

“staff provide pupils with exceptional pastoral support...all staff go to great lengths to keep pupils as safe as possible” **OFSTED June 2021**

## The Edge Pledge

### We WILL support students to be:

- **SAFE** – to make positives choices to keep themselves and others safe.
- **READY** – to succeed in the world beyond school.
- **RESPECTFUL** – to treat and value others as equal individuals.

### We WILL ensure our students are successful by:

1. Understanding their individual social, emotional and behavioural needs, focusing on their happiness and safety by nurturing their self-esteem.
2. Teaching the importance of respecting and valuing other people and their environment.
3. Seizing opportunities within and beyond the national curriculum to support learning and enhance development.

### We WILL bring the best out of our students by:

1. Helping them fulfil academic potential by re-engaging them in learning.
2. Enabling each of them to understand and adopt a healthy, active and environmentally friendly lifestyle.
3. Listening and responding flexibly so each individual can achieve their potential.

**Safe, Ready, Respectful**

“teachers adapt and personalise the school’s curriculum skilfully in response to pupils’ needs”  
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## The CONNECT Programme

**CONNECT** at The Edge is a behaviour focused nurture programme with a blended approach of academic support. The emphasis is placed on therapeutic principles for the social and emotional development of the young person.

With the intention of developing young people to successfully connect and engage with positive learning experiences, the **CONNECT programme** focuses on supporting students in up-skilling across the 8 essential skills of the Skills Builder framework.



The **CONNECT programme** is a carefully constructed package with individual student pre-visits to the young person’s commissioning school by Edge staff, followed by 8 weeks of Edge based provision and then tailored after-care support once reintegrated back to the young person’s commissioning school.

The **CONNECT programme** is an outcome orientated provision that aims to engage the disengaged through;

- Nurture group reflective activities with designated member of staff
- Wellbeing activities to support team work, cooperation and communication between peers.

“reading is a high priority and pupils receive intensive support to improve their reading skills” **OFSTED June 2021**

- Participation in AQA Unit Award Scheme units carefully selected and sequenced to support agreed individual aims and targets of support programme.
- Practical challenge activities to raise self-belief, esteem and sense of motivation.
- English, Maths and Science lesson delivery.
- Access to individual mentoring and/or psychotherapist sessions
- Completion of neurodiversity profiling by the Edge with outcomes shared to referring school.
- Completion of the Boxall profile
- Regular and enhanced communication with families to support progress and shares success.
- Bespoke reward programme to support effective decision making and key learning behaviours.

### Where does your child have opportunities to build their essential skills?

As a parent or carer, you are best placed to support your child to recognise all of the different places where they are developing their essential skills. Hobbies, interests, community connections and activities at home can all help support The Edge **CONNECT Programme** to build the eight essential skills your child needs now and for their future success.

**ALL** Edge students are provided **FREE OF CHARGE** with their own personal locker; all meals, break snacks and drinks; lesson stationary and writing materials and all trips, visits and enrichment activities.

**Connecting with learning**