

Statement of Purpose

At **Bridge the Gap Malvern Limited**, our mission is to create transformative educational experiences for young people aged 16–25 with EHCPs (Education, Health, and Care Plans) who require a tailored approach to post-16 education. We are committed to equipping our students with the skills, confidence, and resilience they need to achieve independence, engage in meaningful employment or volunteering, and foster active inclusion within their communities.

Our approach is underpinned by positive relationships, trust, and unconditional positive regard. Every student is supported by a dedicated **Transition Coordinator**, who works collaboratively to design a flexible and personalised programme that evolves with the student's ongoing progress, interests, and specific needs.

As a proud **Skills Builder Partnership Impact Organisation**, we place a strong emphasis on developing essential skills through the Skills Builder Universal Framework. With a particular focus on **Self-Management** and **Communication**, we empower young people to track and evidence their progress toward personal and professional growth.

Hands-On, Real-Life Learning

Our educational philosophy prioritises real-life, practical learning experiences over traditional classroom methods. Through a combination of engaging activities, therapeutic interventions, and community-based opportunities, we inspire creativity, confidence, and holistic personal development. Students benefit from a diverse range of tailored programmes, including but not limited to:

• **Building Positive Relationships**: relaxed 1:1 sessions, games, and trust-building activities.



- **Therapeutic Support**: sessions with professionals such as speech & language therapists, counsellors, art or music therapists.
- **Independence Skills**: mastery of essential life skills, such as cooking, budgeting, hygiene, healthy sleep habits, driving, or learning an instrument.
- **Health and Wellbeing**: activities promoting mental and physical health, including mindfulness, gym sessions, and establishing self-care routines.
- **Educational Visits**: trips to historical sites, cultural institutions, and local community spaces to encourage exploration and engagement.
- **Academic Learning**: Progress toward qualifications such as English and Maths Functional Skills or other relevant qualifications.
- **Employability**: Work experience placements, CV writing, application support, and interview preparation.
- **Inclusion:** volunteering, support to attend social groups in the community

Recognising the individual needs of each student, we offer the flexibility to deliver support in the community or at home. Additionally, our town-centre location in Malvern provides a welcoming and accessible space for students to engage in their learning.

Collaboration and Holistic Support

We recognise that successful outcomes often rely on a multi-agency approach. Therefore, we actively collaborate with housing support organisations, social workers, therapists, youth mentors, and other alternative providers to ensure a comprehensive support network for every young person.

At Bridge the Gap Malvern, we strive to 'bridge the gap' between potential and achievement, empowering young people to navigate life's challenges and thrive in their futures.