



# Prospectus

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# Bespoke Education

Blackwell Education provides Alternative Provision for secondary aged students with varying levels of need.

Baseline assessment and diagnostic testing ensures accurate, ability-appropriate starting points and allows a bespoke education package to be created for each individual student.

Social, emotional and mental health assessments are also completed to ensure that a holistic support package (as involved as the student wishes) can be put in place for the individual whilst in our setting.



## How we do it.....

### Alternative Provision

Our Barbering, Hair & Beauty provision is set in excellent facilities in the centre of Altrincham, thanks to market leaders Bert & Bert. The provision allows students to start studying a vocation which they are interested in moving into when they leave education, whilst also continuing and supplementing their existing maths, English and ICT studies.

The provision offers a calm and safe working environment, including lunch and travel package, that helps to equip students with both the specialist and life skills needed to progress after education and training.



## Who we are

Blackwell Education, named after the late Elizabeth Blackwell who amongst a great many other things was a pioneer and champion of social justice and equality, is a specialist educational setting that aims to offer alternative education for anyone who requires it no matter what their background or complex needs.

We base our understanding of challenging behaviour and disadvantage on the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) model and work with students in a nurturing way to alleviate the effects of past trauma and negative experiences allowing access to learning. We also understand that all behaviour is a form of communication and look to treat each student as an individual who deserves our time, patience and care.

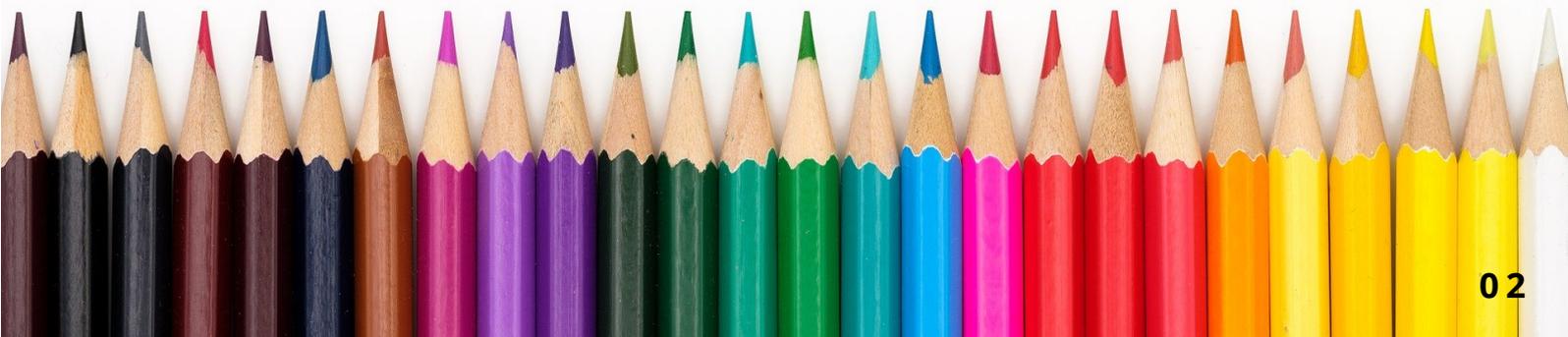
## The provision provides qualifications and training for:

- Functional skills maths & English (utilising tutors and the BKSB platform)
- ICT
- Employability skills
- Fully accredited Barbering, Hair & Beauty qualification (up to Level 2)
- Mixed Martial Arts, Manchester Top Team
- Music and Music Production



## Specialist Outreach

For those students who have spent time away from an educational setting we can provide education in a familiar and safe setting, helping students to re-engage with education and take the first steps back into an appropriate, full-time education setting. In addition to academic support, we also offer mentor packages which aim to help support students with their self-esteem, anxiety, and any other social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) issues individuals may have.

