

The Further Education Department

An introduction to FE.

The FE department comprises of two teaching bases. A fully equipped classroom base with kitchen and relaxation areas in main school and a building in the school grounds which comprises of

- Two classroom bases fully equipped with whiteboard access.
- A 'chill out' room which is a suitable environment for students with more complex needs. All students can relax and listen to music at breaks and lunchtime.
- A kitchen area where students make drinks and simple snacks and learn basic kitchen hygiene skills
- Toilet and bathroom facilities which meet the needs of students at all levels.

FE2 Base



FE2



Chill Out



FE1 teaching base

Moving into the FE Department

Students move into FE at the end of Key Stage 4. It comprises of students who have moved through school as well as those from other schools in Lancashire without Post 16 provision. We also continue to work with and be advised by the multi disciplinary team which has supported students in main school—speech and language therapists, physiotherapists and any other relevant agencies.

Course Content

The course is designed to focus on the continuing development of numeracy and literacy skills based on the individual level of each student and also taking into account the transition towards life after school.

The curriculum also includes

- Community life skills / Independent travel
- Vocational / leisure studies which includes music, art and creativity as well as elements of PE e.g. swimming
- Home management skill
- ICT
- PSD
- Careers
- Work Tasters/ Experience
- Enterprise



Work experience



Working on the whiteboard

FE1 is where students enter the department. The course begins the move towards adult life via a very practical approach programme. Students are encouraged to support each other to become more independent e.g looking after their own possessions, finding things they need for tasks, preparing snacks and drinks. Everyone has the opportunity for work tasters which can be further developed and extended in FE2. We try as far as practically possible to offer work linked to individual student interest. In FE2 students continue to extend their skills and have the opportunity to spend more time away from school. We also try to arrange a suitable holiday for students before they leave us. This has included Outdoor Pursuits and Paris.

Moving On.

We feel that it is vital to try to ensure that each student has a smooth transition from school to adult provision.. With this in mind we offer a range of experiences away from school including vocational courses at a local college as well as the visits to local providers which students may access when leaving school. Extended links may also be arranged for half or full days and supported as appropriate. We have a member of staff who attends all Post16 reviews and has close links with parents and other appropriate agencies to support the move.

The value of students' achievement is celebrated through external accreditation.

We currently use ASDAN Towards Independence, OCR, and NOCN for our accreditation. We aim to complete 3 or 4 units with students each year. Any work not ready for external accreditation is certificated internally.

Groupings

There are two groups which are known as FE1 and FE2. Each student is recognised as individual in terms of care, learning and needs. The review and key skill targets along with care plan and behaviour programmes ensure that needs are met. These are monitored on a regular basis throughout the year.