

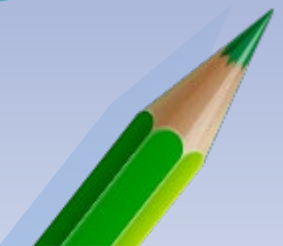


Learning Support



SEND Inclusion Award

2023-2026



Introduction



Hello everyone, and welcome to the introduction to our Ormiston SWB Academy Learning Support Team. Every member of the SEND (Special Educational Needs) Learning Support Team is committed to the Ormiston SWB Academy vision;

“All SWB students will be respectful, responsible learners experiencing a first class education.”

As part of the SEND Learning Support Team, we believe that every student has the potential to succeed and to be the best individual they want to be. The support and nurture that our team provide, combined with your own hard work, will enable you to become a highly successful learner and individual.

Read on to find out more about the individuals that belong to our wonderful team. We look forward to meeting you at our amazing school!

Miss S Woodbine

Miss Woodbine: Vice Principal for Student Conduct and Pastoral. DSL and Executive SENDCO

What's my story?

My name is Miss Woodbine and I am Vice Principal for Student Conduct and Pastoral, DSL and Executive SENDCO. I work alongside a fantastic team of staff to try and make sure you are all kept safe and get the support you need to achieve your best and are happy here at the academy. I have worked at the academy for over ten years and I am proud to have been part of the academy's journey to being a 'Good' school.

What am I like?

In my personal life I have two diva daughters who keep me very busy and three dogs: Minnie, Poppy and Amber.

What are my hobbies and interests?

My dogs: they are my favourite pastime, taking them for walks and enjoying the countryside.



Miss J Kiely

SENDCO: Champion of SEND, Teaching and Learning. Teacher of English

What's my story?

Hello everyone, my name is Miss Kiely and I am the SENDCOs here at the Academy. I have been at OSWBA for the past 10 years and I teach English.

I spent the first 12 years of my teaching career working with children between 5 and 11 years old.

What am I like?

School is the best place for me and I am always happy teaching!

I really like helping students to learn and I am always popping into lessons and seeing how we can help you to achieve the best. I speak to teachers about how best to support you with your learning. If you need anyone to speak to about support with your learning, then I am a good listener.

What are my hobbies and interests?

As much as I love teaching I also really enjoy travelling and have visited many places around the World. I enjoy yoga, cycling and more recently paddleboarding. I had to develop my confidence as to start with I found paddleboarding very difficult. I believe in trying really hard to achieve the things that you want to get better at and I am really looking forward to helping you when you join us here at the Academy.



Mrs A Patterson

Assistant SENDCO

What's my story?

Hello everyone! I'm Mrs Patterson, the Assistant SENDCO and I teach Music and Performing Arts. This is now my eleventh year at the Academy and I have previously been Director of Performing Arts, Director of Year and have recently moved into the Assistant SENDCO role. I am very excited to learn more through completing the National SENDCO course and working alongside Miss Kiely.

What am I like?

I have always enjoyed working with our students and helping them overcome their barriers to learning, both personally and academically. I also enjoy working alongside and building relationships with parents to see how we can best support their children in the Academy. If you need any support at all, please come and see me and I'll always try my best to help!

What are my hobbies and interests?

When I'm not in school, I love spending time with my family and my little girl. I like to go on holidays in England and other countries to experience new things. I also enjoy martial arts and have studied this for many years.



Mrs L Mooney

SEND Outcomes Leader

What's my story?

Hello, I'm Mrs Mooney and my job is to make sure that learners with SEND have everything they need to achieve the best possible grades. I'm also a science teacher here at SWB. I have been teaching for 16 years now and have taught in lots of different types of schools. I have a degree in Biomedical Sciences and two different teaching qualifications.

What am I like?

I am a passionate teacher of science who really likes finding fun, weird and interesting ways to teach my subject so it's more memorable. I enjoy finding ways to support learners so that they can have the best experience here at OSWB.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I really love plants and bees, but I am totally OBSESSED with shoes and Christmas! Some say I have too many pairs of shoes, but I just think I haven't got enough feet.



Miss J Timmins Higher Level Teaching Assistant



What's my story?