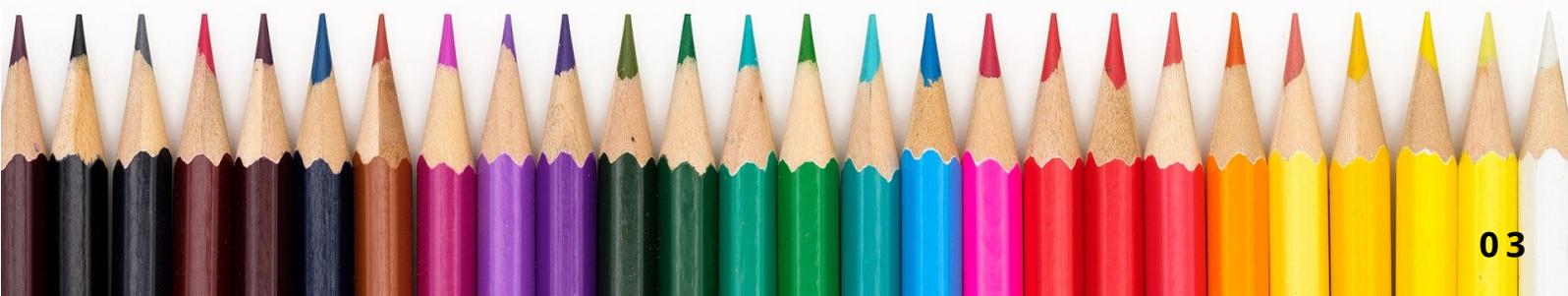


# Mixed Martial Arts, Manchester Top Team

## Day Placement Available with our Partners Manchester Top Team (MTT)

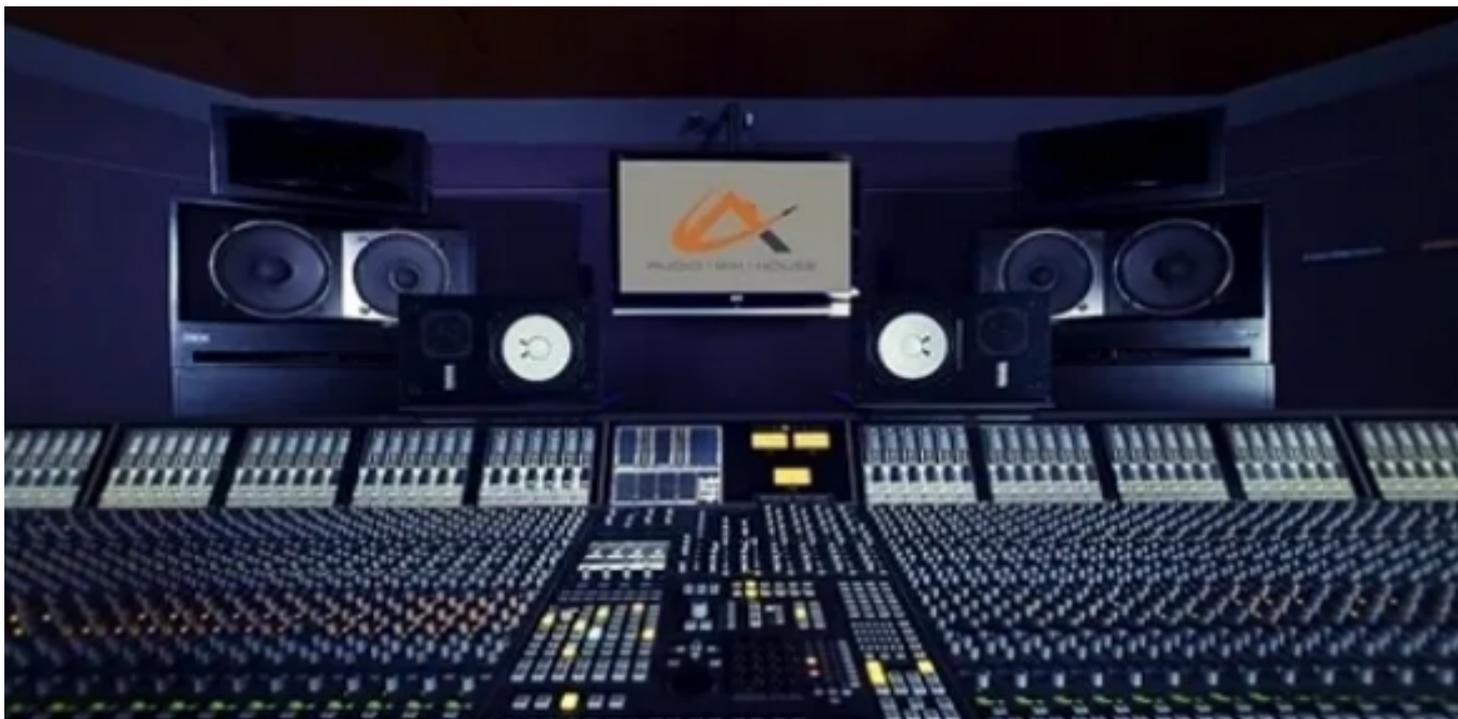
Based in Ashton Under-Lyne, MMT provide market leading professional MMA training from highly qualified staff members. At MMT technique and execution are developed along with a strong adherence to focus, discipline, respect, teamwork and team spirit.

