



Austen class is within the Formal learning approach and consists of 15 students aged 15 to 16, supported by a Class Teacher, a Senior Teaching Assistant and a Teaching Assistant.

Throughout the academic year, students follow a curriculum similar to that of their mainstream peers, building a broad range of knowledge and skills across core subjects including English, maths, science, humanities, drama, and IT. In addition to their academic studies, students take part in Preparation for Adulthood sessions, which are designed to equip them with the skills and experiences they need for life beyond school. These sessions include 'hands-on' activities such as; cooking, visits to the farm at the Loose site, career exploration and the development of key life skills to support their independence and future success.

Austen class students are working hard towards achieving City & Guilds Functional Skills qualifications in both English and maths, helping them gain recognised credentials that will support their next steps in education or employment.

Sport sessions are a highlight for the students, with football and basketball being particular favourites. They enthusiastically take part in daily morning gym sessions and dance which helps to keep them active, focused and ready to learn.

