

SupaJam Admissions Policy

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This policy applies to all bases of SupaJam. Where specific restrictions or relevant information applies to a specific base, the policy will outline.

Equality and Diversity:

We welcome students from many different ethnic groups, backgrounds and creeds. Human rights and freedoms are respected but must be balanced with the lawful needs and rules of the SupaJam Education in Music and Media (SupaJam) community and the rights and freedoms of others. All candidates for admission will be treated equally, irrespective of their, or their parents', race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinions, national or social origin, association with a national minority, orientation, property, birth or other status.

Disability and Special Educational Needs:

SupaJam has facilities for the disabled but will do all that is reasonable to comply with its legal and moral responsibilities under the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001, The Children & Families Act 2014, SEND Code of Practice (January 2015) and Equalities Act 2010 to accommodate the needs of applicants who have disabilities for which, with reasonable adjustments, SupaJam can cater for adequately. SupaJam needs to be aware of any known disability or special educational need which may affect a young person's ability to take full advantage of the education provided at SupaJam. Parents or guardians of a young person who has any disability or special educational need should provide SupaJam with full written details at enrolment, or subsequently before accepting the offer of a place.

SupaJam this information is needed so that, in the case of any student with particular needs, we can assess those needs and consult with parents or guardians about the adjustments which can reasonably be made for the student. Similarly, if special educational needs or disability become apparent after admission, SupaJam will consult with parents about reasonable adjustments that may allow the student to continue at SupaJam, for more information please refer to SupaJam's SEN Policy.

The Swnaley Base is suitable for most learners including those with physical disabilities. The Canterbury Base is not suitable for students with physical disabilities. Please contact us for any specific questions, concerns or adaptations.

Age restrictions :

All students without an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) must be aged 16- 18 on the date that their course begins. Those students who are already 19 on the 31st August before the course commencing without an EHCP will not be able to enrol unless they agree to fund their place. Please contact us for any enquiries.

Students with an EHCP can be aged up to 24 on the date that their course

begins. Students turning 25 in the academic year with an EHCP should be able to enrol subject to your local authority agreeing to the placement.

Note: All students with an ECHP should only be able to enrol once their local authority has consulted with SupaJam and has agreed to the placement. This is a requirement under the Children & Families Act 2014 and the SEND Code of Practice 2015.

Full Cohorts:

SupaJam will always try to accommodate young people. However, in the event of over-subscription, the following criteria apply and students will be given priority of placement in the following order of priority:

1. Young people in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care – a 'looked after child' or a young person who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989)
2. Students who have an Education Health Care Plan up to the age of 25
3. Students aged 16-18 and not already in education, employment or training
4. Siblings of students already attending the college

Enrolment process:

Prior to enrolling on a course at SupaJam, prospective students should come along to scheduled open day/evening and/or attend an individual tour. This will give the student and their parents/carers/support network an opportunity to discuss individual needs. Any person can contact SupaJam to express an interest in the programmes we offer by either;

- Calling us at our Swnaley or Canterbury bases,
- Emailing the Director of SEND, Outreach & Operations,
- Contacting us through our website

A young person with and EHCP will have to have their paperwork sent to SupaJam through a formal consultation from their home local authority SEN team.

The Level 1 Diploma and Achieve Programme do not require any formal qualifications; however, students must be able to demonstrate the ability to complete work as independently as possible and should be working at least to Entry Level 3 English.

If students do not have a minimum of GCSE grade 4 in English or Maths they will be required to study either Functional Skills, or, if they have previously achieved a Level 3 (D grade equivalent) then they will be required to re-sit these subjects.

The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to hold any student interviews at their discretion.

Students will be required to attend an enrolment day prior to the start of term to complete the relevant enrolment paperwork. When they attend the enrolment day, students must prove their eligibility by providing SupaJam with the following documents/information:

1. Proof of ID - One of the following:

- passport,
- birth certificate,
- adoption certificate,
- driving license (full or provisional)

2. National Insurance number

3. Any prior educational certificates (even if they are not graded 9-4 or A* - C)

If any of the above is missing then students will be unable to complete their enrolment or attend lessons at SupaJam.

Should a student not be able to attend an enrolment day for any reason, an alternative date or opportunity to provide information digitally may be offered at SupaJam's discretion.

Students will then receive a letter confirming that they have enrolled. This letter will contain (as a minimum):

- The RSL course name
- Number of course hours
- Start and end dates of the course

The student should retain this letter as evidence for any benefit applications.