Since its inception in 2019, MMT has showcased a wealth of talent on the regional and international circuit at both professional and amateur levels. As well as having a healthy stable of competitors the mats are also home to any and all members of the local community due to our outreach efforts and welcoming environment.



# Music and Music Production

## Sound Engineering



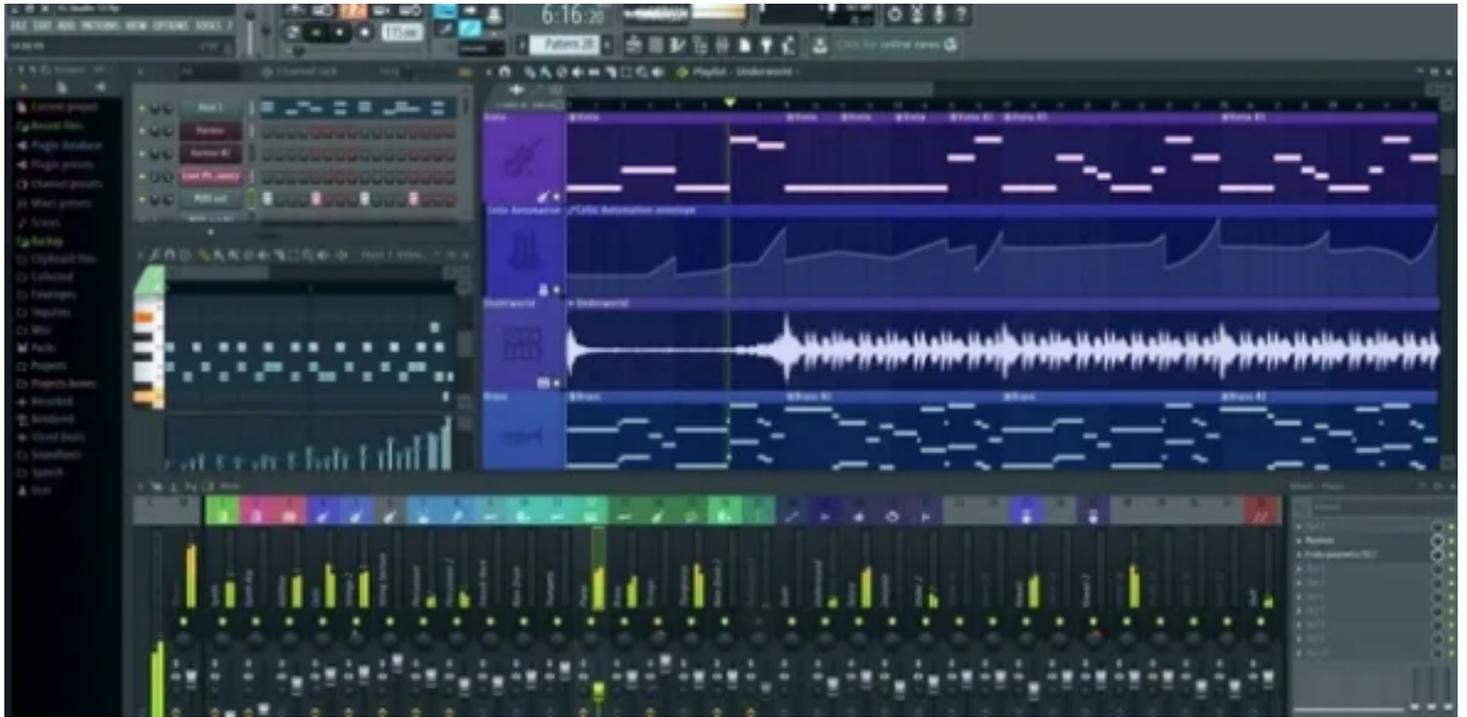
We offer a state of the art music studio that is fully equipped with everything a young budding sound engineer will need to immerse themselves in the subject alongside industry professionals and mentors.

