

Muntham House School's Local Offer to the Community:



Muntham House School, Barns Green, Horsham, West Sussex.



Is a specialist boarding and day school for boys aged 5-18 with emotional and social difficulties which affect their learning and behaviour.



The School has an excellent reputation and has been judged by OFSTED as **Outstanding or Good** for the last 20 years. Muntham has also picked up international awards from the British Council.



Muntham House has a history of successful partnership working with local schools, Care services, other public services and Further Education colleges.



Muntham House School has an excellent reputation with local and national employers, Further Education colleges and universities where our young people continue to thrive and become successful citizens and taxpayers.

Muntham House is a non-maintained boarding and day specialist school set up by the Ministry of Education in 1953 and has a long tradition of partnership working with all of the local authorities in the South and South East of England. We welcome the New Children and Families Act and the attendant SEND Code of Practice and in particular the new development of a **Local Offer** to Parents and others for the support of young people with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**.

What Does Muntham House School Community Do?

Muntham House School has a local, regional, national and international reputation for innovative practice, successful outcomes for young people and training professionals in managing challenging behaviour. Our mission is to provide a **safe happy and caring environment** within which young people create new behaviours which help them go forward successfully in to their community.

Muntham House School was recognised as a Specialist Special School in 2006 and received the prestigious Investors in Careers award in 2008 and 2011. In partnership with the British Council it has pioneered curriculum projects with schools in East Africa in particular Kenya and Uganda. For our work in global curriculum projects Muntham was awarded runner up prize in the International Schools award in 2011.

Muntham House School was a founder member of the National Association of Special Schools (NASS) and Engage in their Future organisations, which facilitate peer-to-peer and school collaboration in furthering the educational support offered to young people with special needs and disabilities. The school has been involved in a number of research programmes undertaken by the Audit Commission and collective projects under the aegis of the DfE, which included National College for School Leadership, Universities of Bath, Bristol and Cardiff and the Institute of Education at London University.

National DfE Projects such as established professional learning communities recognised Muntham House School as an exemplar learning community. Muntham House School provides a wide range of curriculum activities, vocational programmes and work in partnership with other schools and establishments which facilitate outstanding, inclusive and enriching practice. The school offers extensive training programmes and facilities which are in regular use by local and regional organisations involved in special education and education in general.

Who does Muntham provide for?

Muntham House School provides for young people, with Social and Emotional difficulties such as ADHD and Asperger's Syndrome and in training professionals in managing challenging behaviour. The Muntham Community mission is to provide a safe, happy and caring environment within which young people develop new behaviours, which help them go forward successfully in to their community.....'**pupils are well prepared for leaving school and when they do, they have the skills to attract potential employers'** (Ofsted 2008)



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In recent years Ofsted has judged the school as outstanding in all aspects of its education and care. ***"A school with staff that are totally dedicated to the needs of all the children. A top school in my son's and our eyes. Keep up the good work." Parent***

Family support for those with challenging children is a practised and popular service the school provides, Muntham also offers extensive training programmes and facilities in regular use by **local and regional organisations involved in special education** and education in general.



The Support, Counselling and Therapeutic provision of the School:

Counselling Young People

Bereavement Counselling

Substance Misuses Counselling

Speech and Language Therapy

Drama-therapy

Crisis Intervention

Behavioural Management

Horsemanship & Equine Therapy

Drumming Therapy

Educational Psychology Assessments

Psychiatric Assessments

Emotional Freedom Technique

Transpersonal Art Therapy

Sound Therapy

Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)

Restorative Justice

Nurture Groups

Family Intervention Work, Reconciliation and Restoration



Summary of services to the Parents, Families, Young People and Communities of the Horsham/Billingshurst Locality, West Sussex County & South /South-East Region.

- **Boarding and day 38 weekly education care and therapy, for up to 60 students**
- **Short term Intervention programmes;** including temporary respite programmes, restoration programmes and short term placements.
- **Assessment** including Education Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language, Psychiatric Assessment.
- **Individual and Group Counselling & Therapy** including Art, Music, Play, Drama, Group Counselling, Cognitive Behaviour, Horsemanship and Equine therapy.
- **Family Support** including general advice on SEND issues, Assessment for Social Care , Family Therapy, Crisis intervention, Bereavement counselling, Reparative Nurturing Groups and Boxall profiling.
- **For Schools and Services;** Outreach support, Training on Social and Emotional disabilities, including ADHD and aspects of autism in particular Asperger's Syndrome, Curriculum development and Activities for those with Challenging Behaviour.
- **Induction**, for newly qualified teachers, Governors and support staff, CPD for public services in behaviour management.
- **Alternative Curriculum** courses in Construction (including Basic Skills Training and Group Therapy).

Where is Muntham located?

Muntham House School, Barns Green, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 0NJ www.muntham.org.uk

Simply call the school's support office on 01403 730302, or email your issue to localoffer@muntham.org.uk marked LOCAL OFFER SUPPORT. We will take it from there.

How are decisions made about who can use the services Muntham House School provides?

For all levels of support, the fact that Muntham is both a state school and independent of local authority control, means that we can act **on a case by case basis** and respond to your needs **within 24 hours** of your initial contact with the school. Muntham has a calendar of training events for Parents and Carers, Young people, Schools, Local Authorities and Public and Voluntary or Independent Services. We also offer bespoke training for all of your support needs, just call the school on 01403 730302 or email: localoffer@muntham.org.uk marked **Local Offer**.

If the issue is about placing your son at the school, Muntham House will only consider young people who are referred through your local authority, however we are happy to meet with you at Muntham, prior to you working with your local authority about placing your son at Muntham House.

How does Muntham House communicate with service users and how are they involved in decision making/planning?

- All young people admitted to the school are supported through a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education Health and Care plan, which is regularly reviewed by all stakeholders in the plan.
- Muntham House School uses the National Contract for services applicable to residential and day special schools which can be found at the following address http://www.nasschools.org.uk/national_schools_contract.aspx
- All programmes of support and training are reviewed through a service level agreement drawn up in partnership with service users to identify specific outcomes

What training are the staff supporting children and young people with SEND had or are having?

- All staff are fully trained with a full year induction at Muntham House School
- Muntham House also offers 21 days of training to staff to maintain their credential and relevance in their areas of expertise.
- Currently Care staff are all qualified at least to N.V.Q. Level 3 in Child Care, although many have Graduate Qualifications in Psychology, Sociology or Education
- All teaching staff are Graduates most with post graduate qualifications in Special Educational Needs
- All of our therapy department and associates are highly experienced and qualified practitioners
- A FULL list of staff and their qualifications is available from the school office.