

The Bladon Way Curriculum



Curriculum Intent at Bladon

The Bladon Way Curriculum is designed for the young people to engage, aspire and thrive within the Bladon Community.

Thereafter, beyond Bladon, the young people may then flourish and prosper.

The Bladon Way helps to embed 4 important positive behaviours within our young people which we believe to be crucial in enabling them to become active citizens within a community. They are:

Make good choices

Try your best

Look after everything

Be kind to everyone

The curriculum offer is rooted in the belief that the young people at Bladon are encouraged and developed into becoming active participants in the Bladon Community and then beyond. This is crucial to develop our long-term aim that, when it is time for the next step on their life journey, they can successfully access appropriate destinations and have been prepared for life after Bladon. In short, our desire is for all students to leave with the tools to be an active citizen in their communities.

The curriculum offer is fully individualised to meet the spectrum of need of our young people thus enabling each individual to be successful and achieve positive outcomes.



The Bladon Way Curriculum

Has two pathways



Lower School

For young people with moderate learning difficulties

KS1-Lower KS4

A bespoke formal curriculum offer





For young people with severe learning difficulties

KS2-KS5

A bespoke life skills offer based on the EQUALS curriculum



Upper School

For young people with moderate learning difficulties

KS4-KS5

AIM Awards suite of skills for employment & further learning (QCF) qualifications

The Informal Curriculum

'Learning to Do'

The Semi Formal Curriculum

'Doing to Learn'

Specialist subjects

Young People will be engaged within The Bladon Way curriculum and follow one of our two curriculum pathways. All young people will have the opportunity to follow an individualised timetable, which is created to meet their own specific needs and is produced in accordance with their Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP).

Six specialist subjects supplement the Bladon Way curriculum. These subjects are Computing, Food Technology, Physical Education, Land Based Studies, Forest Schools and Adventurous Activities.

These specialist subjects:

- Allow young people to re-engage in learning and, due to their strong practical basis, they provide young people with alternative opportunities to be productive and experience success
- Enrich, broaden, enhance, and widen the curriculum offer whilst integrating literacy, numeracy and other core subject learning
- Provide opportunities to promote social skills, interaction, communication, and address individualised EHCP targets
- Familiarise young people with a subject that can be studied in further education

Re-engage > Attend and enrich > Improve outcomes

How do we assess progress in these specialist areas?

Attendance and engagement:

• Attendance and engagement are closely monitored using a register. Any prolonged periods of absence or disengagement are discussed with the class teacher to identify what can be changed to improve the situation. Making even small changes can often result in much better outcomes.

Attainment:

- Upper School Open Skies Pathway complete units of work, in most specialist subjects, which
 contribute towards their AIM Awards qualification. In some, they complete other forms of
 qualification such as the John Muir Award or the Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Lower School Open Skies Pathway Students are assessed using a range of assessment tools, which
 vary, based on the subject being delivered. Subjects may use National Curriculum level descriptors,
 subject specific evidence trackers, and/or Bladon specific assessment programmes e.g. Forest
 School Awards, Food Technology Awards
- Bright Horizons Pathway Students work towards relevant 'Learning Intentions' which can be addressed within the specialist subject, and within some specialist subjects they follow EQUALS units of work that are applicable for the subject being taught
- Within each phase, student progress is evidenced using Evidence for Learning

Therapy Provision

All of the young people at Bladon have the opportunity to access a range of onsite therapies, which includes Speech and Language, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Clinical Psychology. We also offer additional therapy services when needed, for example Art Therapy, Music Therapy, Play Therapy and Drama Therapy.



Lower School

What we intend:

- For children to be proud of who they are and what they do;
- To provide equal opportunities for all;
- To provide an engaging curriculum;
- To remove obstacles to learning irrespective of starting points;
- Children to take independent accountability for their learning and behaviour;
- For children to have a sense of self-worth and belonging who can make a positive contribution to their community

In the lower school classes, we want our children to have a big role in creating both their learning and personal journeys in becoming positive members of the community.

All of our children will have some understanding of the curriculum, why they follow the curriculum and what they could achieve in the future.

