

Sixth Form: Alternative Curriculum

Within our Sixth Form we have a specialist class which consists of students with autism and additional severe learning/complex difficulties. The environment for these youngsters is differentiated to suit their individual needs. We offer a low stimulus environment, with a focus on supporting and adapting the curriculum to meet their sensory, social and academic needs.

ASDAN

ASDAN forms the foundation of our alternative curriculum. It is a pioneering curriculum development organisation and awarding body, offering programmes and qualifications that explicitly develop skills for learning, skills for employment, independence, PSE and skills for life.

ASDAN courses aim to:

- Developing skills for learning, skills for employment, skills for life
- Making learning relevant and transferable
- Celebrating the diversity of multi-talented young people
- Rewarding a range of learning styles and contexts
- Promoting active and experiential learning
- Encouraging, engaging and motivating learner

ASDAN courses/curriculum offered at Beverley School:

Transition Challenge

Transition Challenge provides a framework of activities to develop and accredit independent living and personal skills for learners with SLD and PMLD. Transition Challenge works through areas of activity relating to statutory programmes of study for National Curriculum subjects, complemented by activities contributing to the skills of adult living.

Towards Independence

Towards Independence provides a framework of activities through which personal, social and independence skills can be developed and accredited for those with severe learning difficulties (SLD) and profound multiple learning difficulties (PMLD). Towards Independence offers formal recognition for small steps of achievement towards a larger goal. Modules can be used separately and accumulated to build a record of personal achievement.

Toastie Enterprise

Class 3HP run a small enterprise and this has been running successfully for the past 3 years. Our toastie enterprise business is called 'A* Star Enterprise' and the student's played a huge part in planning and designing the name and logo. We make, sell and deliver fresh toasties to both staff and students in school. All students are involved in the Enterprise regardless of ability. Students learn the following skills;

- Writing: shopping list, orders, evaluations
- Organisational skills: following instructions, collecting equipment,
- Skills in Catering: chopping, buttering, using equipment
- Accreditation Opportunities : Business Enterprise, Work Related Learning
- Mathematics: Counting, sorting , money skills, profit, weighing, measuring
- Independence Skills: washing up, cleaning up, preparing food, shopping , washing, ironing "It's great to do Enterprise because I have learned to be helpful, and work as a team."
- "Fabulous! I have learned to chop onions without crying. I can now go and take orders independently. I can now count money and give change."
- Our Enterprise makes a small profit and we pay the students a small wage at the end of the year. We also treat them to an extra special trip and meal out at the end of each term. We have been lucky enough to visit the cinema, Pizza Hut, Bowling and South Shields.