Hello my name is Miss Timmins and I am a Teaching Assistant here at Ormiston SWB Academy. I would like to share a few things about me. I have a degree in Physical Education and I have always been very sporty. I am always willing to support students in their PE lessons, if needed.

What am I like?

I like Maths and I enjoy supporting in Maths lessons and with intervention. Maths allows students to break down problems into steps to get to the answer. I personally love supporting in all other subjects and I like to help students develop in their learning. I also like to try new things to develop myself and I am always willing to help others where I can. My favorite colour is green.

What are my hobbies and interests?

In my spare time, I like to visit new places with my family. I have a very friendly personality and I am very approachable. I enjoy walking and sporty activities.

Mrs L Porter First Aid

What's my story?

Hello, my name is Mrs. Porter. I have worked in school for 17 years as a Teaching Assistant as part of the SEND Team.

What am I like?

I work with students across all year groups helping them with their work and motivating students to do their best. I am also part of the First Aid team in school so if you feel ill at any time you are very likely to meet me when I come to look after you. I have two sons who are now grown up. They were born and educated in Bilston, both went to University, and now they have the jobs that they wanted.

What are my hobbies and interests?

When I am not in school, I like to travel.

I really enjoy being by the water so I normally head for the coast, as I find watching the sea very relaxing. I enjoy being by rivers, taking long walks and enjoying picnics. I also like to go hiking and I love the hills. I have recently climbed Snowdon, which is the highest mountain in Wales. It took me three hours to get to the top and three hours to get back down.

My personal message to you all is aim high, work hard and have fun along the way. Be proud of your achievements not matter how small they may seem because small steps will lead to the sky.



Miss S Turner Teaching Assistant



What's my story?

My name is Miss Turner and I have been a Teaching Assistant at Ormiston SWB Academy for 12 years. I really enjoy working here as the school has a great team of staff and I have made some very special friends here.

What am I like?

I have two sons aged 26 and 11 and we spend lots of time with family as we are very close. Family is very important to me so we all go away on holiday together during the year.

My favourite subjects are Art, Design Technology and Engineering. I like these as I enjoy designing things and making things.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I have an online shop where I make and sell bumblebees. I donate a percentage of my sales to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust as protecting bumblebees is something I think is important.

My other passion is gardening. I love to spend time outside with nature, pottering about with plants and making projects to encourage wildlife

Mrs T Taylor Teaching Assistant

What's my story?

My name is Mrs Taylor. I am one of the Teaching Assistants that works here at the Academy. I have been working at the Academy for 15 years. I am also one of the school first aiders so you may see me if you need any medical support. I started in a different role to the one I do now. I was an extended Schools co-ordinator so I ran holiday clubs, after school clubs and lunch time activities.

What am I like?

Before I worked in a secondary school, I was a qualified nursery nurse and worked in private day nurseries with babies and toddlers. I have two sons. One has left school and has a full time job now and my other son left school at the end of last academic year. I have a Maltese dog called Mya who barks at EVERYTHING!

What are my hobbies and interests?

I enjoy walking and I have to hit 10 000 steps every day before I can sit down. I also buy too many dresses and need a bigger wardrobe to put them in. I especially enjoy going on lodge holidays with a hot tub in this country. My favourite holiday was Disneyland in Florida as I enjoyed all the roller coasters and I screamed loudly when I was on them.



Miss G Jones Teaching Assistant Student Support Services



What's my story?

I am Miss Jones. I have worked as a Teaching Assistant for almost 16 years within the SEND department and this year I work within the Student Services Team. You will normally find me in the SSA (Student Support Area). The Student Support Area is an area designed for students who are facing difficulties or have a medical need.

What am I like?

Sometimes you may find me supporting in some of your lessons throughout the week. My favourite subject is Mathematics. What is yours? Before coming to work in a secondary school, I worked as a Florist. I have an 18-year-old Daughter, that is currently training to be a veterinary nurse, which is a good job with the number of animals she has at home.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I enjoy walking, reading, music and travelling. My favourite country to visit is Malta. I support the mighty Wolves! I am well-known to burst into a song or dance around the academy. However, most students inform me that I will never win 'Britain's Got Talent'! I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and welcoming you to our Academy.



