



Bell class is within the Functional learning approach and is based at the Oxford Road site. There are 13 pupils aged between 16-18, supported by 3 members of staff.

Our focus extends beyond the classroom, helping pupils to prepare for their next steps after Five Acre Wood School. Whether their goal is college, a Specialist Post-16 Institution (SPI), or employment, the class is dedicated to providing the skills and qualifications needed for future success. There is a strong emphasis on functional English and maths, with pupils working towards exams in reading, writing, speaking and listening and mathematics throughout the year. Learning extends beyond academic skills, with life skills and employability being developed through lessons linked to the Skills Builder Partnership framework. Pupils take part in community activities, social and personal development and gain real-world work experience in the local community.

Each pupil is encouraged to follow their own interests, selecting vocational subjects to study and working towards a BTEC Level 1 qualification. Bell class creates an environment where problem-solving and open discussion are valued, allowing pupils to share ideas, work together and build confidence. Alongside their academic learning, pupils actively develop life and functional skills that support independence and prepare them for meaningful roles in their communities.

With a strong emphasis on growth mindset, pupils in Bell class are encouraged to build resilience and approach future challenges with confidence. They celebrate one another's achievements and demonstrate the school's values through their positive outlook. As they prepare for life beyond school, pupils gain an understanding of workplace expectations and developing the skills needed for both independent and supported living.

