

School: Newmarket Academy

Specialist Unit: Key Stage 3&4 Communication and Interaction Unit

Number of places: 18



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Description of Unit

The hub accommodation will be in the heart of our school building with a bright and airy classroom, an outdoor learning space, toilets, disabled toilets break out spaces and a meeting room. Students will also be able to access our Life Skills and sensory room. The unit will cater for children who require extra support with communication and interaction and will provide a bespoke curriculum of academic and life learning to ensure that each of our children grows and flourishes and is prepared for life beyond school.

Overview

Our whole school vision is that we are a school at the very heart of its community. We believe "every lesson counts, and every student matters."

The hub will be an integrated part of the main school. Students who are in our hub, will work with the team to develop their own individual education plans which nurture and encourage their participation in lessons, tutor time, and social times, alongside their peers. They will have the ability to access specialist subject teaching facilities such as catering, photography, arts and science. They will be able to play a full part in activities such as PE lessons and school teams. The children will wear the Newmarket Academy uniform and be an integral part of "Team Newmarket".

Their personalised curriculums will be tailored to their individual needs, broad and balanced, with access to all curriculum areas. A focus on life skills and personal development will be woven amongst more academic study as we plan for a bright future for all of our students or learners. Bespoke programmes may include work experience, volunteering, special interest projects or access to college placements.

Our Approach

At the hub we hold the child and their parent in mind as parents are crucial to the success of their child's education. Parents with children at the hub will be invited to a half-termly parents' group at the hub with a variety of activities and visiting speakers. Parents will also receive a weekly letter celebrating their child's successes.

At the hub, personal development is of paramount importance. We offer our children regular opportunities for the development of social skills and self-esteem, for example the opportunity for horse riding. We organise shared interest activities during break-times and lunchtimes and offer a strengths-based curriculum which fosters individual interests and talents.

The specialist lead teacher is a qualified and experienced SENDCo, who is supported by a communication specialist. Both are experienced in teaching children with a range of complex needs including communication and interaction difficulties. Both have worked and trained with CAMHS in a range of neurodevelopmental disorders such as ASC, conduct disorders and ADHD, as well as developmental trauma, anxiety and attachment.

At Newmarket Academy every student matters and the aim of the hub is to support children to integrate into the main body of the school so that they may experience their entitlement to education in line with their peers. Each child is different and so their integration plans are tailored and flexible to their individual and changing needs. We work holistically with the child and their parents in the setting of the integration plan.