. ”

- **David Johnson**, SCG Managing Director

We firmly believe that all YP have innate talent to be identified and nurtured to excellence. **SCG never gives up on a YP**. We empower YP to unlock and achieve their full aspirational potential.

ABOUT OUR PROVISIONS



Who are the Provisions for?

The Provisions at SCG are designed for YP who face challenges attending mainstream school due to reasons such as:

- **Exclusion**
- **Illness**
- **Temporary suspension from school**
- **Directed by their school to an off-site location to improve behaviour**
- **Or for social, emotional, mental health (SEMH) issues**

Our provisions offer suitable education for those who may find it difficult to attend a mainstream or special school.

SCG's Objective

All the provisions offered by SCG are designed to help each and every YP with one or both of the following objectives:

- 1. Reintegrate into Mainstream Education:**
We work towards the partial or full reintegration of young individuals referred to SCG into mainstream education.
- 2. Skill Development for Employment Opportunities:**
Our programme focuses on equipping YP with skills that lead to certifications, enhancing their chances of securing employment as they transition into the broader world.

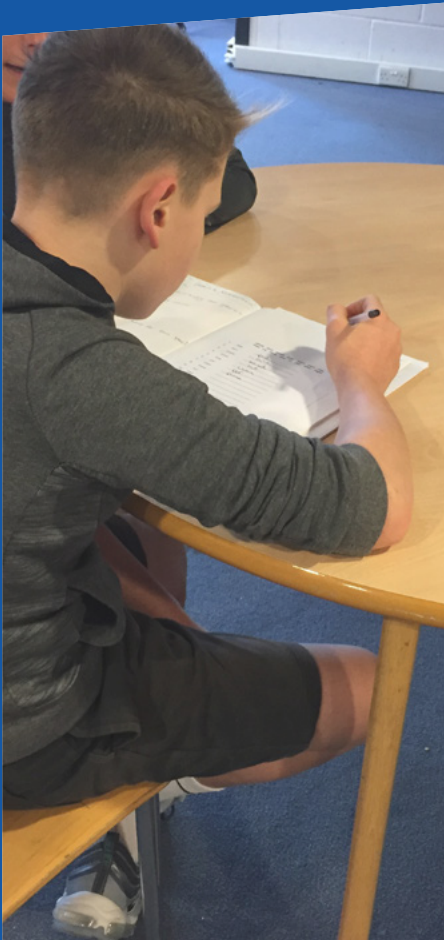
At the heart of both objectives is our commitment to supporting YP at any stage of life. We provide the necessary encouragement, skills, and a safe environment for them to be themselves. **Our goal is to guide them back on track** and empower them for a successful future.

How Our Programme is Implemented

The curriculum at SCG aims to inspire and engage students whilst addressing gaps in learning that they will have due to their interrupted educational journey. Our intent is to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum that is tailored to meet the needs of students who experience barriers to learning and to enable them to work towards age-related expectations. We achieve this by providing a **nurturing and emotionally sensitive learning environment** where students can thrive.

Teaching and learning are approached with a focus on the individual needs and aspirations of the students and is based upon their baseline assessment, previous academic outcomes, long-term learning targets and any identified special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Students are taught in small groups, individually, and when appropriate within the community. Students learn valuable lessons at SCG; they improve their life skills; develop methods of overcoming challenges and develop resilience.



Our emphasis is on providing ample opportunities for the social, moral, spiritual, and cultural development of our students. Our curriculum also emphasises employability, skills for adult life, fundamental values, developing healthy lifestyles and the importance of positive relationships.

Academic Tuition

Providing an exceptional educational experience for our students is crucial during their time with us. We achieve this by tailoring their education to their specific learning needs. Upon entry, we assess students' reading, writing, and maths skills to determine their current attainment levels and gather baseline data. These assessments help identify any previously unidentified learning difficulties and reveal knowledge gaps, enabling targeted teaching and accelerated progress. We closely monitor student progress and attainment, setting ambitious SMART targets to continually challenge and improve their performance.

Currently, we offer four hours of one-on-one English and maths tuition respectively, delivered by qualified teachers experienced in working with children with emotional or behavioural needs. Teachers provide detailed weekly reports to keep key stakeholders informed about student progress.

As our provision grows, we are actively expanding our educational offerings to enhance the depth and diversity of our curriculum.



The image shows a modern youth center with a graffiti-covered wall. In the foreground, there are two pool tables. In the background, there is a reception desk with a computer monitor, a blue trash bin, and a black leather sofa. The ceiling has recessed lighting.

THE PROVISIONS

SCG provides diverse support, tailored to each YP that is sensitive to their individual learning pace and aligned to their interests.

Additionally, at selected provisions, we offer freshly prepared lunches served from our in-house kitchen.