Next steps are vital – children should be actively involved in achieving and setting their next steps.

Pupil engagement is key!

Lessons are fun, exciting and interesting for all children – practical, hands on, outdoor learning is always a winner.

How we assess progress

Attainment - Beginning at the start of school year we carry out baseline assessments in reading, writing, phonics and numeracy, these are then repeated at the end of every term and data is put on young person's data sheets. This information is then placed on a spreadsheet to show progress made over the academic year. For the non-core subjects' teachers use tracker sheets to update where a young person is, what needs covering and further to support the young person. All young people will also have personal targets related to their EHCP outcomes to work towards that will be updated throughout academic year and recorded on their green sheets.

Attendance - This will be checked using behaviour watch on a half termly basis. The students with 95% or more will receive a certificate, the students who achieve 100% will receive a certificate and a small prize as an incentive. Any students below the school percentage the phase leader will contact parents/carers to discuss any barriers that may be getting in the way of the young person attending school and set a target to get their attendance score back to where it needs to be.

Behaviour - TAC meetings held half termly (more if required) during these meetings we will look at graphs from behaviour watch to see if they have decreased or increased and adapt the Positive Behaviour Support Plan (PBSP) where needed. During the meetings we will look at whether reward systems need to be in place, if we need further protocols in place but also on the positive side we can see where we can reduce the use of Restrictive Physical Intervention (RPI) and decrease the young person's scales.

What we teach our pupils in Lower School

English LTP

Phonics, SPAG, handwriting and reading and comprehension skills are taught throughout every term in where required.

	ELLICE .		Bak To The Past		Where in the World ?	
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Narrative	Novel Study	Fantasy Stories	Myths	Play scripts	Adventure Stories	Traditional Tales
Texts	The Twits Pumpkin Soup Helen Cooper Mrs Claus	A Christmas Wish – Kathryn Randall	Children's Book of Mythical Beasts and Magical Monsters 'The Wyrmstooth Crown'	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Flat Stanley	Jack and the Beanstalk –
Writing opportunities	Drafting and planning a Story Character description	Beginning, middle and ends	Fact File Descriptive language	Writing speech	Functional writing: Postcard/email/letter	Extended narratives Fact File

Non-Fiction to type/ purpo		Diary Chronological account	Information Leaflet Information sheet on mythical creature or believe	Recount Newspaper report Linked to the events in the play	Recounts Postcards from Flat Stanley	Argue Is Jack wrong to steal from the giant?
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Poetry	Learning poems and performing	Shape poetry and Rhyming couplets	Acrostic Dragon Poetry	Nonsense Poetry	Animal poetry	
Details	Double, double tail and trouble	Firework Poetry (Onomatopoeia)	Dragon Poems	Spike Milligan poems	Similes and alliteration	
	The Small Ghostie – Barbara Ireson	Twas the Night before Christmas		The Jabberwocky		

Maths LTP

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	Place Value	Place Value	Multiplication and division
Stage 1	Addition and subtraction	Addition and subtraction	Fractions
	Shape	Length and height	Position and direction
		Mass and volume	Place value
			Money
			Time
	Place Value	Money	Statistics
Stage 2	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Fractions
	Shape	Length and height	Position and direction
		Mass capacity and temperature	Time
	Place Value	Multiplication and division	Fractions
Stage 3	Addition and subtraction	Length and perimeter	Money
	Multiplication and division	Fractions	Time
		Mass and capacity	Shape
			Statistics
	Place Value	Multiplication and division	Decimals
Stage 4	Addition and subtraction	Area	Money
	Length and perimeter	Fractions	Time
	Multiplication and division	Decimals	Statistics
			Shape
			Position and direction
	Place Value	Multiplication and division	Decimals
Stage 5	Addition and subtraction	Fractions	Shape
	Statistics	Decimals and percentages	Position and direction
	Multiplication and division		Converting units
	Perimeter and area		Volume
	Place Value	Decimals	Shape
Stage 6	Addition and subtraction	Percentages	Statistics
	Multiplication and division	Algebra	
	Fractions	Converting units	
	Position and direction	Perimeter, area and volume	

