

THE BRIDGE

**Information
for Parents**

What is The Bridge?

NEXUS Multi Academy Trust have come together in partnership with DMBC, Doncaster Careers Hub and the Doncaster Opportunity Area to develop the Bridge as a Multi-Agency Hub of excellence for 14-19 SEND students. Throughout this project there will be opportunity to challenge stereotypes by demonstrating and sharing all the skills/abilities our young people possess.

It is our strategic intent to showcase to employers and the community the **strengths, skills and abilities of our young people**... *Leading to more opportunities for our young people within the world of work...and promoting positive community relations and participation.*

Identified students from each of the Nexus Doncaster Academies will be based at The Bridge from September 2021 (the majority being 16-19 with a small cohort of 14-16 year olds).

Why are we doing this?

The Bridge has been acquired in order to develop a more coherent, progressive offer for our students. This will be achieved in a culminated way through the consolidation of existing resource strengths from across the Trust; as well as the acquisition of new resources, subsequently enabling tailored learning programmes to be delivered as part of an **overall bespoke package for young people**.

Where is The Bridge located?



The Bridge is well situated in the Edenthorpe area of Doncaster, benefitting from excellent links to public transport, retail and businesses.

The geographical location supports our intention for 'The Bridge' operating as a centrally based Multi-Agency Hub for services and a catalyst for developing employer links.

What will we do there?



The Bridge will be developed as a multiagency **SEND Hub of excellence** serving the needs of the SEND students in the area. The proposal will include key elements of work based learning, work experience and employment for these young people. Going forward The Bridge will establish a **strong community presence**, serving the communities in the surrounding and wider Doncaster area.

The key projects proposed include a Café, Independent Travel Training base and Careers/IAG Hub with further links to a number of other agencies/organisations.



Our students will be at the heart of the Bridge design, creation and construction in a co-produced, hands on project involving interior design, trades-work, landscape construction and painting & decorating.

Objectives

The Bridge will serve to offer a progressive 'Next step' on from the school, taking advantage of the local assets and facilities available in the area. As well as providing a new base for Nexus Academies 14-19 students, the centre will provide opportunities for greater collaboration across the Trust resulting in both a wider range of learning opportunities as well as;

- Use as a tool to encourage employers to work with and offer jobs and opportunities for SEND.
- Use as a tool to prepare young people for the world of work.
- Use as a tool to support Transition beyond 6th form in school/to the Bridge and community.
- Show essential skills of SEND Young people using the skills builder framework:

- **Listening**
- **Presenting**
- **Problem Solving**
- **Creativity**

- **Staying Positive**
- **Aiming High**
- **Leadership**
- **Teamwork**

Next Steps

We will continue to work with our students to get the Bridge work ready for **September 2021**.

Parents will be invited to tour the building in the summer prior to the new academic year starting.

Multimedia showcasing and introductory **360 tour material** will be produced to support the transition process for the students moving there in September 2021.

Nexus Website will operate a Bridge portal providing any news, updates and latest development information.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact your Academy Head.

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