Miss S Whitehouse Teaching Assistant



What's my story?

Hi my name is Miss Whitehouse and I am a teaching assistant here at OSWBA

I am based in the SSA (Student Support Area)

What am I like?

I am new to the Ormiston SWB Academy and started here in January. I am currently completing my level 3 teaching assistant course (SEND pathway).

What are my hobbies and interests?

I have two children who keep me very busy and in my free time I love going to new places and making memories with my children. I also love shopping and watching documentaries.



Miss M Lowbridge Teaching Assistant

What's my story?

Hi everyone! My name is Miss Lowbridge and I have recently started my new role here at Ormiston SWB Academy as a Teaching Assistant. Many of you may remember me from last year where I was based in the library as an Academic Mentor in English. I did reading intervention with a lot of you and absolutely loved it! I am really looking forward to working with lots of new faces this year across a range of subjects.

What am I like?

As a very positive person, I pride myself on being approachable and a great listener. I am always happy to help and will strive to do what's best for each student. I love encouraging students to persevere and find it so rewarding seeing them flourish as a result. I am very excited to play a part in many of your school journeys!

What are my hobbies and interests?

I have a degree in Drama and Theatre Arts, so absolutely love performing! In my spare time, I teach dance, drama and singing so would always be up for a chat about performing arts if that's also an interest of yours. As well as this, I really enjoy socialising with my family and friends and spending time outdoors.



SEND Inclusion Award

What is the SEND Inclusion Award?

The SEND Inclusion Award provides a framework to ensure that OSWBA delivers high-quality education for pupils with SEND. The framework focuses on removing barriers to learning through early identification, inclusive teaching and leadership, providing the opportunity to evaluate impact and improve classroom practice and pupil outcomes.

During October 2023, Ormiston SWB Academy received a verification visit, confirming that the Academy delivers high-quality education and provision for students identified with Special Educational Needs.



Mental Health First Aider



Here at Ormiston SWB Academy we have 21 members of staff who are Mental Health First Aid Trained. This includes members of the SEND Team.

Our Mental Health First Aiders have developed knowledge on:

- Understanding what mental health is and why it matters
- Understanding factors that can affect wellbeing
- Identifying signs of distress
- Interpersonal skills such as non judgemental listening
- Supportive strategies to deal with distress and support recovery to good mental health
- Awareness of different mental illnesses
- The use of practical approaches/tools that can be used to support mental health and wellbeing
- Promoting mental health and helping to build a supportive, healthy and non-discriminatory climate

Miss C Turner Behavior Leader / Internal Alternative Provision Support

What's my story?

Hello, my name is Miss Turner. I am a behavior leader and teaching assistant here at the Academy. You can normally find me in the Internal Alternative Provision, supporting in a variety of lessons.

What am I like?

I am a happy soul who loves to be outdoors. I have a son and a Golden Labrador retriever who keeps me busy.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I love sports. My favorite hobby is running, I run with a running club which I have been part of for 6 years. This helped me gain confidence in myself, which resulted in me entering races and taking part in running in cross country for my club. I also do a lot of walking with my family.

Mr B Thomson Internal Alternative Provision Support Student Teacher

What's my story?

Hi, my name is Mr. Thompson. I am new to the role as a TA at this school. I recently graduated from the University of Wolverhampton with a degree in Computing and Information Technology. Before I started this role I worked at Subway in Bilston and most recently at Primark in Walsall.

What am I like?

I would like to say I am a funny, calm and relaxed individual (my siblings may say otherwise). I have 2 older sisters, a younger brother and a crazy dog named Kolo.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I love watching and playing football and am a HUGE Liverpool fan! I have a massive football shirt collection and I am currently learning British sign language at my local college. I also like listening to music, my favourite rapper is currently Santan Dave.



Mrs K Jones Higher Level Teaching Assistant

What's my story?

Hi everyone, my name is Mrs. Jones and I am a higher-level teaching assistant at the academy. I teach Maths and I have been at the Academy for 3 years. I have spent the past 20 years teaching Maths to students age 11 to 18.