SC OUTREACH PROGRAMME



SC Outreach

For ages of 5 to 16 years

Overview

Our outreach mentors enthuse and impassion YP to engage with individualised programmes that stretch and challenge them to improve and achieve. They are skilled at harnessing the best from the YP they work with. Mentors work 1-to-1 with their YP for a maximum of 4 hours per session.

On this programme, we offer educational support, mentoring and a plethora of 1-to-1 activities

Outreach Objectives

1. Re-engagement with education
2. Improved progress & attainment
3. Increased self-esteem
4. Igniting a thirst for hobbies/ interests

5. Enhanced behaviour & social interaction
6. Fostered drive & ambition

Location

SC Outreach operates across **Epsom and Croydon.**

For more information, please visit sportingchances.org/outreach, or scan the QR code below.





SC Surrey

For ages of 11 to 16 years

Overview

At SC Surrey, we offer a variety of services, from 1-to-1 mentoring to education. The activities and services provided are to help scaffold and build the YP's personal and social development, so they can achieve their maximum potential.



During their time with us, students are closely supervised by staff who are passionate about achieving the best outcomes for them, thereby offering mentorship, seizing learning opportunities (both social and academic), and actively seeking to help YP in any way they can.

YP receive an hour of English and an hour of maths tuition from Monday to Thursday. This is delivered either as a group based on ability or by 1-to-1 sessions.



Location

Surrey: This is the flagship provision. Established in 2013, it is the nucleus of SCG.

Upcoming Locations: Exciting developments are on the horizon as we extend our presence to Croydon, Oxford, Cambridge, Gloucester, and more locations. Sign up to our mailing list via our website to stay up-to-date with the latest news on this.



Opening Times

Aligned to mainstream term dates

Mon to Thurs, 10AM - 2PM

Friday, 10AM - 1PM

We offer placements on a daily, weekly, termly, or yearly basis (subject to regular review).



Activities Include:

- **Sports:** Football, Basketball, Athletics, Gym Induction, Boxing, MMA, Yoga, Trampolining + more.
- **Creative:** DJing, Music Production, Art & Design + more.
- **Academic:** Maths, English & Revision.
- **Trips** (inc. Bowling, Go Karting, Picnics)

For more information, please visit sportingchances.org/surrey, or scan the QR code below.



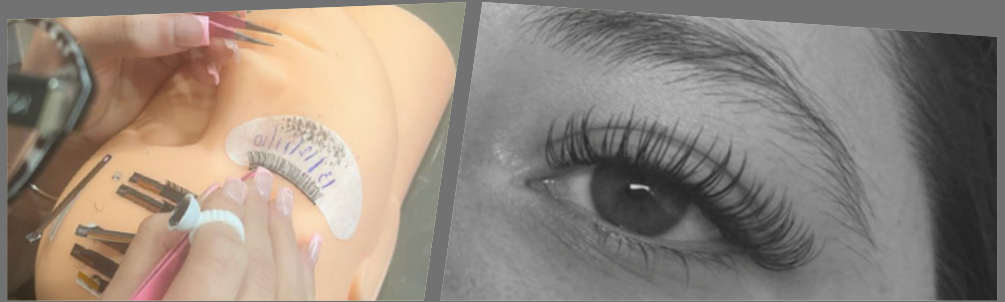


CREATIVE HAIR&LASHES

Creative Hair & Lashes

For ages of 14 to 18 years

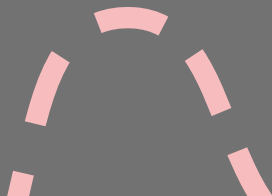
Creative Hair & Lashes (CHL) is for YP who want to achieve a Level 1 Diploma in Hairdressing and/or Classic Lashes, crucial for those interested in going on to study it further.

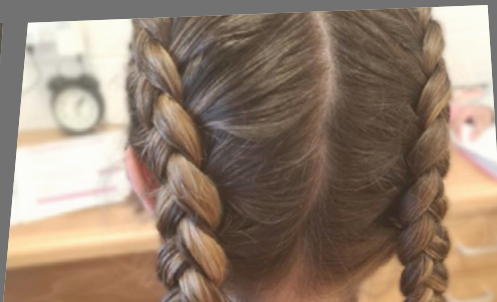


Overview

YP are offered a 1-to-1 or small group learning experience. Credit to the versatility of our course, placements are offered on a daily, weekly, termly or yearly basis (depending on what is most beneficial to the YP's success in the provision).

In addition, we also offer an initiative called the 'Next Step'. We have strong ongoing relationships with various companies in the hair and beauty industry, augmenting future employment possibilities.