## Learning and development of playing an instrument

If you have your heart set on becoming a live performer, sessional artist or want to improve your ability with a particular instrument we can offer a course for you with a wide range of instruments for you to try out and then have lessons with.



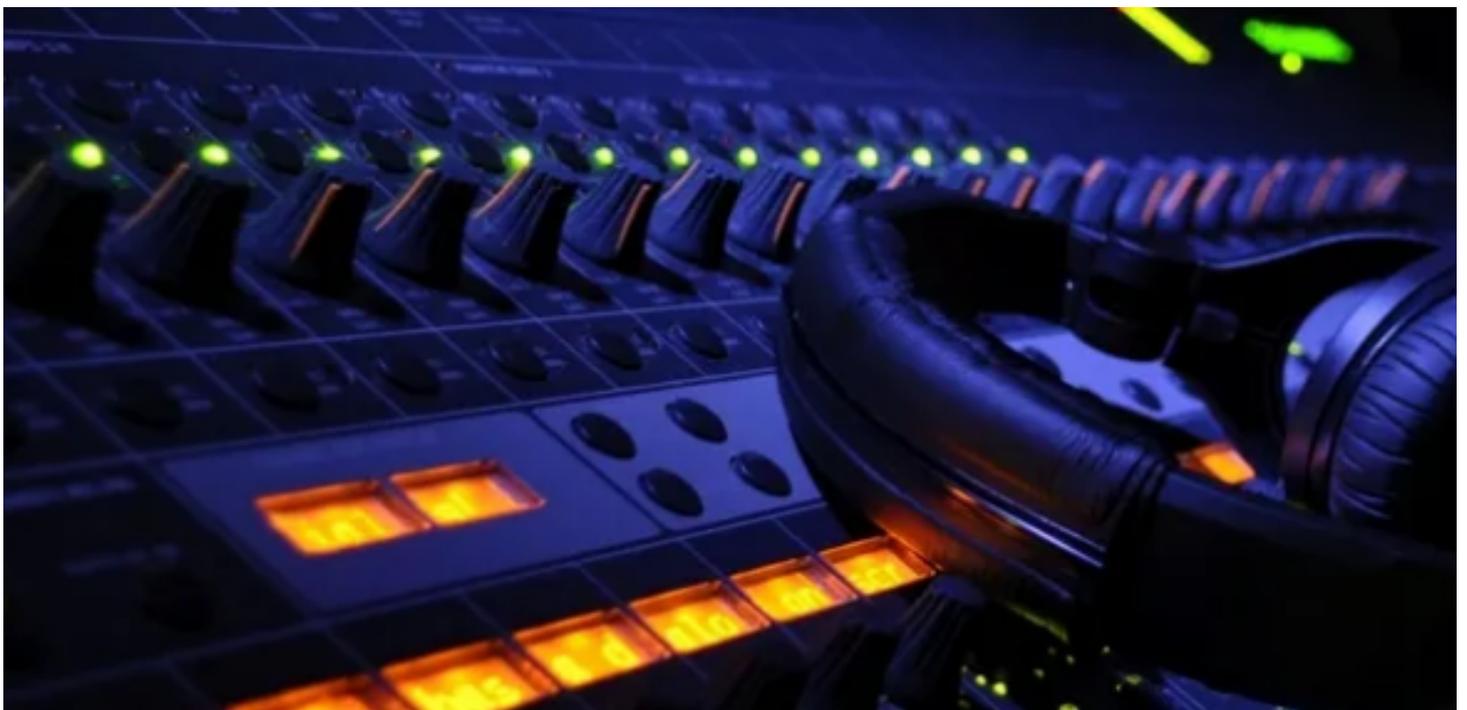
# Music Production



For the future music producers we can offer a full suit of production software using high quality Apple hardware. Fully trained staff and mentors can accommodate all levels of ability from total beginner to expert producers, leading students on to further education or apprenticeships following completion of our accredited qualifications.

## Creating live electronic music and DJ'ing

If live electronic music or DJ'ing for the masses is more your thing we also have a full suite of electronic equipment along with CD/Vinyl decks and mixers.



