



**EXHALL GRANGE**  
SPECIALIST SCHOOL



# The Learning Pod



Welcome to Exhall Grange Learning Pod, a specialist provision for young people, from aged 14 to 18 years old, with complex social communication difficulties and mental health needs. There are a maximum of eight young people at any one time in The Learning Pod. It is a safe, calm and relaxed environment. All of our young people are listened to, treated with respect, and are supported by keyworkers to reach their fullest potential. We work with young people, their families and other professionals to ensure the best possible outcome is achieved for our young people.



### **Our history**

The learning Pod first opened its doors in Coleshill, in 2016. In December purpose built facility which consists of a large learning space, two smaller learning spaces, a lounge, and kitchen and dining area. We also have a room called “Space” which is designed to be low sensory stimulation for our young people to readjust, rebalance and relax when needed.



### **What our young people think of Pod**

“I’m allowed to be me regardless of how I’m feeling”

“I never thought I would be able to sit my GCSE’s but Pod supported me to do that”

“The staff give you time to process thoughts when you need to, and I always feel supported”

“The support I have had at Pod has given me my confidence back”

“Taking my exams at Pod is not as scary as I thought it would be”

“I feel so safe and supported here”

“The Pod gave me confidence and helped me get the grades to move onto college”

### **Our Learning Pod Vision**

- We create a safe and nurturing environment that allows our young people to grow and develop, with a bespoke timetable and package of support based on their individual needs, requirements and future aspirations.
- We are a team of dedicated and experienced staff who focus on wellbeing whilst giving the young people the opportunity to resume their educational studies, giving them the resilience and the skills they require to be able to access their future goals and ambitions.
- We have a building that provides a safe learning space to ensure the young people are able to develop at their own pace, and they are supported and guided along the way.
- We explore the young people's ambitions and hobbies to give them academic and therapeutic choices to enrich their timetable.
- We give the young people the resilience, confidence and skills to be able to progress in the journey through life.

#### **Academic Offer**

The Learning Pod delivers a core curriculum of subjects;

