

Pathway B: Step Up to Independence

Overview	This pathway is tailored to the needed of students whose main barriers to learning is a lower level of reading, comprehension and retention. Alongside academic qualifications, this Pathway offers the opportunity for vocational studies in relevant learning contexts.
Intent	A carefully designed broad and balanced curriculum is designed to allow students to gain a breadth of knowledge and skills to support them on their next steps as confident and resilient members of the community. The curriculum designed for this pathway aims to develop students' academic and employability skills that support future stability and a sense of worth in adult life. The curriculum will focus on gaining life skills through meaningful experience, knowledge, skills and qualifications.
Implementation	On this pathway, teachers deliver a carefully crafted, knowledge-rich secondary curriculum adapted to the needs of each group. Lessons are delivered by subject-specialist teachers based in subject-specific classrooms. Pathway B students will be given the expert teaching and support required to access a flexible range of relevant qualifications. Students on all pathways will be taught in mixed ability groups in foundation subjects. In Key Stage 4 students will choose 3 options that link to their interests, plans for further study or employability prospects; these options include GCSEs, BTEC qualifications and a range of Level 1 Vocational courses offered by different awarding bodies.
Impact	This pathway will enable students to apply a range of skills such as literacy and numeracy, communication and ICT to engage with the world around them by contributing to the local community through work or social enterprise activity. In Key Stage 4 students will work towards a flexible range of qualifications which may include Entry Level and/or GCSE qualifications in Maths, English and Science; BTECs; and Level 1 or 2 vocational qualifications.
Next steps	Students who follow this curriculum may go straight into an apprenticeship or college. Some may transition to Maplewell Post 16 to access the Work Pathway, giving them the opportunity to undertake meaningful work placements alongside a range of relevant vocational qualifications. Students will also have the opportunity to improve their English and Maths GCSE grades in order to secure employability prospects in the future.