What am I like?

I really enjoy helping students to understand Maths. I often make help sheets to support with this. I am always keen to hear your ideas on how I can support you.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I enjoy reading, walking and baking. I enjoy the challenge of baking as I try to build on my skills and bake cakes that I didn't think I would be able to do. I am looking forward to meeting you when you join the Academy.

Miss D Whittaker Higher Level Teaching Assistant

What's my story?

Hi, I'm Miss Whittaker and I have worked as a Teaching Assistant/Higher Level Teaching Assistant for over 17 years.

What am I like?

I like to support students with their reading and have an understanding of how to help students with Dyslexia. I consider myself to have a very good sense of humour, so come and have a laugh with me!

What are my hobbies and interests?

My free time is spent with my two dogs, one I have had from a puppy and the second one was from a rescue centre. Springtime is my favourite time of the year, and not just because I'm a chocoholic and Easter falls in the spring, I enjoy planting new flowers in my garden and watching them grow. If you see me around school, come and have a chat.

Miss T Hackford Teaching Assistant



What's my story?

I am currently a Teaching Assistant and it is a role I have wanted to achieve for a few years. I started off a few years ago in a School as a cleaner where I was given the opportunity to work in the Kitchens. My role was cooking and serving the lunches. From there I was offered a role in Art department as an Art Technician. This helped me decide to try progress on the path of becoming a Teaching Assistant.

What am I like?

I have a positive, caring nature. I feel I am a very happy person. I would say this is my best attribute.

What are my hobbies and interests?

My hobbies are cooking and hosting parties. I also love long walks on a weekend with my son and friends.



Miss T Cox Teaching Assistant



What's my story?

My name is Miss Cox and I have recently graduated from the university of Worcester. This is my first job within a school, but it was always something I wanted to do. I have worked in the outdoor both before and during my degree and want to bring it to school. I have lived all across the UK and even lived abroad; I lived in Norway for 8 months.

What am I like?

I am a bubbly, caring and patient person who love to be part of a team. I am determined and organised and want to be the best TA for the students.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I love to read, listen to music, do sports and be with my family.

EXPERIENCES!



At Ormiston SWB Academy, we run an extensive enrichment programme and encourage all students to fully participate.



At Ormiston SWB Academy we want our young people to leave education feeling confident not only in knowledge, but also in personal skills and qualities. Our C.O.R.E curriculum is intended to allow students to learn for life, equipping them with knowledge of the world, essential skills and a strong character.

The C.O.R.E Curriculum is built around our 4 values of Character, Organisation, Resilience and Excellence

As a fully inclusive Academy, all students participate fully in all C.O.R.E activities, including a range of trips and visits, bespoke experiences and work with external providers.

All students can engage with a variety of experiences alongside academic development. This includes whole school productions, Duke of Edinburgh, a range of sporting activities and trips and visits.

LOOK
SMART!



You will need your **PE kit** for when you are in practical PE lessons.

