



## The Beeches Independent Special School

A personalised learning package is provided for each student on roll at The Beeches Independent School. Lessons are generally taught on a one-to-one basis to ensure that students can access levels of education suited to them without pressure from peers or distraction. Where possible, teaching may be shared subject to the ability of each student both academically and socially to encourage greater interaction, with art and design for example.

We currently have nine students on roll, aged 9 to 17, with a mixture of abilities and genders. Each of our young people present with academic and social skills which are generally below average for their chronological ages. We adopt an holistic approach, treat all as individuals, teach respect for each other and their differences and support social skills.

Students are able to access a full curriculum and are encouraged to put knowledge into practice whenever possible in the community, for example, shopping for food technology lessons. All activities are differentiated to the individual and inclusion is at the very centre of our ethos.

Academic lessons are completed during each morning followed by combined lunch for staff and pupils. A further lesson is held in the afternoon prior to an activity session in the last hour. Activities are varied and individualised to include sporting activities and gardening, board games and music. An educational trip once per week for the whole afternoon session allows us to visit some of the many local amenities and places of interest in the Peterborough area including parks, swimming pools and the football ground. Each of the trips are focused on SMSC and are carefully planned to expose our pupils to different aspects of the world. Some afternoon activities are undertaken as groups and include trips further afield such as Duxford air Museum, zoos and safari parks.

For our older pupils we aspire to ready them for the future and possible career choices. We seek work placements and, where appropriate, facilitate courses at Peterborough Regional College as part of transition work at age 17 plus.

We have a dedicated team of teaching staff led by Emma Sutters, supported by Head of Operations of The Beeches UK Ltd., Lyana Sinclair Russell, along with the Directors of the Company Karim Lalani and Graham Brown.