



φύσις

## Post 16 Policy

Physis [fie-sis] a Greek word meaning the natural energy for growth, change and development.



# The Quantum Leap Programme at Physis Heathgates Academy

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Physis Heathgates Academy provides education for students aged 10 – 18 who have been victims of or are at high risk of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). All of the students are part of the ‘looked after’ system whether it be at section 20 or a full care order.

It is our experience that many of these students are not ready to progress to further education, training or employment when they reach sixteen years of age. As a result of severe emotional trauma their social integration and educational attainment has been affected. In many cases the students arrive with a strong dislike for anything to do with authority.

In some cases, the student will therefore stay at Physis Heathgates Academy when they are post 16, repeating previous study which did not go well or taking study/qualifications which was never done pre 16 due to missed education and traumatic events which may have occurred in their lives.

### **Purpose of Post 16 Provision:**

As a result of such past experiences, the Academy is registered as a place of learning for 10-18 year olds and can offer a bespoke programme to suit any individual within that age bracket. Such a programme is compiled with the intention of preparing the student for the next stage of their life rather than forcing them in to an inappropriate scheme of education, training or work just because they are post 16.

Post 16 planning normally begins during the individuals Y11. All avenues such as further education, training or employment are considered by a range of professionals, parents and the child themselves. If it is considered that the individual is not yet ready for the more mainstream options, then Physis can continue to develop a bespoke programme at the Academy which meets the needs of the student concerned.

### **Possible Post 16 Programmes:**

All education at Physis is either 1:1, 2:1 or 3:1. The programme offered may consist of:

- Work experience
- Part or full time educational courses ranging from Entry Level to higher level GCSE
- Life skills (ASDAN)
- Personal, social and emotional development via the Quantum Leap Programme

- Other options which may be considered to be appropriate

Of course, such a programme within the Academy may not be required and the individual may be ready for one of the following options which would be away from the Academy:

- Further or higher education
- Training
- Voluntary or paid work

If this is the case, then Pysis would offer support wherever it is deemed to be beneficial.