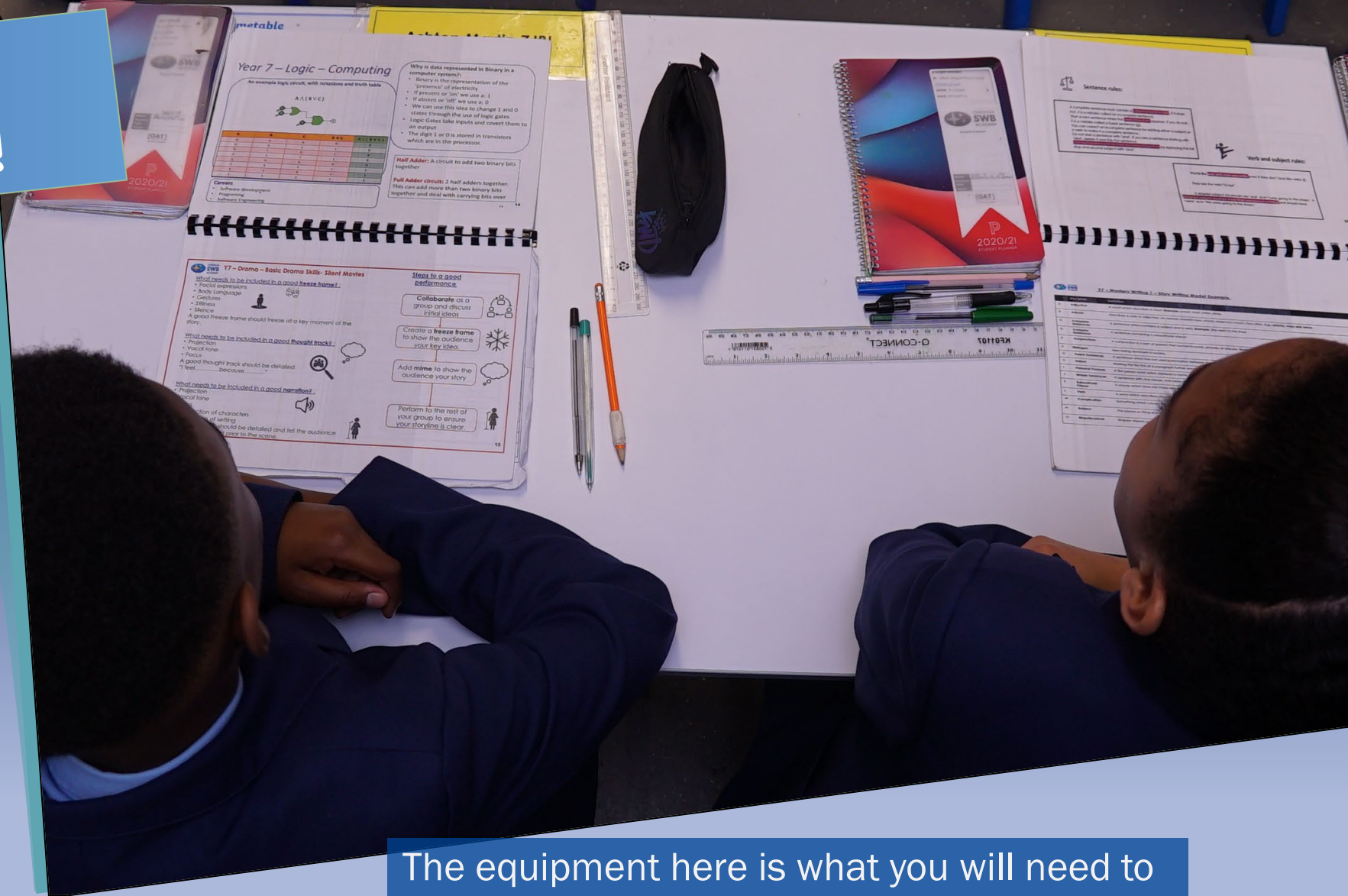


We make sure that our **Uniform** is neat and tidy. Here is an example of a neat and tidy uniform.

GET ORGANISED!



We have **lockers** around the Academy where you can store your belongings.



The equipment here is what you will need to have every lesson. This is to make sure that you are **ready to learn**.

Sanderson

The **Principal's Office** is based on Sanderson. Here you will find our Principal Mr Mason.



SEND Office (S4)

The **SEND Office** is based in S4 where you will find our Miss Kieley and Mrs Patterson.

Here is the **Student Support Area (SSA)** which is an area to support students with emotional well being.



