

CLERVAUX GARDEN SCHOOL

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Clervaux Garden School is a unique and exciting new school. Nestled on our 100 acre biodynamic farm, our holistic curriculum provides the skills, experience and context necessary for young people aged 10-19 years with complex social, emotional, behavioural, learning differences including Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) and disabilities, to flourish and thrive in modern society. Our school is a place of therapeutic learning and growing

which brings together hand, heart and head to support personal development and progression.

The Vision and Values of our parent trust, Ruskin Mill, resonate through everything we do at Clervaux Garden School; We believe that each individual has the potential to shape their own future through experiencing meaningful relationships with universe, earth and people.

- **We value** inclusive learning and living activities that integrate practical activity, thinking and our emotions.
- **We value** mutual respect and we strive to understand all people's differences and uniqueness.
- **We value** the capacity for re-imagination present in all people, towards positive change and development.
- **We value** openness, goodwill, tolerance and treating individuals with dignity and respect.



INCLUSIVE CURRICULUM

The curriculum at Clervaux Garden School offers a balance of academic, artistic, and practical activities. We believe that education should develop the whole person intellectually, socially, emotionally, encourage their innate curiosity and result in a love of learning. Our unique educational method is Practical Skills Therapeutic Education (PSTE) is used at every Ruskin Mill Trust site. This internationally renowned and research-based method has a positive impact on young peoples physical development as well as their mental wellbeing. Furthermore it enables them to develop skills across a wide range of areas. Engagement in PSTE helps students to overcome previous barriers to learning, become skilled through doing purposeful activities and contribute to the community. Our young people engage in a craft and land based curriculum as well as academic studies. This prepares students for accessing Functional Skills or GCSE qualifications at KS4 or KS5, as well as accreditation in a range of animal care, horticulture and craft based qualifications.



THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION

Therapies are delivered as an integral part of the curriculum at Clervaux Garden School and include individual therapies based on the students' bespoke needs and Education Health & Care Plan requirements. The varied range of therapies we use compliment learning and help to break down emotional barriers to educational environments and learning.

GUIDING THE JOURNEY

We appoint key members of staff to work with our students and their parents /carers to prepare meaningful targets in preparation for the next stage of their personal journey.

Whether our young people are moving on to a college within Ruskin Mill Trust, local further education, or a work placement, our staff are on hand to support and guide throughout the transition period.

RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

From September 2019 onwards, Clervaux Garden School will provide specialist residential accommodation at our dedicated Children's Home for children aged 10+. This provision, set on a working farm just 20 minutes from the school, is in a fantastic location to offer young people the best opportunities to access both the urban and rural North East, in a quiet countryside setting.

We can offer flexible placements to suit the needs of our young people, from weekly residential accommodation to 52 week placements. A 24 hour curriculum, focusing on keeping safe, communication and interaction, and independent living skills is provided to ensure our young residents can benefit fully from their time with us.

CONTACT US

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Our central admissions team is dedicated to supporting you through the process and answer any questions you might have. Applications are invited all year round.

Some additional information about our provisions can be found on the website where you can also find details about upcoming open days. We encourage you to speak to our admissions team to visit any of our provisions and meet some key staff before completing an application form.