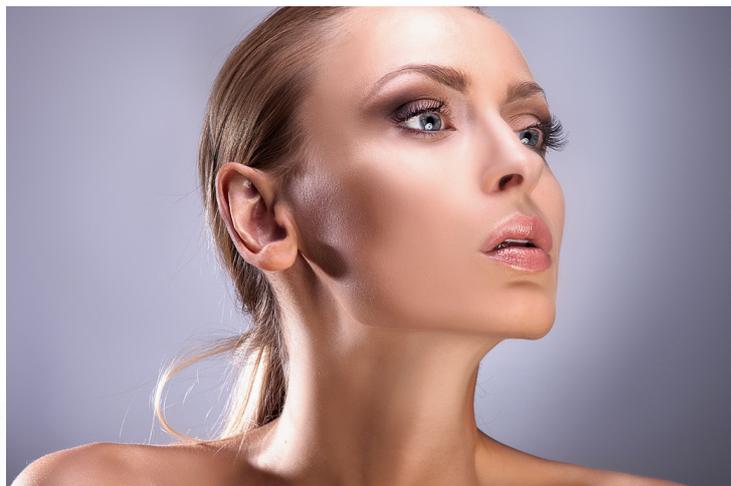
## Post 16 offer - for students with an Educational Health Care Plan



Blackwell Education now offers placements to students wishing to pursue careers in vocational areas within a specialist setting. All our courses are delivered in small, bespoke, and nurturing settings with full focus on the individual. We understand that large institutions are not everyone's preferred choice which is why we are here to offer an alternative.

Courses currently offered by Blackwell Education are:

- Hairdressing and Barbering
- Beauty Nails and Spa Therapy
- Sport, Active Health and Fitness



All our vocational courses include maths & English functional skills entry as standard as well as access to our full suite of standardised progress assessments and social / emotional development mentoring workshops so that we can offer a full holistic approach to student progress.

# The tools we use

At Blackwell Education we use a range of tools to help teach, support, assess and evaluate student progress. We do this in terms of academic progress and that of social, emotional and mental health. We look to tailor our education to meet individual needs and ensure they have the tools needed to thrive.

We do this by utilising the following:

- A teach first approach with a high teacher to student ratio
- A bespoke virtual learning platform (BKSB) that initially assesses ability level, identifies knowledge gaps - using diagnostic software - and generates appropriate learning resources (see right)
- Highly qualified vocational tutors with extensive experience of working in the relevant sector
- An Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) informed approach to student welfare and communication
- Mentoring systems - Boxall Profiling which fits within the ACE model to help assess underlying factors affecting engagement and resilience
- Using GL Assessment software, we can provide CAT4 assessment, dyslexia and dyscalculia screening, standardised progress testing in maths, English, and science, baseline, and diagnostic testing
- E-portfolios for all vocational qualifications to ensure that students can access their work from wherever they are, providing they have access to the internet

**FOCUS Functional Skills**

 English (Legacy) FOCUS Functional Skills	 English (Reforms) FOCUS Functional Skills
 Maths (Legacy) FOCUS Functional Skills	 Maths (Reforms) FOCUS Functional Skills

**GCSE Achieve**

 GCSE English Reading GCSE Achieve	 GCSE English Writing GCSE Achieve
 GCSE Number GCSE Achieve	 GCSE Algebra GCSE Achieve
 GCSE Ratio, Proportion & Rates of Change GCSE Achieve	 GCSE Geometry & Measure GCSE Achieve
 GCSE Probability & Statistics GCSE Achieve	

 Whole and Negative Numbers	 Add, Subtract, Multiply and Divide
 Fractions, Decimals and Percentages	 Add and Subtract Decimals
 Ratio Problems	 Formulae
 Length, Weight, Capacity and Temperature	 Money

## The Boxall Profile helps with:

 <p><b>Early identification and assessment</b></p> <p>Supporting staff to develop their observational skills and their understanding of children and young people's difficulties.</p>	 <p><b>Target setting and intervention</b></p> <p>Setting individualised, achievable targets that reinforce target behaviour and skills.</p>	 <p><b>Tracking progress</b></p> <p>Helping staff review children and young people's target behaviour.</p>
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