		Autumn	1		Spring			Summer	
Cycle A	In with a	Geography	Where Do I live?	Back in the	Geography	Stonehenge	Where in the	Geography	Rainforests
	Bang!	History	Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot	Past	History	The plague and Great fire of London	World?	History	Famous Explores
	अंग्री-	DT	Pop up books	0 0 0	DT	Puppets and Buildings/Globe		DT	Kites and Chinese Toys
	Diamos	Science	Forces and magnets	Past:	Science	Light and Shadow/ day and Night	Where World	Science	Growth Cycle of a plant
		Art/Music /Drama	Firework music	00000	Art/Music /Drama	Theatres	?	Art/Music /Drama	Landscape Art
		RE	Christianity		RE	Judaism		RE	Hinduism
		PSHE	Relationships / Think Positive		PSHE	Diverse Britain/ E-safety		PSHE	Growing up/Money Matters
Cycle B	Me, Myself	Geography	Towns and cities	Making a	Geography	Famous rivers and Investigating rivers	Off we go!	Geography	Transport
	and I	History	Local Study	drama out of it!	History	Tudors		History	Vehicles of the past
	ME	DT	Healthy eating		DT	Fashion and textiles (Costumes/masks)	OFF	DT	Vehicles
	MYSELF	Science	My body		Science	Living in Environments	Go	Science	Light and electricity
	AND i	Art/Music /Drama	Self Portraits	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	Music /Drama	Putting on a Show		Art/Music /Drama	Junk Music
		RE	Islam		RE	Sikhism		RE	Buddhism
		PSHE	Relationships/ Diverse Britain		PSHE	Digital Wellbeing/ Money matters		PSHE	Growing up/Think Positive

Upper School

Curriculum Phase Leader - Oliver Perkins

Accreditation Leader - Charlie Jennings

"Qualifications are important for me to get a job or go to college" - a quote that is often expressed by our young people when talking about life aspirations and preparing for transition into adulthood.

At Bladon House School we understand the important role we play in preparing young people for adult life by providing inspiring learning experiences throughout their journey with us. Our emphasis is on ensuring that learning is purposeful, whilst striving for the highest levels of independence, within our bespoke Upper School provision.

We recognise that young people learn in different ways, but learn best when they are motivated by a curriculum that is stimulating, flexible, fun and underpinned by the key basic skills required for adulthood.

The foundation of the Upper School curriculum is built around the accredited learning pathway of the AIM Awards Suite of Skills for Employment and Further Learning (QCF) qualifications, which cover a wide range of subject areas and have been devised with the purpose of progressing learners into further learning and/or employment.

These qualifications are delivered via an accessible, formally assessed, suite of portfolios, rather than formal examinations, and are a recognised qualification offered at a variety of levels (Entry Level 1-3, Level One and Level Two, with Level One equivalent to a GCSE grade 1-3 and Level Two equivalent to a GCSE grade 4).

The learning environment mirrors a college style approach, with a focus on developing independence and maturity moving into adulthood. Learners have a tutor base and move fluidly between two different teaching spaces, working with a variety of experienced and knowledgeable teaching staff. This has led to increased engagement, self-sufficiency, self-reliance and progression across the curriculum.

Within the AIM Award framework there a diverse range of units available which can be used to create individualised learning programmes, giving learners an opportunity for both personal development and vocational experience. They also work hand-in-hand with the specific target areas identified within the long term EHCP Outcomes, and transition plans. Each young person working within this pathway achieves a suite of recognised qualifications in both core and vocational subjects.

Work experience also plays an integral role in augmenting the key skills and knowledge developed within the Upper School curriculum. We offer both internal placements, such as our onsite beauty salon for hair and beauty treatments, vintage clothes shop and plant sales enterprises, alongside external placements in the community such as running toddler reading sessions at Burton Library, sorting donations at the Star Foundation charity distribution centre, working with Conkers grounds maintenance rangers, and grounds maintenance at Newton Solney Church.

