

Moorbridge Alternative Education Partnership (MAEPS) - A dedicated Pupil Referral Unit and Alternative Provision in North Tyneside, is committed to adapting to the evolving needs of schools and young people. With core values of relationships, resilience, and respect, the school is transforming the landscape of alternative education across North Tyneside.

In October 2024, Ofsted visited the school. Moorbridge was able to showcase its innovative approach to supporting pupils who have faced challenges in traditional school settings. The school's core values are woven throughout its curriculum and ethos, creating an environment where pupils can thrive.

"I am honoured to be the Headteacher of such an incredible school with extraordinary staff and pupils," said Karen Croskery, Head Teacher. "Seeing the pupils thrive in the time they are with us, be it for a number of weeks, months or years, is a testament to the energy and enthusiasm that each and every staff member puts in for all pupils. Additionally, it is a testament to the trust the pupils put in the staff, when often they have had negative or traumatic experiences of school. Moorbridge is a place where our pupils are nurtured, encouraged and empowered to be the best versions of themselves."

Pupils at Moorbridge receive an exceptional quality of education, making rapid progress through the curriculum and achieving highly. The school has created a calm, inclusive environment where pupils feel safe, respected, and supported. Behaviour is exemplary, and pupils are determined to succeed, reflecting the school's values.

The curriculum at Moorbridge is aspirational, offering a broad range of subjects and vocational options to cater to the diverse interests and needs of the pupils. Specialist support for social, emotional, and mental health is readily available, and the school's approach to reading has transformed the culture across the institution.

Moorbridge's commitment to personal development is exceptional, with pupils participating in a wide range of activities and experiences that prepare them for life beyond school. The school's extended day and "night school" initiative further demonstrate its dedication to supporting pupils' academic and pastoral needs.

The school's governing body which includes senior leaders from other local schools, provides valuable oversight and challenge, ensuring the continued effectiveness of Moorbridge's approach.

"I am immensely proud of the progress our pupils make, both academically and personally, during their time with us," added Croskery. "Their resilience, creativity and kindness never fail to inspire me, and I am privileged to witness their growth and transformation on a daily basis."

As Moorbridge continues to evolve and adapt to the changing needs of the community, the school remains steadfast in its mission to provide exceptional alternative provision that empowers pupils to reach their full potential. As a Trauma Informed School, we understand that young people cannot be successful pupil until they feel safe, valued and can be supported to regulate their emotions.

Moorbridge aims to provide pupils with a tailored education to meet individual need. The varied pathway offers are all designed to improve life chances and support pupil to realise their potential. By supporting the progress of pupils and enabling them development of a range of skills, they build self-esteem, confidence, self-worth and engagement in education.

The entire school community including staff, pupils, parents/carers and management committee, have spent several years working together to formulate a vision for Moorbridge which has now been recognised in the latest Ofsted report.

The schools core values and ethos support all pupils in recognising that they have the potential to become successful adults. Strong and healthy relationships with pupils ensures staff understand individual needs and can promote and celebrate success by providing the appropriate level of support.

Engagement, nurturing and the love of learning is placed at the heart of the organisation.

Our vision – 'Building Bridges to Success' remains at the core of what we hope to achieve for all our young people.