Welcome to Selly Oak Trust School. We are an 11 to 19 years special school for students who need additional support to help them with their learning. All of our students have a Statement of Special Educational Needs.

Our school provides a safe, caring and welcoming environment, where positive relationships are developed and everyone’s contribution is valued, enabling our students to fulfil their full potential and be equipped with the skills to become more independent adults. Our students make outstanding progress during their time with us and as a result become more confident learners.

We are very proud of our specialist learning community that empowers our young people with the skills to manage their needs well and become resilient and reflective learners for life.

We welcome you to visit and see for yourself the amazing outcomes that are achieved at Selly Oak Trust School. Please contact us to arrange a tour of our school.

I look forward to welcoming you.

Chris Field Headteacher
At Selly Oak Trust School we have a team of specialist teachers and professionals including our own Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist and Autism Specific Learning Mentors to support our students in fulfilling their full potential.

On average our class sizes are between ten and fourteen students. Some of our classes are much smaller, based on the needs of the students. The majority of classes benefit from the support of at least one or more specialist teaching assistants.

Most of our students follow a timetable which allows them to move around school to work with specialist teachers in all National Curriculum subjects. Depending on need, some of our students will be ‘class based’ and taught in the same room with a dedicated class teacher and support staff who will deliver their curriculum.

Many of our students also benefit from a therapy based curriculum including programmes in our dedicated Sensory room with our own Occupational Therapist. Every classroom is equipped with a range of sensory support equipment to enable students to manage their own learning experience.

Our ‘Access to Learning’ and ‘SOLAR’ support facilities also provide access to educational programmes for students who need some structured time away from their peers to explore their own barriers to learning and refocus how to be successful in school.

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In addition to the core subjects, in Key Stage 4 (age 14-16) students can also choose a pathway of academic and vocational courses ranging from Entry Level Qualifications up to GCSE such as:

- 3D Art
- Caring for Children
- Drama
- Floristry
- Horticulture
- Construction
- Home Cookery Skills
- Humanities
- Music
- Sport & Leisure
- Computing
- Production & Media

“The Skills for Life lessons are perfect - it is so reassuring that my son is being taught to be more independent”

PARENT OF YEAR 7 STUDENT

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“Students achieve well. From their starting points, they make good progress both in academic subjects and in their personal development. All groups of students do equally well.”

“Students grow in confidence and independence as they progress through school. They learn the skills and attributes that they need to become effective learners.”
Our Sixth Form is an integral part of our school and each year more and more students decide to continue their learning journey at Selly Oak Trust School. Sixth Form students can stay with us for three years in a caring and specialised environment to ensure they get the highest quality opportunities to prepare them for their next steps. Sixth Form students also have their own dedicated common room, computer suite, games room and quiet garden area for socialising.

Our Sixth Form offers an extensive academic and vocational curriculum with qualifications ranging from Entry Level to Level 2. This includes:

- Construction & Land Based Studies
- Home Cooking & Hospitality
- Sport & Active Leisure
- Caring for Animals
- Health & Beauty
- Public Services Award (Navy Cadets)
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Functional Skills English, Maths & IT
- Skills for Independence & Work
- Personal & Social Development

Selly Oak Trust School also has strong links with many local colleges and all students also attend a variety of additional link-courses such as Catering, Painting & Decorating and Horticulture. This allows our students to experience vocational courses in a larger college environment with our own familiar staff supporting them.

All students can also receive independent travel training by our own dedicated travel trainers, yet another key skill helping our students become more confident, independent learners.

“Students leave the school well prepared for the next steps in education and the wider world” OFSTED

Partnerships for the future

In partnership with Central England Co-operative Retail Stores, our award winning ‘SENse to Aspire’ programme also supports all students in our Sixth Form with a four day work placement that includes working in a range of local Co-op stores, a CV and Application Form workshop and ‘mock’ interviews. Students can also take part in Floristry Master Classes with Co-op employees to further develop their skills and understanding of work place roles and skills.

We are also currently offering a one year ‘Supported Internship’ for students in their final year, enabling them to spend a year off site working with an employer in a real business environment. This aims to provide them with the skills, experience, knowledge and confidence to find paid employment at the end of the year as well as valuable one year of work experience for their CV. The partners currently working successfully with Selly Oak Trust School are National Grid and Central England Co-operative.

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“The difference here is that people want you to succeed, and you know they do.” OFSTED
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Selly Oak Trust School
A Specialist Science College
Supported Learning Community

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