



Learn
Progress
Achieve
Success

The Alternative School

Our Inspiration and Vision

The Alternative School is inspired by a belief that we can make a difference to every young person we work with by listening, raising aspirations and tailoring what we do to meet the needs of the individual. We believe that everyone has the potential to succeed and with our more holistic approach of nurture, academic achievement, vocational opportunities and inclusion for all, we aim to ensure that time spent with TAS is both enjoyable and successful.

Our Principles

The TAS strategy is built on five principles:

1) **Support**

By providing an environment which supports the learning and inclusion of all young people through using a holistic approach around individual needs, lifestyle, health, well-being and academic study

2) **Educate**

Through a unique, individualised, FUN yet challenging education experience of the highest attainable standard working towards Nationally Recognised Qualifications

3) **Encourage Independence**

By encouraging young people to take responsibility for their own learning and personal development through a structured programme of lessons and activities enabling pupils to build a unique portfolio of achievements and experiences ready for moving onto college or employment

4) **Inspire and Motivate**

By believing that ALL young people can achieve qualifications and have a positive learning experience. We will help to facilitate this by providing relevant qualifications that are recognised by both employers and further education providers, supported by a wide range of adventurous outdoor activities and The Duke of Edinburgh Award

5) **Partnership Working**

With a wide range of multi agencies and organisations to provide a well-rounded and individual programme which could include working with, Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapy, Psychologists, Counsellors, NHS, Young People Service, Employers, FE Colleges, Universities and Business Enterprise Projects

The statements below define the activities we will undertake in pursuit of our vision

We will:

- Create and deliver an alternative curriculum for young people which is innovative, holistic, encourages collaborative working, positive progression and promotes independence.
- Provide advice and support to young people, signposting to other agencies as appropriate.
- Work only with organisations which work with young people to ensure they are listened to and their individual needs are met.