

Where are we?

Haringey Borough - West side
13 Tetherdown
Muswell Hill
N10 1NS



Breathing Space Programme

A 6 week course, which can be extended by 2 weeks dependant on engagement

Our 6 week programme is based on a customised skills curriculum for students who are finding school challenging and would benefit from some respite from their school, peers and environment or a gentle reintroduction to engaging with a educational environment and developing clear simple routines to attend school. The calm and quiet environment of Finch offers the students time and space to reflect on their attitude and behaviour towards learning away from distractions.

We maintain a degree of core academic learning throughout the course enabling a smoother transition back to home schools supporting students primarily on improving their conduct skills they lack to access the curriculum. This is done through enrichment projects, reflective practise and positive repetition. All lessons are teacher taught with subject specialists supporting the students with their Maths/Numeracy and English/Literacy trying to build confidence in these areas and plug areas of lost or forgotten knowledge. We offer curriculum catch up time if needed too.

The students also benefit from participation in our AQA Unit Awards scheme. Students are able to achieve credible exams certificates on completion of the courses. Working on project based community engagement, giving them a sense of pride and belief in themselves. Mentoring and emotional literacy are also taught alongside this.

We pride ourselves with working closely together with families and schools to encourage students to have an understanding of how both the academic education and social setting of schools can be transformational for them when they engage and return.

		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
8.40 - 9.00		Breakfast				
9,00		Start of lessons				
9.00 - 9.50	1	English	English	Mentoring transition	Student council/TA Newsletter wk1/wk2	Log Book
9.50 - 10.40	2	Graphics	PSHE	Unit award	English	English
10.40-11.00		Break				
11.00 - 11.50	3	Maths	Maths	Drama	Maths	Maths
11.50- 12.40	4	Drama	Drama	Projects	ART	Drama
12.45 - 1.30		Lunch				
1.30 - 2.20	5	External	Graphics	Projects	Library / reading	Rewards
2.20 - 2,35	6	Newsround	Book reading	Brain training	Discussion	
2.35 - 2.45		Pit Peak Praise				

Finch day	
Breakfast start of day	8.40 - 9.00
1	9.00 - 9.50
2	9.50 -10.40
Break	10.40-11.00
3	11.00 - 11.50
4	11.50 - 12.40
Lunch	12.45 - 1.30
5	1.30 - 2.20
6	2.20 – 2.35
Pit Peak and Praise	2.35 - 2.45

with ***fortnightly admissions points.**

** Immediate admission the following Monday also considered on emergency referral requests*

Breathing Space Referral procedure

1. Referral sent from home-school with preferred date entry
2. Finch review request
3. Finch contact home school.
4. Home school to organise attendees of admissions meeting and liaise on time with Finch
5. Induction meetings conducted on Thursday / Friday at Finch face to face / zoom

What can our partner schools expect from us?

1. Weekly attendance reports sent to schools
2. A focus on Mathematics and English and competency targets taught through project work and self reflection.
3. A report and conversation at the end of the fixed term period to the home school consisting of a summary of the students progress over their time at Finch, suggesting strategies to encourage a more proactive approach to their learning and targets for their return.
4. Transition catch ups with students
5. Students will be enrolled on to our Finch Alumni with opportunities to be a young Finch mentor and to participate in our open days and outreach programmes
6. Clear communication between all partners
7. Updates to parents and home school.
8. Family coffee mornings at Finch where carers are invited to meet and share experiences

It is people like you that believe in change and that have the courage to make a difference to peoples lives and turn a difficulty in a victory and something positive.

Your commitment to making a better life for and these children will resonate for the rest of their life

*Thank you so much for this and for all the help and advice you gave him. The idea of giving kids who are struggling so much a chance to reset and reflect is brilliant, and we feel *** got a lot out of the experience. He is still making lots of smoothies and is signing up for Muay Thai*

Some Parent feedback

*I can see how much ***** has got from his time spent at FINCH. He's been able to prove to himself what he is capable of regarding school work, as well as equip himself with strategies to 'navigate and manage' the cause and effects' of his behaviour in class*

Your vision, what you see and how you put things across is second to none

Breathing Space Cost: £2,500 per 6 week placement / £11,000 per annual rolling place.

Please contact either:

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