Woodlands at Boothman

Independent specialist school, part of the **New Beginnings Learning Trust**

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Who We Are

Welcome to **Woodlands at Boothman** - a specialist provision for pupils aged 6–18 years.

Set within **26 acres of beautiful woodland in Barley village**, alongside our **unique Floating School campus at Greenberfield Locks, Barnoldswick**, we offer an education experience unlike any other.

Our provision is built around two **distinct pathways:**

- **Woodlands Campus** – for pupils who thrive in open spaces, practical learning, and hands-on experiences
- **Floating School** – small, nurturing classrooms on canal barges, ideal for pupils who benefit from **1:1 support**, reduced stimuli, and a safe, contained environment

Our Ethos at Woodlands is simple:

Purposeful Enjoyment

Creating confident, capable young people through a therapeutic, nurturing, "classroom without walls" approach.

Who We Support

We support many pupils who have experienced:

- Trauma
- Social anxiety
- School-based avoidance
- Gaps in education

At TAS, we specialise in re-engaging learners, rebuilding confidence, and all pupils start their journey at this provision on a 1:1, rebuilding confidence and a love for learning before moving into small class sizes of 2,3,4.



An Individual Approach to Education

At Woodlands at Boothman, education is **brought to life.**

Our project based learning curriculum focuses on:

- Real-world learning experiences
- Practical, hands-on activities
- Building curiosity, creativity, and confidence

Alongside core academic learning, pupils access a wide range of **enrichment opportunities**, including project based curriculum:

- Caving
- Rock climbing
- Outdoor activity centres
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- TAS Scout Group

We also work closely with:

- Local farms
- Land-based and Agricultural colleges

This creates clear **pathways into future careers and further education**.

Progression and Outcomes

- Are able to complete their full education from year 4 to year 13 here
- Pupils progress into another New Beginnings Learning Trust school
- We integrate into a mainstream school
- Refer into a specialist SEN provision
- Partner with an AP provider linking to their career choices
- Move into a mainstream college for year 12 and 13

Wellbeing at the Heart

At Woodlands at Boothman, **wellbeing is not an add-on it is embedded in everything we do**.

We support the **whole child**, focusing on:

- Emotional development
- Social skills
- Physical wellbeing

Our therapeutic approach includes:

- Fishing therapy
- Art therapy
- Walk-and-talk therapy

By prioritising wellbeing, we enable pupils to feel:

- Safe
- Valued
- Confident
- Ready to succeed

Intensive support from the SEND team is embedded into this provision from a lead SENDco, Speech & Language professional, Occupational Therapy and Education Psychologist.





What our parents say?

I have seen a remarkable transformation in him since he joined Woodlands . After struggling to engage in education across several previous settings, the supportive and understanding approach at Woodlands has helped him begin to rebuild trust with adults and feel more comfortable in a learning environment.

What our pupils say?

The Woodlands is the only school that have been able to give me a better chance of gaining my GCSE's and the only school that does not see me as a troubled naughty girl, instead they see my full potential. The campus is amazing and beautiful and I can complete my class within a hammock in the trees and look at Pendle Hill.

The Journey

A pupil can begin their journey with TAS **at any point during the academic year.**

We provide:

- A carefully planned, supportive transition
- A warm and welcoming environment
- Consistent, dedicated staff who understand each child

A Typical Day

Core learning, outdoor education, forest school activities, therapeutic support, personal development. At least 75% of each day is based outdoors.

Alternative Provision

We also offer a flexible **Alternative Provision programme** for pupils requiring part-time support.

This may include **one day per week access** to:

- Fishing therapy
- Dry stone walling
- Public services activities
- Walk-and-talk sessions
- Outdoor and vocational experiences

Designed to re-engage, stabilise and support, this provision works alongside schools and local authorities

Woodlands Wellbeing

Our 26-acre woodland site also provides a unique space for:

- Family wellbeing days
- Group retreats
- Weekend experiences

Activities include:

- Yoga
- Camping
- Fishing
- Forest-based wellbeing sessions

Using nature as a therapeutic tool, we support:

- Reduced stress and anxiety
- Improved mood and mental health
- Emotional healing and reconnection

From mindfulness in nature to active conservation work, our approach promotes genuine, lasting wellbeing.

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We are proud to be an intentionally different education provision focussed on personalised, therapeutic and aspirational education.



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For further information

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