

Most Innovative Special Needs Intervention

Newsome Academy



Newsome Academy is a mainstream secondary school in Huddersfield. It has a deprivation index of 3 and 50% of the cohort are pupil premium / disadvantaged. With almost 800 students in school covering years 7-11, Newsome has 59 students with EHCPs and 141 on the SEND register.

Newsome is a unique secondary school in that it houses 2 resourced provisions. One for students with a hearing impairment and the other for student with a physical impairment. Often these students come with multiple other needs too across all 4 broad areas of need. Newsome also welcomed a special school satellite on site (not included in the numbers) in September. Staff in these provisions are the local authority specialists in hearing and physical impairments and deliver outreach to primary and secondary schools who have students with hearing / physical impairments.

Newsome also houses the internal RISE provision that supports many students with a range of complex needs. There are currently 21 students in the provision across years 7-10 and this number grows year on year. The range of needs supported in this provision are cognition and learning, developmental delay, ASC, ADHD, SEMH, communication and interaction, sensory and physical needs, visual impairment, hearing impairment, SLCN and others. Some of these students are new to country.

Newsome also has a bespoke EAL provision that offers a 12-week immersion programme for those new to country. This provision not only supports students

from an English Language perspective but also supports families to integrate culturally and works with families to support in terms of accessing external service support.

As a school, they also lead on SEND and inclusion across the Trust.