

**Curriculum Policy**

**Aim**

The purpose of the curriculum is to support young people to:

* Develop a working knowledge of literacy, numeracy and ICT
* Develop knowledge and skills relevant to adult life
* Develop personal, moral and social values alongside a respect for other cultures and religions
* Develop an understanding of the area in which they live, both locally and the wider world
* Take their place in society as informed, confident and responsible citizens.

**Outcomes**

PRISM independent School will endeavour to provide:

* A safe, supported environment where all young people are able to develop the skills and attitudes which will facilitate continuous personal development.
* A flexible curriculum based over 3 sites which will enable young people to study a holistic package of accredited work covering basic and key skills, personal and social development and a vocational area.

**Students with Special Educational Needs**

As a school specialising in students for which mainstream school has not been appropriate, PRISM ensures that:

* Staff to student ratio will be no more than 1:5
* Additional 1-1 support is made available within the teaching area’s to ensure all young people have access to a full curriculum
* All young people are encouraged and supported to reach their potential.

**Timetable**

All students attending PRISM Independent School follow the same basic timetable of lessons and 1-1 work. This includes:

* Basic and Key Skills – Literacy, Numeracy and ICT
* PSD
* Vocational qualification
* Life Skills

During the induction process nd in conjunction with the referring agency and parent/guardian, the young person will chose their vocational subject which informs the site to which they will attend. All other subjects are compulsory.

**Qualifications**

PRISM Independent School currently offers the following qualifications:

* Entry Level 3 – Literacy – Edexcel
* Entry Level 3 – Numeracy - Edexcel
* Entry Level 3 – ICT – Edexcel
* Level 1 – Literacy - ALAN
* Level 1 – Numeracy - ALAN
* Level 1 – PSD - ASDAN
* Level 1 – PSD - BTEC
* Level 1 – Land Based Studies - BTEC
* Level 1 – Work Skills - BTEC
* Level 1 – Sports and Active Leisure - BTEC
* Level 1 – Construction - BTEC
* Level 1 – Environment and Land Based Diploma – Edexcel
* Level 1 – Land and Environment - BTEC
* Level 1 – Certificate in Progression – NOCN
* Level 2 – Literacy - ALAN
* Level 2 – Numeracy - ALAN
* Level 2 – PSD - ASDAN
* Level 2 – Animal Care – BTEC

Qualifications are reviewed on an annual basis and further courses added to meet demand.