

INDEPENDENCE

Developing the independence of pupils at the Valley School remains a key focus underlying our work. The promotion of independence is embedded in much of our everyday curriculum supporting the practical use of number and literacy (use of money/form filling). However, key issues of safety are also reinforced throughout most areas of learning (food hygiene, internet safety etc). With this foundation in place, we are able to develop other areas to promote independence through participation amongst our pupils including:

- Independent travel (52% trained to travel to college provision)
- Bus travel including acquiring bus passes
- Train travel
- Visits to places of work/factories/Farms
- Visiting leisure facilities –sports centres/swimming pools/cinema/bowling etc
- Planning and taking part in a trips to Cambridge and London
- Planning and running fundraising activities within school
- Skills lessons as part of the Key Stage 4 curriculum – Cycle safety, Childcare, Sports leader, Catering, Hair and Beauty , Planning leisure activities.
- College Link courses
- Vocational College courses
- Visits to different college provision in Hertfordshire
- Visits to West End Theatre shows
- Independent safe use of tools in horticulture
- Shopping trip – local visits to buy products for enterprise/food lessons also trips to IKEA for larger projects such as developing the PEN
- Community theatre visits
- Topics and trips followed in the L4L curriculum.

