



St Andrew's
C O L L E G E

ADMISSION STATEMENT

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APPROVED BY: & COLLEGE GOVERNING BODY
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St Andrew's Healthcare Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) is designed for young people aged 13 to 18 with complex mental disorders, severe emotional and behavioural difficulties, intellectual disabilities, mental illness and autistic spectrum disorders. Our CAMHS ethos, is to provide person-centred care which addresses young people's mental health needs as well as their functional, cognitive, emotional, social, communication, sensory and vocational needs.

Our CAMHS is a Trauma Informed Care Service, ensuring that everything we do is driven by an understanding of how trauma affects the whole person; physically, mentally and socially. We provide low and medium secure, Tier 4 inpatient services, with the objective of enabling young people to live well and to their full potential in the least restrictive environment possible.

Located in Smyth House, Northampton, St Andrew's College provides education to the young people within the CAMHS service. We support the young people in our care by offering education 51 weeks a year, only closing between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day.

St Andrew's College was rated 'Good' by Ofsted and 'Outstanding' in Behaviours and Attitudes in June 2021.

On admission, the Link Teacher for the ward will meet the young person and conduct an informal interview to gain information about their previous qualifications, experiences at school and future career aspirations. The young people are given the opportunity to have a tour of the College and meet the teaching staff, where appropriate. St Andrew's College aims to timetable the young people for lessons the week after admission, with a course of study relevant to their individual needs.