

Meet Mr Bourne!

My name is Mr Bourne. I'm the SENCO at Cheslyn Hay Academy and have had this role for three years. I am also an Assistant Headteacher at the school. I'm passionate about helping all of the students with their learning needs at Cheslyn Hay Academy, so that they feel confident about their learning and enjoy coming to school. I teach Science at the Academy and enjoy in my spare time walking my dog 'Buddy' and I also coach football for an under 11 team!

SEND Provision at Cheslyn Hay

The transition from Primary school to Secondary school for SEND students can often be more daunting than it is for their peers. SEND provision at Secondary school is very different to primary schools so it does take some getting used to.

The provision we offer is focused on quality first teaching: all of the staff who teach you knowing the best strategies to get the most out of all students and their learning. Each student who has identified SEND needs will be placed on our SEND register and each of them will have a student learning profile generated. This is shared with staff and forms an ongoing document highlighting the best practice to use in class and what targets students are working towards.

Students who aren't currently on the register may be added later if we think they have a need in one of **4** identified areas. These are **Communication and Interaction, Cognition and Learning, Physical or sensory needs** and **Social, Emotional and Mental Health** challenges. Within the first couple of weeks we will also review the register and will add or remove people to and from the register as needed.

There are only a small number of teaching assistants at Cheslyn Hay Academy, usually joining classes to support someone who has an EHCP. If you struggle with your reading then you may have a small group, reading intervention workshops to continue to strengthen in this area. For most learning support, though, the best thing to do is work with your classroom teachers as the experts in their area to help you to improve.

We have a number of different teams working to support you and we work closely with the pastoral team and attendance team to make sure everything is right for you during your time at school. We have a student support centre where this support can take place and is a quiet place for you to work.

Outreach - Additional contact with school

SEND Mr Bourne



This is the stage of the transition process where we make contact with your primary school teachers and SENCOs. I have completed this role for three years and this has given me an opportunity to form long lasting, positive relationships with our primary school counterparts. We started the process of collecting information about students as soon as we received notification of offers from Staffordshire County Council. We collect information on their learning needs and based on this may offer additional transition sessions for SEND students to provide an enhanced transition. We will determine who needs some additional transition support by working with primary schools to make sure you all have a smooth journey into Cheslyn Hay Academy: I look forward to meeting you all soon!