- Maths
- English
- Science
- Art
- ICT

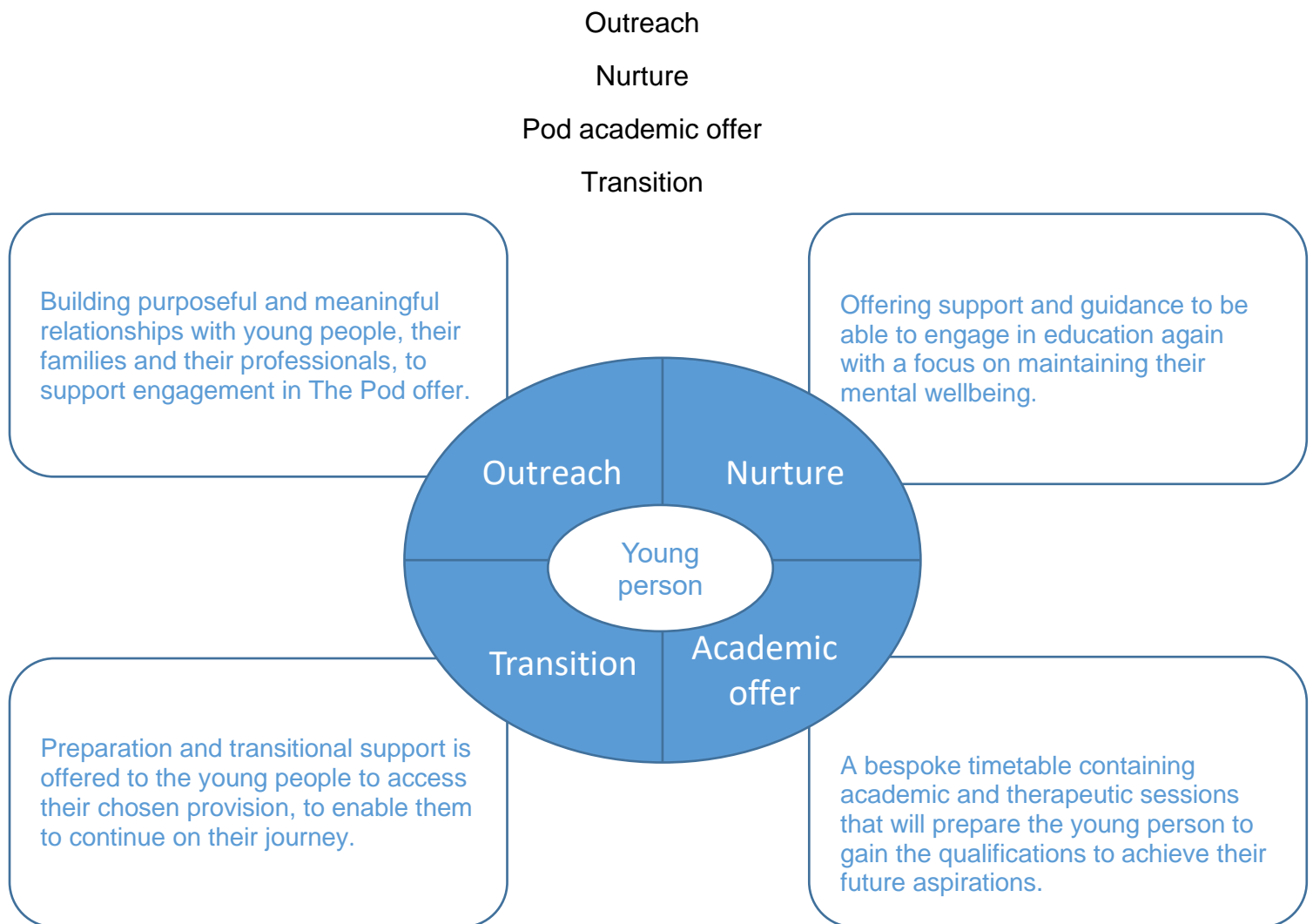
We are also able to offer a range of additional subjects, with support of the main school teachers and in lessons.

- French
- History
- Product Design
- Food Technology
- Religious education
- Media Studies
- PE and Sports Studies

#### **Therapeutic offer**

- Wellbeing
- Understanding me
- Self-care
- Music
- PSHE
- Art for fun
- Creative writing
- Baking
- Drama and expression
- Life skills
- Project work based around interests
- Personalised careers programme
- Work experience
- Understanding the world around me

## The Exhall Grange Learning Pod four stage offer:



We are able to offer our young people a range of qualifications including GCSE, Functional Skills, BTEC and OCN, to ensure that they have everything they need to be able to progress to their next destination.






As well as the excellent facilities that we have in Pod, we have access to the main school site facilities, these include:

- Swimming pool
- Sensory room
- Sports hall
- Fitness suite
- Large outdoor spaces





## Our dedicated staff team

 <p>Alicia Pegg</p>	<p><b>Alicia Pegg – Learning Pod Manager and Designated Safeguarding Lead</b></p> <p>Responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overseeing the day to day running of Pod</li> <li>• Overseeing the young people in Pod</li> <li>• Careers, progression and work experience</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Charlie Harrison-Madden – Specialist Keyworker</b></p> <p>Responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapeutic music</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Drama and expression</li> <li>• Project work based around young people's interests</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Kimberly Ehoff – Specialist Keyworker</b></p> <p>Responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSHE</li> <li>• Baking</li> <li>• Understanding the world around me</li> <li>• ICT studies</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Corinne Clarke – Specialist Keyworker</b></p> <p>Responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapeutic arts and crafts</li> <li>• Creative Writing</li> <li>• Life skills</li> <li>• ASDAN</li> </ul>
 <p>Laura Steele</p>	<p><b>Laura Steele – Specialist Keyworker</b></p> <p>Responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapeutic arts, crafts and photography challenges</li> <li>• Creative Writing</li> <li>• Baking</li> <li>• Life skills</li> </ul>

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