The implementation of AIM Awards qualifications has also extended in to the Bright Horizons pathway, where some learners are able to access a formal accreditation learning pathway. The Entry Level Award in Personal Progress is a flexible programme of study that focuses on the 10 point learning continuum, and allows learners to demonstrate their competence and skills in academic, personal, social and emotional development. This qualification focuses on two main areas – "Encountering Experiences" and "Accessing the Community".

How we assess progress

Progression within the Upper School phase, of the Open Skies pathway, is multi-facetted, and recorded using a variety of methods.

Formally, each learner completes a series of portfolios throughout the year, in which they demonstrate their understanding and development against a set criteria at the level they are working towards. This is both formative throughout the year, with each piece of work assessed against the success criteria and the learner given "next steps" developmental feedback on how they can strengthen the knowledge or skill learnt within the session, before progressing onto the next piece of work. Culminating in developmental summative feedback upon completion of the portfolio. Our feedback was highlighted in the recent external verifier's report, from the awarding body (AIM Award) as a particular strength in developing the learner understanding, and depth of the subject. Upon external verification, the learner is then awarded a recognised qualification that enables the learner to progress onto further education in a college placement or move into the world of work.

Informally, progression is assessed and evidenced on a daily basis in the application of the skills and knowledge gained throughout the year. Putting the knowledge gained during the portfolio sessions into practice be it applying the functionality of the maths and English in real life context, such as shopping to a budget, or writing a letter to express a concern or request for a wanted outcome, or demonstrating personal safety when out on an educational visit, and using road safety awareness.

In addition, learners engage in individualised work experience tasks that also form part of the accredited learning pathway portfolio, and are able to demonstrate skills and abilities within the Student Voice forum.

These incredibly important skills, that are the stepping stones for preparing the learner for adulthood are captured and developed using Evidence for Learning platform and will also form the basis of a new learner transition passport being implemented this year, to showcase progression of the "whole" learner alongside the formal qualifications gained.

Accredited Components for Core Subject curriculum - Upper School

Subject	Year one	Year Two
English	Write to Communicate Reading for Purpose and Meaning Listen and Respond	Read for Information Speak to Communicate Write Accurately
Maths	Using Money Using and Communicating Data Whole Numbers, Fractions and Decimals	Using Size, Shape and Space Money, Time and Temp Adding and Subtracting/multiplication Making Calculations
PSHE	Personal Safety Self-Esteem and Building Confidence Review and Reflect on Own Progress	Law and Order/making Laws Personal Health Understanding Relationships
Science	Renewable Energy Science and Our Universe	Chemical Products in the Home Energy in the Home Working with Electrical Circuits

Subjects are offered between Entry Level 1 and Level Two, with the flexibility for learners to access a variety of levels within a qualification depending on ability

Subject	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
IT IT	Audio and video Software (E2) Developing and Presenting info Using IT (E2) Video software skills (E3) Presentation software skills (E3/L1)	Word Processing and Software Skills (E3) Find Information using IT (E1-E2) Art and Imaging Software Skills (L1)	AIMVOC working in Digital Industries E3 Award The Internet and the world wide web
Food Tech	Domestic skills (E3-L1) cooking Recycling packaging materials Planning a Healthy Diet (E3/L1)	AIMVOC Working in Catering and Hospitality Industries Award follow a recipe (E1-E2) food hygiene skills (E1-E2) Basic cooking skills (E1)	AIMVOC Basic food preparation skills Award Basic Cooking Skills (E3) Basic food prep and Cooking Skills (L1) Prepare and Cook Food by Boiling, Poaching and Steaming (L1)
Land Based Studies	AIMVOC working in Horticulture Industries E2 Award Recognise plants Caring for plants	AIMVOC Working in Animal Care Industries E2 Award Collect and sort eggs Feed and water poultry	AIMVOC Working in Horticulture Industries E3 Award Garden Horticulture Skills
PE	AIMVOC Working in Health, Lifestyle and Sports Industries E3 Award Introduction to coaching E3	Health and Fitness (EL1 - EL3)	How the Body Works (L1)
Hair and Beauty			AIMVOC Working in Hair and Beauty Industries E3 Award Beauty Care (E3) Blow-dry and finish hair(E3) Hair Plaiting (E3) Hand care (E3) Nail Painting (E3) Shampooing and conditioning hair (E3)
Creative Design			AIMVOC in Creative Design Industries E3 Award Working in creative design industries AIMVOC E3 Award and E3 Certificate Basic craft skills (E3) Clothing design (E3) Creating fashion accessory(E2) Garment construction skills (E3) Textile crafts (E3) Using a sewing machine(E2) Working in craft (E2) Working with multimedia (E3)
Personal Progression (new qualification offered in Bright Horizons)			Personal Progress E1 Award Encountering Experiences (E1) Accessing the Community (E1)



