



Elmwood class are within the Functional learning approach, based at Oxford Road. The pupils range from 16-19 years old.

Elmwood pupils work towards accreditations subjects that link towards their future pathways and potential employment routes. They work towards functional skills, English and maths qualifications from Entry Level 1 to Level 2 (GCSE Grade 5 equivalent), having weekly English lessons on writing skills, reading techniques and speaking and listening. This is linked to current affairs and work related themes. Weekly maths lessons involve practical use of maths skills in the community and maths for independent life.

Pupils take part in work experience placements at a variety of business around the local areas and link this to ASDAN Employability coursework where they learn about work ethic, customer service skills, CV writing and interview techniques. Wherever possible, work placements are linked to pupils skills and interests for their future ambitions and targets.

Pupils plan their own lunches once a week, go shopping for the ingredients using public transport and work together to make their class lunch. These skills support pupils in undertaking a BTEC level 2 qualification in home cooking skills.

Pupils in Elmwood work on travel training skills, using local public transport and walking routes to become more familiar with their community. They complete tasks around the town to further develop their problem solving and communication skills. Pupils build their confidence around their local area, working on some of their challenges without staff shadowing them, to further develop their independence.

Elmwood pupils work towards a BTEC Level 1 vocational qualification in either sports coaching, art or maintenance skills, working one day a week on various projects in school and the local community to develop their understanding of the professional standards needed in work and to support them with the skills and ideas for future pathways.

