

School: Stowupland High School

Specialist Unit: Mulberry: Cognition and Learning KS3/4

Number of places: 18-24



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Description of Unit

The Mulberry is designated as a key stage 3 and 4 centre for students with cognition and learning needs that is set in the grounds of Stowupland High School within the John Milton Academy Trust. All students follow a personalised curriculum and are taught within the Mulberry by specialist staff. Some students may also attend lessons in mainstream where this is deemed appropriate, enabling each student to be stretched and challenged so that they can make outstanding progress in their learning and move successfully into adulthood. Every Mulberry student receives targeted intervention and support in line with their EHCP outcomes.

Overview

Mulberry students wear the same uniform as the main school and the structure of the day is very similar to the main school, with their shared break and lunchtimes supported by Mulberry staff. Celebrations and school trips are an important element of the wider school life and Mulberry students are encouraged and supported to engage alongside their main school peers.

Mulberry students are taught a wide range of subjects that include: English, Maths, Science, Art, Geography, History, Life and Culture, Languages, Music, Outdoor Learning and PE.

In addition, Mulberry students can choose to integrate within mainstream lessons where appropriate. These have included lessons such as English, additional Functional Skills Progress Plus, Food Technology, Art and PE or any area of specific interest to students. Mulberry students also attend weekly assemblies with their year group.

Some subjects are delivered to Mulberry students by mainstream specialist teachers. Music and PE are examples of these lessons and occur weekly. Mulberry students use the school library and reading for pleasure is encouraged alongside reading within the curriculum.

A wide choice of extra-curricular activities are available for Mulberry students to attend including: Friendship Club; Gym; PE; Drama; Trampolining; Library; Art; Singing; Music and more. Mulberry students also have the opportunity to attend school trips, and are actively involved in the annual whole school sport's day. Student voice activities including membership of the school council and prefect or leadership opportunities are actively encouraged.