Equals - Informal and Semi-Formal Curriculum

Curriculum Phase Leader –Sophie Brailsford

"Engagement is a journey that connects a child and their environment (including people, ideas, materials and concepts) to enable learning and achievement. Without engagement, there is no deep learning, effective teaching, meaningful outcome, real attainment or quality progress." (Carpenter 2010)

Our Curriculum Motto of 'Learning to do and doing to learn', is at the centre of the Bright Horizons Pathway. We believe that when our young people engage with environments, people, and ideas, they will strive to learn. Our specialised curriculum splits into three stages of development. These stages demonstrate the progression of engagement and support each individuals learning journey.

Belonging	Being	Becoming
Where and Who you belong to	The Here and Now	The Process of Change as I Grow
Feeling welcome	 Building relationships 	Developing confidence
 Feeling respected 	 Growing at your own pace 	Learning new knowledge
 Feeling understood 	Time to seek	Becoming me
 Defining identities 	 Engaging in life's joys 	Be the person you want to be
	 Celebrating achievements 	Learning to participate fully
Curriculum: Informal		Preparing for change
	Curriculum: Informal/ Semi-formal	 Preparing for the next stage of life
Overview:		
Students working under the "Belonging" stage will focus on	Overview:	Curriculum: Semi-Formal Curriculum
finding themselves and where they belong within the school	Students are working under the 'Being' stage and focusing	
community.	on experiencing what is happening now and in the moment.	Overview:
	The aim of the 'Being' stage is for students to accept who	Students are working under the 'Becoming' stage focus on
Students are working on individual learning journeys,	they are and what learning style works best for them as an	finding themselves and where they belong in the wider
enabling them to discover their interests and explore their	individual. It is essential to provide opportunities for our	community. The 'Becoming' stage aims to prepare each
learning styles.	students to have a sense of being so they have the	student for life after Bladon House School and to support them
Programmes are created for individuals who find it difficult to	confidence to tackle the journey of life and the challenges	to achieve the best outcomes in adulthood, e.g. Independent
access a classroom environment. This could be due to being	life can throw at us.	living, Health and Community participation.
out of school for an extended period, not able to cope with	This stage will provide opportunities for each student to be,	
	seek and make meaning of the world through play. Instead	

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over-stimulating or crowded classrooms, being unable to tolerate others sharing the learning space or resources, finding routine challenging to manage and struggling with communication needs.

of directing our students, the 'being' stage approach is based on child-led learning. Our students are given opportunities to make their own choices and problem-solve themselves. This will lead to enhancement of confidence, self-esteem and trust in themselves. Allowing our students to be more engaged in their environment develops ownership of their progress and identifies individual interests.

The 'becoming' stage aims to discover what is essential to young people now and in their future. Learning should be used as part of an individualised approach for each student, supporting as independent life as possible and transferable to the real world. We need to ask what achieving an outcome would do for the young person: What would it give them? Do for them? Make it possible for them?

As the academic year progresses, we focus on integrating our students into the wider school community. Our students will expand their social, communication, and problem solving and independence skills by accessing different areas of our school. E.g. hair salon, laundrette, Equals café. Each student will take on job roles within these areas to develop skills they can take with them into the wide world.

In addition, our focus on each individual is to prepare them for their next placement and the transition from life at Bladon to elsewhere. We aim to prepare the young person to be as successful as possible, to achieve the best possible next placement for Post-16/Post-18.

