

Curriculum Overview

Key Stage 3

KS3 pupils are offered a twelve week placement, during which time we aim to re-engage their learning skills and to teach strategies for coping with situations they may find difficult in mainstream school. Each pupil is in a form of no more than four others. Form tutors have a key role in the day to day lives of our pupils and develop excellent relationships with parents. Parents receive a written report every week, and schools receive one every four weeks. Halfway through the placement a review meeting is held with the pupil, ourselves, parents, school and any other partnership agencies to review progress and plan re-integration into mainstream. At the end of the placement pupils receive a Record of Achievement file, which includes on entry and on exit test scores, examples of good work in all subjects, subject certificates and any Unit Awards completed during the placement. Pupils also receive vouchers for various shops according to the points they have accrued during their time with us.

We believe that all our students should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development. To encourage this we organise whole centre curriculum trips every month, these include multi cultural visits to Bradford and Leeds, Fishing, Orienteering, Llama Trekking and Felt Making. Each student has a 'Learning Outside The Classroom' record card to help them focus on aspects of teamwork and positive behaviour. The most successful student has their name engraved on our prestigious trophy!

Every Friday we hold an inter-form competition called the Friday Challenge, which encourages team building skills. The winning form is presented with a certificate during our Friday assembly.

Key Stage 4

Pupils initially come to the Centre on a 6 week programme after which a review meeting will be held and a decision made about the most suitable provision for the young person.

We operate a "continental day" at the Centre, from 8.15 am until 1.15pm, with options afternoons running until 3pm. Pupils can buy breakfast at the Centre on arrival, fruit is provided for all pupils and a "healthy tuck shop" is available during second break.

Pupils at the Centre follow a highly personalised programme underpinned by a core curriculum of English and Literacy, Maths and Numeracy, Science, ICT, Careers and Personal and Social Development. In addition pupils will spend one afternoon per week undertaking an enrichment option in Art, PE, Horticulture, Independent Living Skills, Beauty or Business.

All our programmes are fully certificated by awarding bodies and we have very high expectations of our pupils