Bridgehouse Times

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The Bridgehouse
A place to belong, a space to grow

1 Welcome



Welcome to The Bridgehouse!

We are a Resourced Specialist Provision based at Waltham Toll Bar Academy, specialising in providing a nurturing and inclusive environment where every young person is valued, supported and encouraged to succeed.

We are committed to ensuring that all students feel safe, happy and ready to learn. By taking the time to get to know each individual, we build strong, trusting relationships and develop a deep understanding of their strengths, interests and aspirations.

At The Bridgehouse, every voice matters. We listen carefully, work in partnership with families and advocate for our students, ensuring they feel understood, respected and empowered.

We are pleased to welcome our new staff to The Bridgehouse. Together we share a commitment to building positive relationships, supporting emotional wellbeing and helping every young person feel valued, understood and successful in their educational journey





Mrs Barnsley
Lead Teacher
The Bridgehouse



Mrs Cooke
Family Liason Officer
Bridgehouse
and The Gatehouse



Mrs Addison
Learning Support
Assistant



Mrs Fielding
Learning Support
Assistant



Miss Bates
Learning Support
Assistant

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Our specialist facilities include:

An Emotional Literacy Room
A dedicated space for mentoring, wellbeing support and developing emotional awareness, communication skills and positive coping strategies.

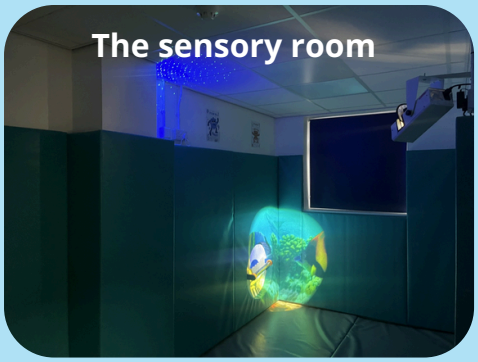
The Sensory Room
A calming environment that supports emotional regulation, reduces anxiety and promotes readiness for learning.

Key Stage Learning Areas
Dedicated Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 classrooms equipped with IT resources to support personalised learning, digital literacy and independence.

Curriculum Enhanced Room
A flexible space for intervention, enrichment and practical learning, including Food Technology, vocational activities and life skills development.

These facilities help create a personalised learning experience where students feel safe, supported and ready to succeed.

2 Facilities


The sensory room


Emotional literacy room

The Environment

The Bridgehouse provides a safe, nurturing-learning environment within Waltham Toll Bar Academy, where students learn in small groups and receive personalised support tailored to their individual needs. The provision combines dedicated teaching spaces with opturnities for practical and therapeutic learning, helping students build confidence, resilience and readiness for learning.


KS3 Learning Space


Curriculum Enhanced room


KS4 Learning Space

3 Pupil Voice

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Giving every pupil a voice

To help create a sense of ownership, belonging and pride within The Bridgehouse, pupils from The Cove were actively involved in choosing names for the learning spaces.

By contributing their ideas and voting on their preferred options, students helped shape an environment that reflects their voice and identity.

This collaborative approach encourages positive engagement and reinforces the importance of student voice within our provision.



The Haven
Bridgehouse Provision
A Safe Place to Belong



The Arch
Bridgehouse Provision
Supporting New Beginnings



The Horizon
Bridgehouse Provision
Looking Ahead with Confidence

The Anchor
Bridgehouse Provision
Grounded, Supported, Ready to Grow

4 Setting the Provision up

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The Bridgehouse has been carefully developed to provide a welcoming, supportive environment where pupils can feel safe, valued and ready to learn.

We are proud to see the provision come to life and look forward to supporting our young people to achieve their full potential.



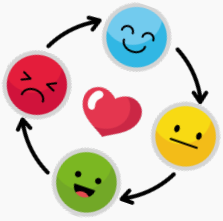



We work closely with a range of specialist providers and external agencies to deliver personalised support tailored to each young person's needs.

These include:

- **Art4** – Therapeutic art and wellbeing support
- **New Options** – Speech, language and communication specialists
- **Fortis Therapy** – Specialist therapeutic support and intervention services

ELSA Training



To further strengthen the support we offer our pupils, members of the Bridgehouse team have started ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) training.

This specialist training focuses on helping young people understand and manage their emotions, develop positive relationships and build resilience.

By investing in ELSA training, we are continuing to develop our provision and ensure that pupils receive the emotional support they need to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

