

FAQ's

Where is the PLC?

The Personalised Learning Centre is at the junction of Victoria Street and Sudell Road.

Are PLC students an integral part of DACA?

The Personalised Learning Centre cohort includes the Academy Deputy Head Boy and several Lead students. As each student's curriculum is personalised over 90% of the cohort have lessons on the main academy site. All PLC students attend DACA assemblies and extra curricular activities.

Can students achieve academic success with the PLC?

Most definitely yes, this is what makes the Personalised Learning Centre so unique. During the last academic year 30% of our Year 10 Cohort achieved a Grade A*- C in Mathematics or English and 10% achieved Grade A* - C in Mathematics and English. We are anticipating that these figures will significantly rise when this cohort complete further examinations this academic year.

How can the Centre support the community?

The Personalised Learning Centre resources and teacher expertise will be soon be available to all the people of Darwen. Within this academic year we intend to run after school hours sessions to support the community in developing their own academic and vocational skills where relevant improving employment opportunities.



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What is the Personalised Learning Centre?

The Personalised Learning Centre offers every student a flexible curriculum that is tailored to meet all of their needs. All PLC students are encouraged to follow their passion and receive support in overcoming any potential barriers to success.

Where a student has a talent which lies away from conventional study we can help find the appropriate expertise which ensures that this talent is nurtured and developed. Career guidance and Work Skills opportunities are investigated and as a result each student has a clearer direction on their route to success.

Within every student's personalised timetable there is a clear emphasis on academic qualifications. Our ability to be flexible means that these sessions can be positioned in such a way as to create a truly balanced curriculum.

What else can the centre offer?

Academic Qualifications

Students attending the centre will still receive qualified tuition in Mathematics, English and Science. The centre recognises the need for students to achieve their full potential in these subjects and will find

alternative ways of delivering the curriculum using innovative techniques and cross curricular activities. This approach helps engage students who may otherwise find conventional teaching methods difficult to access.

Nurture Group

Within the centre we can help equip young people with the necessary skills in preparation for adult life. If necessary students will be taught how to cook, iron, use washing machines, dryers, kettles and will also be made aware of how to make a home a hygienic environment.. Additionally they may receive expert guidance on banking skills such as writing cheques, and paying utility bill. Students will leave the centre fully prepared for the challenges that adult life will give them. We see it as our duty to give them the skills to become financially independent later in life.

Counselling

The centre will house a full time fully qualified counsellor to offer support and reassurance to our young people when they are experienc-



Work Experience

Where applicable students will be offered work based placements that are related to their chosen vocational subject. In doing this we hope give them invaluable experience and enhance their awareness of the work place environment.

Entrepreneurship Sessions

Students attending the centre will be encouraged to embrace the entrepreneurship ethos of the Academy. Whatever their passion, we will endeavour to support them develop it through the teaching of problem solving skills and business management strategies.



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