Location

Sutton

Opening Times

Aligned to mainstream term dates

Classic Lashes

Mon to Tue, 10AM - 2PM

Hair Dressing

Wed to Thurs, 10AM - 2PM

For more information, please visit sportingchances.org/chl,
or scan the QR code below.





SC Mini

For ages of 5 to 11 years

SC Mini is an education provision that offers a fun and engaging alternative primary learning experience, including 1-to-1 mentoring.

Our goal is to tackle social, emotional, and behavioural needs early on, to aid children's development into mainstream education.

Overview

We offer a variety of activities, which aim to engage all children, no matter their needs or interests. All our mentors are DBS-checked

and experienced at delivering workshops.

Location

Surrey

Opening Times

Aligned to mainstream term dates

Mon to Weds, 10AM - 2PM

Thursday, 10AM - 1PM

For more information, please visit sportingchances.org/mini, or scan the QR code below.





Activities Include:

- Sports (inc. football, basketball & athletics)
- Arts & Crafts
- Digital Gaming
- Cooking + more.



SC Football Academy

For ages of 16 to 18 years

SC Football Academy is an elite apprenticeship initiative offering YP of any gender opportunities in the football industry.

The course can be completed over 2 academic years.

Location

Joliffe Playing Ground, Caterham

Overview

Careers within football span many areas and provide opportunities for all. SC Football Academy offers the following courses for those looking to progress their career in the sports industry:

1. Scouting Qualification
2. Coaching Qualifications
3. Football Academy Referee Course
4. Other Opportunities:

Matchday Steward, Stadium Tour Guide, Sports Reporter, Marketing Assistant, Museum Assistant, Social Media Producer, Sports Photographer, Publicist, Hospitality Room Supervisor, Match Commentator, Players Care Officer, Sports Physiotherapist, and Kit Manager.

Opening Times

Aligned to mainstream term dates

Mon to Fri, 9AM - 3PM

12 weeks of flexible, paid work coaching at SC holiday summer camps will also be available.



To find out more, please visit sportingchances.org/footballacademy, or scan the QR code.



SC ONLINE MENTORING PROGRAMME

SC Online Mentoring

For ages of 10 to 18 years

Online Mentoring (OM) is a new and dynamically innovative mentoring service borne out of a desire to meet the needs of YP negatively impacted by the pandemic.

OM seeks to better YP's emotional and physical wellbeing and enrich their outcomes by redressing the pandemic's far-reaching effects.

Overview

OM offers convenient online sessions that can be accessed on any device, featuring qualified mentors with DBS checks.

In complex situations, we can provide a dedicated physical space for in-person mentoring sessions.

Location

OM can be accessed **UK wide**.

Operating Times

Sessions are flexible, ranging from **30 minutes to 1 hour**.

Mon to Fri, 2 PM - 8 PM

OM Objectives

1. Empowering physical & emotional well-being
2. Inspiring & motivating, actively listening to needs
3. Re-engaging children with education, promoting sustained learning
4. Encouraging positive behaviour & building resilience & self-esteem



Visit sportingchances.org/online mentoring, or scan the QR code to the left.



T'S SC STORY

T joined SC in 2014, attending sporadically due to **complex issues and disabilities** affecting his mainstream school experience. After three months, he engaged with SC on a **1-to-1** basis, initially focusing on phone games. Over time, he gradually participated in activities, yet attendance remained a challenge.

The launch of SC Creative provided an alternative focus on **media, gaming, art,** and unconventional subjects, catering to those like T who didn't favour sports. T found a sense of belonging, excelling in areas he was passionate about, significantly increasing productivity. With an **improved attendance of 95%**, incorporating English and maths into his schedule helped to address learning gaps.

Within four months at SC Creative, T enhanced his personal and social skills. He aspires to mentor young people with similar backgrounds, and earn certificates and qualifications. Later assessments showed remarkable independent completion and a **90% success rate in both maths and English.** surpassing expectations. T's confidence has soared, providing him with a clear direction for his future.

HOW TO REFER A YOUNG PERSON



Referrals

To submit a pupil referral, please download the form online at:

sportingchances.org/referrals

Send referrals to:

referrals@sportingchances.org

Including 'SC Referral' in the subject line, followed by the name of your institution.

A member of our administration team will get back to you shortly.

Contact Us

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Scan the QR code
for **referrals**.

OUR PARTNERS & SPONSORS



With the growing demand for APs each year, we aim to expand our reach across various locations in the UK to cater to an increasing number of YP during their formative years.

We actively welcome partnership and sponsorship opportunities to enhance our capacity to serve the community.

Our funding primarily comes from local authorities and schools, enabling us to support YP within their school or care settings through our provisions. This collaborative effort ensures that we can continue providing valuable services and make a positive impact on the lives of the YP we serve.

Choose from over 5 different provisions, tailored to suit every young person's needs.

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