

Buzz Learning Independent Special School

Buzz Learning Independent Special School is a newly-registered school in Ashington, working with pupils aged from 13 to 16 years old. The School is an extension to Buzz's current work with 16-24 year old students who have special educational needs and/ or disabilities. Buzz has been in operation for over 14 years, and is judged 'Good' by Ofsted.

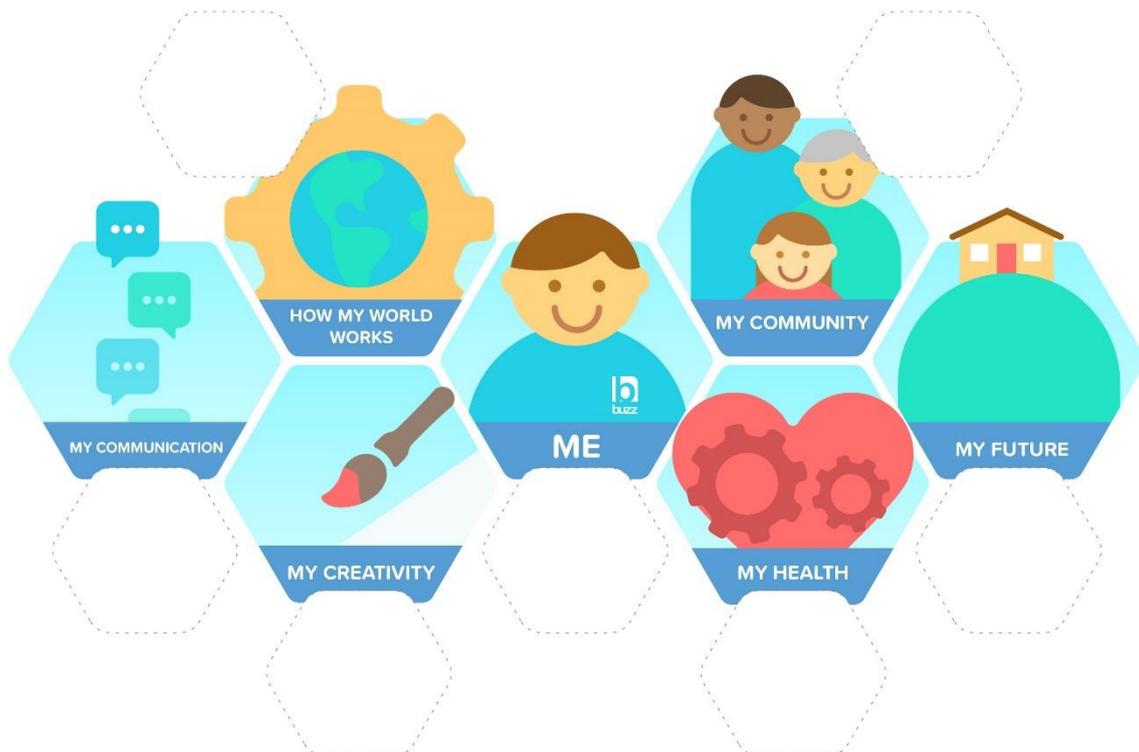
Buzz's Mission is *"Be All You Can!"* This ethos underpins all our work and our staff and volunteers are fully committed to its fulfilment. We are passionate about ensuring that our pupils enjoy their time with us, and that they are prepared well for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

Our School provides education to children who have:

- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- Cognitive and learning needs
- Specific learning difficulties (SpLD)
- Moderate learning difficulties (MLD)
- Communication and interaction needs and
- Speech, language and communication needs (SLCN).

School curriculum

Buzz's curriculum is made up of these seven modules:



Technologies run across all subject areas. All subjects are accredited where relevant.

We recognise that our pupils have a range of needs that can change over time and to best support them the curriculum is highly personalised and continuously reviewed and developed. It aims to provide a broad and balanced experience for our pupils which promotes their spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development. We do not follow the national curriculum at Buzz, and we believe that the flexibility this gives our teachers enables them to focus on teaching what each child needs to fulfil their potential.

The My Communication module enables pupils to develop their social interaction skills, and their spoken and written communication skills. It includes qualifications in, e.g., Functional English Skills and/ or GCSE English.

The How My World Works module enables pupils to develop skills to improve their experience of everyday situations. This includes numeracy, teamwork and problem-solving, improving confidence and self-esteem, behaving appropriately, considering options and making decisions. It includes qualifications in, e.g., Functional Mathematical Skills and/ or GCSE maths, as well as the British Science Association's CREST Awards.

In the My Creativity module, pupils explore how creativity can improve their practical and social skills. Topics include performing music, dance, drama and art; sewing skills; visits to museums, theatres and art galleries, and projects linked to pupils' personal interests.

The My Community module encourages pupils to play an active role within the school community and the local community outside of Buzz. This includes celebrating British culture and other cultures from around the world, visits to places of interest, and taking on buddying and/ or leadership roles within Buzz.

The My Health module focuses on developing the skills to make healthy choices and to keep safe in everyday life. This includes pupils taking care of their physical and mental wellbeing – cooking healthy meals, learning and using coping strategies, and taking part in physical education sessions. It includes qualifications in, e.g., Independent Living Skills and Catering.

The My Future module focuses on preparing for adult life, including next steps after school. Pupils receive careers guidance from the age of 13 and can take part in vocational tasters, develop skills in employability, independent travel, budgeting and other areas of independent living.

The Me module is made up of areas for development personal to each pupil and which require additional support, some of which may be 1:1 and/ or specialised. This can range from personalised behaviour support to support to pass a driving theory test and to apply for a provisional licence.

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