

# Bethel Community College



'striving for excellence'











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# a warm welcome

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Bethel’s aim is to inspire, uplift and motivate young people.”

It has been a long and difficult journey thus far, but it is with purpose coupled with a sense of humility that I welcome you to Bethel Community College.

We are faith-based, registered charity, Voluntary sector organisation since August 1994, providing culturally sensitive services to the local community.

Our approach is to use our faith in a holistic way, to meet the sensitive areas of crime, housing, education, employment and health.

A number of faith-based organisations, not just within this area but across the country, have been inspired by our work and we have been able to support, invest and share good practice with them over the years.

Like all organisations we go through difficult times but the satisfaction we see on the faces of our students, whether PAET, ESOL, homework club is enough for us to keep on going.

We would ask for your support as we continue To fulfil the vision started many years ago here at the college.

Yours Sincerely  
Revd. Raymond Williams MBE





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## What We Do

# a helping hand

Bethel Community College was established in 1994 by Reverend Raymond Williams MBE and his wife Michelle as an organisation, initially as a homework club to a handful of kids. This was then developed to include a youth club and further to government sponsored programmes such as ESOL, Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) and more.

At present, we manage a very successful a programme, Positive Action Educational Training (PAET) for young people (12-15) who are at risk of being excluded from mainstream education.

For some of the young people the exclusion is temporary and they return back to school with better understanding of the importance of education and with motivation to achieve better results. However, for others this programme remains their only source of consistent education up to and including their entrance and sitting of examinations.

An interesting observation is that attendance at PAET is 82%-95%, this is a vast improvement, on the school attendance and demonstrates their personal commitment to the programme. The college supports students at Levels 1 & 2 up to GCSE qualifications.





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# Staffing there for you

We have a strong team of Learning Mentors from various backgrounds who use their skills, with continued development, to motivate and educate our students to high standards. Also students receive hands on tuition from the college's founders Raymond and Michelle Williams, highlighting their dedication and passion for helping to inspire, uplift and motivate students .

All staff have enhanced CRBs and have received Child Protection Safeguarding & Awareness Training. Team Teach training has also been available to members of staff in Positive Handling Strategies within a Holistic Framework.







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## Dress Code

# a positive image

Bethel Community College has a basic uniform that all students must wear at all times during school and during some out of school activities. The uniform consists of:

- Light Blue Polo Shirt
- Navy Sweatshirt
- Black / Navy Trousers or
- Black / Navy Skirt
- Plain Black Sensible Shoes



Uniforms Are Available For Purchase From Bethel.



Any students on respite will be expected to wear their current full school uniform whilst attending Bethel and on activities during school term time.

## Curriculum

# inspire, uplift, motivate



We utilise a curriculum which is adaptable but challenging, in order to inspire our students. The modules, which are currently included in the Bethel curriculum are:

- Mathematics
- English
- ICT
- Science
- Cultural Studies
- P.E.
- Conflict Resolution
- Citizenship/PHSE
- Music Expression

In order to stretch all students to their highest potential, we also offer a number of extra curricular activities such as mentoring programmes and pastoral support services. Furthermore, students benefit from an emphasis on learning experiences which stretch beyond the classroom, with external visits and recreational trips offering an alternative way to learn.

All our staff have a role in caring for and supporting our students and progress is closely monitored to ensure that they are achieving the best that they are capable of.



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## Facilities

# facilitating learning

Facilities can be defined as something that facilitates, or makes possible an action or process. With this in mind, the facilities on offer within Bethel Community College give our students the opportunity to use their imagination, enthusiasm and talents in a safe and secure environment

Currently our facilities consist of:

- Several Classrooms
- Sports Hall
- State Of The Art Apple Computer suite
- Fully functioning Recording Studio
- Specialist training areas for hairdressing, joinery and cookery.







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## Facilities

With a wide range of facilities we believe we are able to engage students through modern subjects which may not necessarily have appeared on their previous curriculums. Students will have full access to the college before and after teaching hours with access to staff and resources.

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The other students are friendly to work with and we all work in teams. They are all from different environments, when I am at Bethel I feel safe.

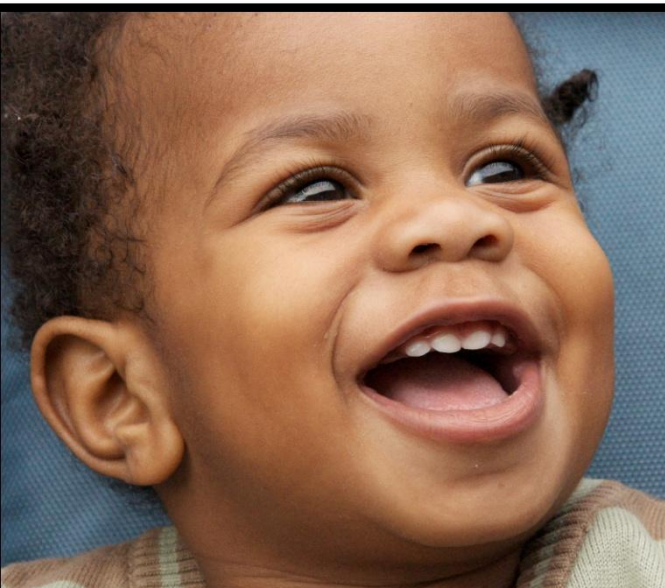
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– Shane (Student At Bethel)

# previous activities

Although the college's PAET programme only focuses on young students, the college has previously ran a number of activities catering to a wide variety of ages, from children to adults. These classes were very beneficial for a large number of people, but due to shortage of funding they were closed, however we would love to start them up again in the future.

- Homework Club – Ages 4 to 12 years
- Youth Club – ages 13 to 19 years
- Dance Classes
- Violin Classes
- Bible Studies
- Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) – Social Inclusion – Programme 13 to 19 years.
- Local Councillor Advice Surgery – Community drop-in
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) – Adult numeracy & literacy classes.







“All of our rooms are available for private hire including recording studio, hall equipped with large cinema screen, for various functions, such as birthday parties, weddings/reception, conferences, meetings, etc. No alcohol or smoking is permitted on the premises.”



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