

The Statement of Purpose for Bowden House Specialist Residential School



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Welcome to Bowden House School!

At Bowden House School, we offer a safe and supportive place where boys aged 9 to 16+ can learn, grow, and achieve their best. We know that school hasn't always been easy for everyone, and that's why we're here to help you succeed both in your learning and in life.

What We Do

Bowden House is a residential school, which means some students stay here overnight during the week, while others who live closer to school go home at the end of each day. We have amazing facilities, including special places where older students can live more independently, a gym, sports centre and a school restaurant. Whether you're here overnight or only during the day, we are all part of the same school community.

Our Aim

We want to help you with:

- **Your learning:** We offer small classes with lots of support so you can reach your potential, catch up, stay on track, and achieve qualifications like GCSEs and BTECs.
- **Your personal growth:** We provide a caring environment where you can work on your social skills, confidence, and independence.
- **Your emotional well-being:** We have staff members who are here to support you with any challenges you may face, whether it's with learning, friendships, or emotions.

How We Help You Learn

Our school is different because we focus on "**stage not age**", which means you work at the level you're ready for, no matter your age. This way, everyone has the chance to make really good progress in their education.

We offer lots of subjects, including English, maths, science, art and PE. There are also lots of other practical courses like **bike maintenance, construction, food technology, forest school, music production** and **IT qualifications**. You will also get to do some exciting outdoor activities like climbing, paddle boarding sailing, mountain biking as part of our **Adventure Centre for Education (ACE)**.

Working Together to Support You

Our teaching and residential staff work closely together to support you every day. We also have some experts on-site, like a **Speech and Language Therapist** and a **CAMHS worker**, who help you when you need extra support.

At Bowden House, we believe in celebrating your achievements. We use a points and privilege system to reward good work and positive behaviour, so there's always something to aim for.

Life Skills and Independence

As you get older, we'll help you develop important life skills, like cooking, traveling on your own. We offer the chance to gain work experience and for our older students we can arrange for you to attend local colleges.

Our School's Values

At Bowden House, we believe in:

- **We not Me** Our school motto, it means we think about how what we do might affect others as well as ourselves. It means we work together as a community
- **Being kind and respectful** to everyone, no matter who they are.
- **Taking responsibility** for your actions and learning from mistakes.
- **Working together** with your teachers, family, and carers to help you succeed.

We want you to feel like part of the school community and know that you are supported every step of the way.

Who's Here to Help You?

We have lots of staff who are here to help you, including:

- **Mr. Wells**, our Headteacher.
- **Mrs. Wells**, the Deputy Headteacher.
- **Mr. Hopkins**, our head of the residential provision
- **Miss Haworth**, our head of student welfare
- **Lindsey Harvey**, therapist
- **Stacey Wall**, Student family co-ordinator
- The **Residential Team**, who look after you when you stay at school during the week.
- The **Teaching Team**, who help you in class.
- The **Support Team**, who are here to help with your health, emotions, and anything else you need.
- The **Domestic and premises team**, who will help make sure Bowden feels like home and you are well looked after
- The **Admin Team**, our admin team will help to communicate with home, pass on important information and make sure everyone knows what is happening at Bowden House

We're All in This Together

We understand that sometimes it's hard being away from home, but we're here to support you and make sure you feel safe and comfortable. Whether you're working in class, doing fun activities, or learning new life skills, Bowden House is a place where you can build your confidence, make friends, and achieve your goals.

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