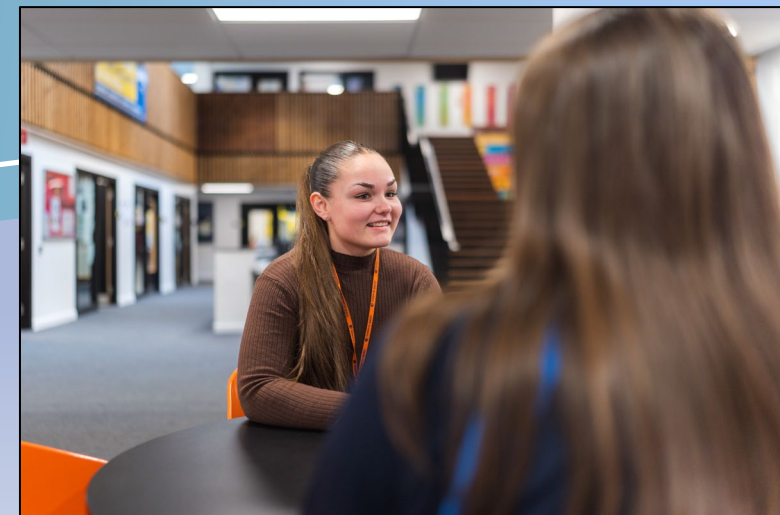
Weston



The **Lecture Theatre** is accessible from Sanderson and Weston, and is where you may have year assemblies, guest speakers or other events.



Here is our **Library** where you can access a range of books for your own personal use.



Brindley



Here is one of our **ICT Suites** that we use to help us with our learning.



Here you can see the **open areas** around the Academy. Sometimes we use the open areas for extra spaces for small group work.



Here at **Reception** is where our visitors get a warm welcome from our Admin staff.



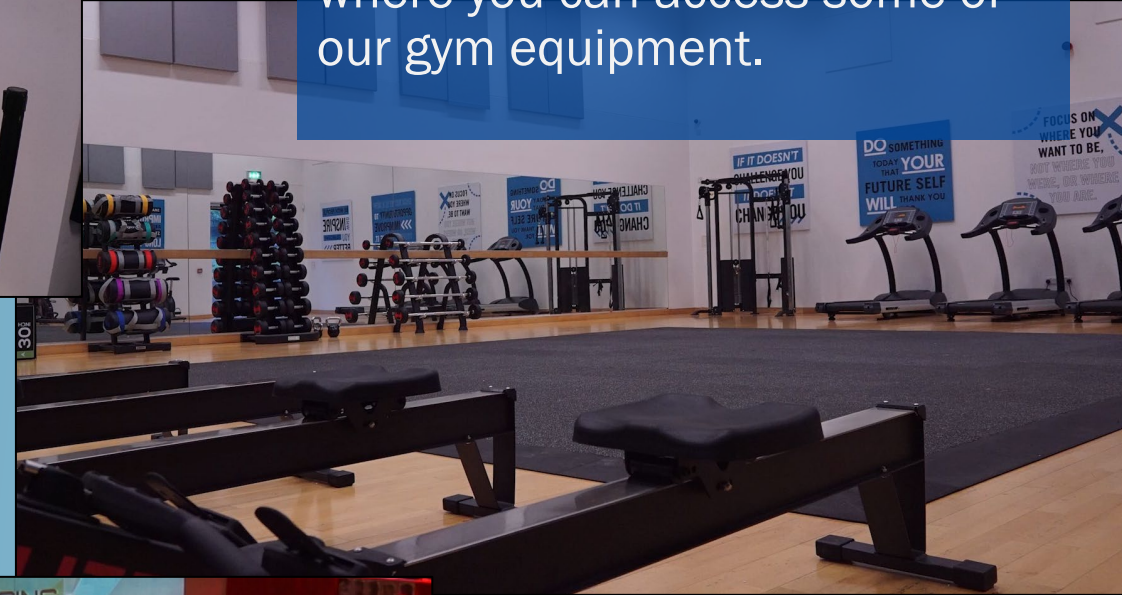
Attwood

Here is our **First Aid area** where you may be asked to attend if you need any medical help.



Activity Studio

Here is in the activity studio where you can access some of our gym equipment.



The **Dining Hall** is where we spend our lunch times.



Welcome to **Providence Hall**. This is where our Drama productions are performed.



Attwood continued...

Attwood is where our **Science** lessons take place!



Your **Engineering and DT** lessons are based in the workshop.



You will have **Catering & Hospitality** lessons in **A18**.



Safeguarding (A14)

The **Safeguarding office** is in A14 and this is where the Safeguarding team are based.

LET'S GO
OUTSIDE!



We have the use of an **Astro Turf & Netball Courts** for some of our P.E lessons.



We are very lucky that we can access **Bert Williams Leisure Centre** for some of our lessons.



The **canopy and outdoor area** is used at break and lunch times.





Thank You!

We look forward to
working with you!

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