



THE BOXING ACADEMY

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The behaviour of pupils is outstanding. They rapidly settle into their new environment and learn to respond extremely well to the exceptionally high standards of behaviour and discipline expected at the school. As they quickly realise the many benefits, pupils modify their behaviour and attitudes and soon conduct themselves maturely and with self-discipline."

Ofsted Report, 2016



Welcome to the Boxing Academy. This is a boxing family: the staff are caring and totally committed to building relationships with the students, helping them to transform their education.

We offer a full-time alternative education for both boys and girls with a reduced curriculum of six GCSEs or equivalent, and a clear pathway to further education and employment.

100% of our leavers have gained a place in college or on an apprenticeship in the last six years.

Every child can succeed in education with the right support and challenge.

Anna Cain, BA, MSc.
Principal



Our Key Principles

- CONSISTENCY**
boundaries help children feel safe and learn
- PERSISTENCE**
do not give up, there is always hope
- IMMEDIACY**
deal with issues as they arise
- TOUGH LOVE**
discipline and emotional support is vital
- CONFLICT RESOLUTION**
confrontation offers a chance to grow
- CONSEQUENCES**
take responsibility for your actions
- REWARDS**
learn to be successful one step at a time



Our Awards

- 2011**
*Centre for Social Justice Award **
- 2014**
*Pride of Sport Awards: Community Sport Project **
- 2015**
*Investors in People: Best Newcomer (0-49 people) **
- 2016**
*The Charity Awards: Education and Training **
- 2017**
Tes Alternative Provision School of the Year



The Boxing Academy offers a high quality alternative education to even the most hard-to-reach young people, realised through the discipline, ethos and culture of boxing.

Our method is built around creating a secure, consistent and disciplined environment which will enable them to succeed. Our unique model offers nurture and support for young people, placing them in a class of eight students with a dedicated boxer who acts as mentor, teacher support and coach.

Our ethos reflects our origins, that of a boxing gym: a small, comfortable and familial environment with clear boundaries, a system of rewards and an emphasis on discipline, achievement and hard work.



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I have seen a dramatic change since my son has been coming to The Boxing Academy. He is much calmer when he talks to me, and calmer on the street. He has learned so much. Before people said he couldn't learn to manage his temper and his behaviour and he was labelled. Now the labels are lifted off and he is much happier."

Linette, parent of a Boxing Academy pupil



Emotional resilience

Boxing training provides a non-stigmatising, skill-based intervention which successfully improves the wellbeing, academic success, resilience and life opportunities for young people.

It uses targeted physical and mental activities to teach core life skills, focussing on improving executive functions. Sessions such as pad work and bag work are similar to smart gym circuit training and they help with attention and focus, inner state control and working memory.

We employ boxing coaches in this 'Pod Leader' role because young people instinctively look up to and respect the strong role models within the boxing gym who present a positive image of respect for others, discipline, responsibility, a work ethic and good manners.





Attachment-Aware and Trauma-Informed

The Boxing Academy is an attachment-aware school. When young people have experienced abuse, neglect or any other trauma it inhibits their ability to cope with even the most simple requirements of the education system.

The key adult: Pod Leaders

Children with attachment difficulties need a key adult with whom they can build a trusting relationship. Our model uses the boxing coaches - pod leaders - to provide this support and establish a trusting relationship. Secure attachment relationships correlate strongly with higher academic attainment, better self-regulation and social competence, helping them lay the foundation for success in their next stages of education and adult lives.



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Pupils take pride in their school and in their work. Pupils told the inspector that they are now learning very well and getting much better prepared for their futures than had been the case in their previous schools. Their pride is evident in the very neat and tidy ways in which they present their work."

Ofsted Report, 2016



We offer a core curriculum of English and Mathematics GCSE's, alongside Art, RE, Science, and Health & Fitness V-Cert.

In addition, all students study the PSHE award and the ASDAN CoPE Boxing pathway certificate.

