



Doncaster
Council



**DONCASTER
FOREST SCHOOL**

THE
BRIDGE

The Bridge Information Brochure

Part of the Nexus Multi Academy Trust

Welcoming you to The Bridge

Nexus Multi Academy Trust developed The Bridge as a Multi-Agency Hub of excellence for 16 - 19 SEND students.

The environment and curriculum activities serve to foster personal, social, and emotional development of the students, preparing them for their next steps; whether in further education or in employment, thus supporting their aspirations and pathway to a fulfilling and exciting life in the future. It aims to showcase to employers and the community the strengths, skills, and abilities of our students. This will lead to more opportunities for our young people within the world of work, promoting positive community relations and participation.

Students from each of the Nexus Doncaster academies will be based at The Bridge.



Why choose The Bridge?



The purpose of The Bridge is to develop a more coherent, social, independent, progressive offer for our students. This is 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.

The Bridge has been developed as a Multi-Agency SEND Hub of excellence serving the needs of the SEND students in the area. This includes key elements of work-based learning, personal and social development, and core skills.

Going forward, The Bridge strives to maintain and further develop a strong community presence, serving the communities in the surrounding and wider Doncaster area.

Schools based at The Bridge

- Heatherwood School
- North Ridge Community School
- Coppice School



Aims & Objectives

The Bridge aims to support students to develop their skills towards adulthood, including social skills, independent living skills, employability skills and personal development linked to health. This will support students to successfully transition into adulthood. This will be achieved through real-life experiences and activities and through accredited learning pathways.

The centre provides opportunities for greater collaboration across the Trust, resulting in both a wider range of learning opportunities as well as being used as a tool to:

- Encourage employers to work with and offer jobs and opportunities for SEND.

- Prepare young people for the world of work.
- Support transition beyond 6th Form in school/to The Bridge and the community.
- Promote and develop social and personal development in readiness for adulthood.

Promote, develop, encourage and practice independence skills, alongside confidence and self-esteem.

What we do there...

Please see our example timetable. Students will continue on their educational journey, following an appropriate pathway to develop individual needs.

	8.45 - 9.15	9.15 - 9.45	9.45 – 10.30	10.45 - 11.15	11.15 – 12.00	12.00 - 1.00	1.00 1.30	1.30 – 2.45	2.45 – 3.00
Mon	Magic Breakfast/ registration/ Morning jobs	Phonics/ reading	English	Break time	Maths	Lunch	Mindfulness/ registration	Open Awards (careers)	Story time
Tue		Phonics/ reading	English		Maths			Duke of Edinburgh Shopping	
Wed		Phonics/ reading	English <i>Travel training</i>		Maths <i>Travel training</i>			Open awards (personal/ PSHE)	
Thur		Phonics/ reading	Work experience/enterp rise café ELSA		Work experience/enterpr ise café ELSA			Open Awards (ICT/Health)	
Fri		Handwriting	Careers: Andy DWP Café Careers activity Harmony House		Open Awards			Options Afternoon Art/Forest School/PE/Music	

Careers information, advice and guidance

Career advice and guidance help individuals make informed decisions about their career paths and/or further education destinations. It encompasses various forms of support, including signposting to information, in-depth assessments of skills and interests and guidance on job search strategies. There is a Nexus Careers Advisor who works closely alongside each school based at The Bridge, offering support and guidance to all individuals based there. Special events and “My Futures” events are organised to showcase to students and families what potential next steps may be available. Individual 1:1 interviews take place to support students to realise their next steps.

Admissions: Join Our Community

To access The Bridge offer, students will need to apply to one of the Nexus academies that utilise the site: Heatherwood School, North Ridge Community School, or Coppice School. Prospective students and families are encouraged to visit us at The Bridge and the schools that access The Bridge as part of their post-16 offer.

Transport to The Bridge

Students will be transported directly to The Bridge. Parents will need to apply for transport, following the usual procedures.





For further information, please see our website, where you will be able to take a 360° tour of The Bridge:

www.thebridge-hub.org

Or contact:

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Directions to The Bridge (DN2 4RG)



The Bridge is located on Barnby Dun Road, Edenthorpe, Doncaster and benefits 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.