How we assess progress

<u>Baseline assessment –</u>

At the start of every academic year, each young person is baselined on their developmental progress. This assessment identifies vital development areas for the young person. This baseline assessment will be used to create learning intentions alongside EHCP outcomes.

MAPPS -

Learning Intentions provide stepping stones towards the young person's EHCP outcomes. The team around the young person will create each Learning Intention and assess them at a termly RAP meeting. Learning Intentions will be created termly through the baseline assessment.

<u>Learning Journey Folders:</u> These Learning Journeys will showcase each young person's development, progress, and WOW moments throughout the year. Each folder will be taken to RAPP, EHCP, and parent visits to showcase work and progress. All assessment evidence will be recorded in each young person's learning journey.

Curriculum outline 2022-2023

<u>Informal Curriculum – Learning to do</u>

Subject	Autumn Topics	Spring Topics	Summer Topics
My Communication	Half Term 1 & 2 -Imperative communication	Half Term 3 & 4 -Declarative Communication	Half Term 5 & 6-Non-verbal, behavioural communications
My Physical Well-being	Half Term 1-Sensory Circuits	Half Term 3-	Half Term 5-Mental health and well being
	Half Term 2-Mental health and well being	Staying healthy	Half Term 6-Swimming
		Half Term 4-Sensory Circuits	
My Independence	Half Term 1-Dressing and Undressing	Half Term 3-Cooking	Half Term 5-Shopping
	Half Term 2-Shopping	Half Term 4-Travel	Half Term 6-Cooking
My Sensory Play	Half Term 1- Exploration	Half Term 1-Engage	Half Term 1-Share
	Half Term 2- Discover	Half Term 2-Tolerate	Half Term 2-Turn Taking
Art	Half Term 1 & 2 - Mark making	Half Term 3 & 4- Collaborative Art	Half Term 5 & 6- Patterns & Textures
Music	Half Term 1-Environmental sounds	Half Term 3-Instrumental sounds	Half Term 5 & 6-Rhythm and Rhyme
	Half Term 2- Instrumental sounds	Half Term 4-Body percussion	
Dance	Half Term 1& 2- Movement	Half Term 3&4- Dynamics	Half Term 5&6- The Body and Space
Drama	Half Term 1- Sensory make believe	Half Term 3- Interactive Games	Half Term 5 & 6- Drama from stories
	Half Term 2-Role play	Half Term 4- Role play	

<u>Semi-formal Curriculum – Doing to Learn</u>

Subject	Autumn	Spring	Summer
My Communication	Half Term 1- Imperative communication	Half Term 3- Dynamic Communication	Half Term 5-Social Interactions
	Half Term 2- Declarative Communication	Half Term 4- Narrative Communication	Half Term 6-Personalised reading and writing
My Independence	Half Term 1- Dressing and Undressing	Half Term 3-Cooking	Half Term 5-Shopping
	Half Term 2-Shopping	Half Term 4-Travel	Half Term 6-Cooking
My Problem Solving	Half Term 1 & 2- Memory building	Half Term 3 & 4- Sabotage/ Recognising the problem	Half Term 5 & 6 -Independent Solutions
My Play and Leisure	Half Term 1-Structured play	Half Term 3-Shared play	Half Term 5-Co-operative play
	Half Term 2-Free play	Half Term 4-Turn taking	Half Term 6-Turn taking
Art	Half Term 1- Patterns	Half Term 3- Printing	Half Term 5-Digital Art
	Half Term 2- Sculptures	Half Term 4- Textures	Half Term 6- Drawing
Music	Half Term 1-Environmental sounds	Half Term 1-Body Percussions	Half Term 1- Voice and Sound
	Half Term 2-Instrumental sounds	Half Term 2- Rhythm and Rhyme	Half Term 2- Tempo
Dance	Half Term 1& 2-Movement	Half Term 3&4- Dynamics	Half Term 5&6- The Body and Space
Drama	Half Term 1-Lego Play	Half Term 1-Role play	Half Term 1-Drama from stories
	Half Term 2- Interactive drama games	Half Term 2-Interactive movement games	Half Term 2-Sensory make believe