GCSE Results 2019

25% of Boxing Academy students achieved grade **4+** in both English and Maths GCSE (National figure for AP was 4.5%)

42% of BA candidates achieved a Grade 4 or above for **English GCSE**

The Boxing Academy's CVA **Progress 8** score is **+0.16** (National average for AP is -3.10)





We offer stretch and challenge to the most able students, but we also cater for many different SEN and behavioural needs with our flexible approach to learning and skilled staff:

- Small group teaching
- Personalised learning for every student
- Specialist Dyslexia support and resources
- Kinaesthetic learning styles
- Classroom support provided for all lessons
- A clear and structured environment giving the students an opportunity to build relationships
- ADHD- and ASD- trained support staff
- SaLT provided for 1-2-1 and whole groups



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Leaders and members of staff passionately believe that through exceptional pastoral support and good teaching, pupils will be successful learners and responsible citizens. They positively deliver on this mission."

Ofsted Report, 2016



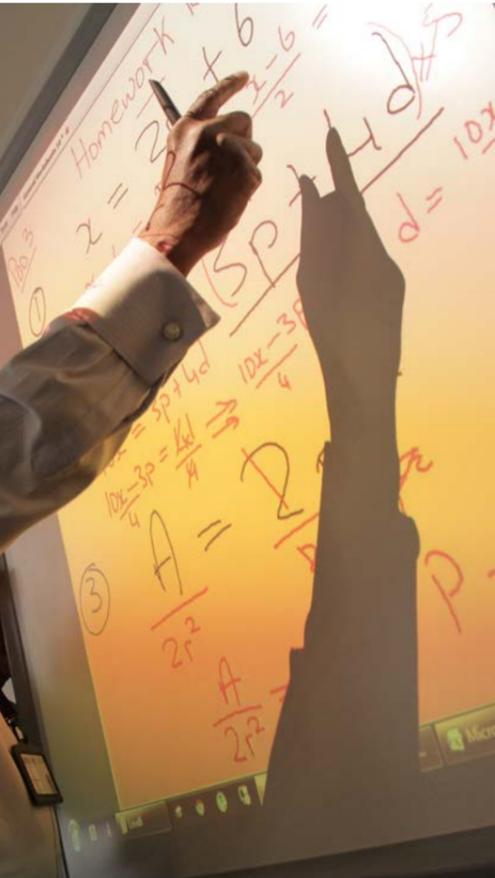
The Boxing Academy is about much more than teaching and learning. We aim to help every student develop a vision for life that will continue to motivate and inspire them long after they leave us.

Every student has access to high-quality careers advice and guidance and we ensure that they have a progression route to follow after they graduate.

We use play-writing and poetry to develop Literacy and we enrich the curriculum with trips to museums, galleries, theatres, and even the opera.

Students regularly enjoy team-building events, trips on the river, go-karting and on the high ropes, and in 2020 we will be taking another Boxing Academy party to go skiing in the Alps.





The Boxing Academy offers a full-time alternative provision pathway for students in Key Stage 4.

Students can be referred direct from mainstream schools for dual registration "pre-exclusion" placements. A QA bundle is provided to schools which covers all aspects of their safeguarding and educational responsibilities.

PRUs or local authorities, including SEN departments and Virtual Schools, can make referrals for single roll placements for students with specific requirements.

The full admissions policy and the funding agreement between the Boxing Academy Trust and the Department for Education is available on our website.



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I got kicked out of school for fighting so at first it didn't make sense to me to be sent to a place where you train in fighting. But now I can see it works. Boxing controls me and I'm not so easily wound up. I walk away from fights on the street because I know the consequences."

Charles, ex-Boxing Academy student



The annual cost for a student with no additional needs is £12,000, invoiced in termly installments.

The annual cost for a student with an EHC plan is £18,000, in addition to their high needs funding as specified on their EHC plan.

If you wish to commission a place please contact Marika Morrison, Head of Student Services, on mmorrison@theboxingacademy.co.uk.

If you wish to consult for an SEN placement please contact the Boxing Academy SENCo Katherine Gill, on senco@theboxingacademy.co.uk.





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