



### **About the Aspire & Alternative College Hub (AACH)**

The AACH houses several provisions that IET operates to support young people at risk of permanent exclusions. At the current time The IET Alternative College and Aspire Project operate within the Hub.

The IET Alternative College (AC) began as an idea in 2021 supporting a small number of students from the IET secondary schools who were struggling to access the AP Academy curriculums post-Covid. Over the past few years the AC has grown significantly where it can support in excess of 60 Year 7-11 students in an academic year who are referred from schools far and wide. The AC works hard to help students feel more positive about education and help fill the gaps in their knowledge.

The IET Alternative College (AC) is a hybrid provision that operates through virtual and face to face lessons for students struggling to access mainstream education. At the AC, students are taught online and face to face in small groups by IET specialist-trained staff. The current offer focuses on:- Maths, English and PSHE.

In September 2022, The Aspire Project was conceived in partnership with mainstream secondary schools from the South of Surrey. The Aspire Project supports up to 48 KS4 students who are at risk of permanent exclusion and provides them with a bespoke curriculum of both academic and vocational learning. Aspire provides a holistic approach, covering the priority themes required for a child to experience success in their secondary education. The current academic offer is Maths, English and Citizenship, along with Construction, Mechanics, Hair & Beauty, Childcare, Personal Development and Home Cooking Skills.

The Alternative College Hub and Aspire Project is based within the premises of Therfield School in Leatherhead, Surrey.