

## Welcome letter from Head of School

Continuum School Hartlepool is a purpose built training and vocational centre which welcomed its first pupil back in October 2007 and has since provided education for a wide range and number of pupils.

Pupils who attend the Hartlepool School can follow the national curriculum however we also have facilities to offer an alternative curriculum designed to meet the individual needs of our young people.

We want each of our pupils to enjoy coming to school, to enjoy learning and to take advantage of all the opportunities and activities offered to them to bring out the best of their abilities.

Pupils can achieve success by working up through Unit Awards, Entry Level certificates and to full GCSE's. We also recognise traditional routes are not always appropriate so pupils can also engage in alternatives such as Btec and ASDAN qualifications. The school has worked hard to create individualised timetables for our students. All lessons have built in with activity sessions which offer the opportunity for our pupils to enjoy and achieve.

Our school has a maximum capacity of 24 pupils and can welcome pupils from the ages of 10 to 16. We have a varied staff team who all offer different skills and qualities from traditional teachers to vocational tutors, the staff at the school specialise in re-engaging and encouraging the abilities of those young people who attend our school. Please contact us if you would like more information.

*Rob Edminson*

Head of School  
Continuum School Hartlepool

The Continuum School Hartlepool is situated on the outskirts of the town in a purpose built centre. Nearby towns and cities include: Billingham (8 miles); Stockton-on-Tees (10 miles) Middlesbrough (12 miles); Durham (17 miles); Sunderland (21 miles). Darlington (25 miles), Newcastle upon Tyne (30 miles).

Address: Unit E, Sovereign Park, Brenda Road, Hartlepool, TS25 1NN  
Phone: 01429 224 965  
Head of School: Rob Edminson

Head of Education: Julie Barnes, 11a Yorkshire St, Rochdale OL16 1BH

DfE Registration Number: 805/6002  
Unique reference number (URN): 135424



# Staff List

School Manager  
Regional Operations Manager  
Deputy Head Teacher  
Teacher  
Teacher / Interventions Manager  
Teacher  
Instructor  
Instructor  
Cleaner  
Regional Administration

Rob Edminson  
Lorna Fearon  
Jonathan Finnigan  
Craig Davies  
Paul Barnfather  
Ben Steele  
Gary Vaughan  
Leisa Cooper  
Katherine Downing  
Lindsay Rudkin

The Continuum School Hartlepool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced CRB check is required for all posts within the school.



## Lesson Planning and Schedules

The Continuum School Hartlepool operates a thirty period, five day teaching week that is divided into an six lesson day.

## Curriculum

The school curriculum follows the National Curriculum but each students learning program is tailored to personalise their learning according to their needs and ability. The National Curriculum and subjects taught at the school include; Maths, English, Science, PSHE, Citizenship, History, Food Technology and Art. Teachers plan work in their subject areas to meet the student's needs as set out in their Individual Education Plans and to prepare students for a range of public examination that will provide proof of their success.

### Key Stage 3

The work in each subject area is designed to ensure that every student has the opportunity to progress at a rate which matches their ability whilst challenging them to extend their understanding further.

### Key Stage 4

Students in Years 10 and 11 follow the core subjects of English, Maths and Science at examination level. There is also a great deal of emphasis on preparing our young people for the life in the adult world. Personal, Social and Health Education (including Sex & Relationship Education), Work Experience, career planning and life skills are compulsory learning.

*Full details of curriculum policy are available on request*

*Full details of the Sex & Relationships Education policy are available on request*

### Examination Accreditation

The Continuum School Hartlepool is accredited to provide examinations by the following boards: AQA, EDEXCEL, OCR, BTEC and ASDAN.

## Destination of Leavers & Academic Results 2009/2010

Name	LA	Leaving date	Where too
AM	Middlesbrough	23.07.10	Middlesbrough College
SC	Stockton	17.07.10	Stockton Riverside College
AJ	Stockton	23.07.10	Stockton Riverside College
CW	Newcastle	17.07.10	VOX Centre Stockton
GW	Stockton	17.07.10	VOX Centre Stockton
CG	Oxford	25.06.10	Northampton College
CL	Stockton	26.06.10	NACRO

Subject	Grade
GCSE MATHS	G
Entry Level Maths	Entry 3
Entry Level English	Entry 3
GCSE English	E
GCSE Food Tech	F
ASDAN	Bronze Certificate
BTEC Skills for Working Life	Level 2
Entry Level English	Entry 2
GCSE MATHS	U
Entry Level English	Entry 2

# School Day and Holidays

## Example School Timetable

**Time Table Example**

	9.00- 9.15	9.15-10.00	10.00-10.45	11.00-11.45	12.45-1.30	1.30-2.15	2.15-3.00
				L U N C H			
<u>KS3</u> <u>KS2</u>	Tutorials	Maths	English	Humanities	SCI	Modern Foreign Language	Vocational Training
<u>KS4</u> <u>Year10</u>	Tutorials	Vocational Training	ICT	English	Vocational Training	SCI	Maths
<u>KS4</u>	Tutorials		Vocational Training Food Tech	Food Tech	KS & DS Sports Award	KS & DS Sports Award	KS & DS Sports Award
<u>KS3</u>	Tutorials	English	SCI	Maths	YT & AW Hair & Beauty	YT & AW Hair & Beauty	YT & AW Hair & Beauty
		English	SCI	ICT	Modern Foreign Language	Vocational Training	Humanities
				B R E A K			

## Quotes From Our Students

KS – Year 11 student

"I started attending the Hartlepool School in September 2011. I am currently a year 11 pupil and after a rocky start I have managed to build some positive relationships with my teachers and have made some friends. The teachers helped me overcome some of my fears about education and to date I am on track to achieve qualifications in Maths, English, Science, ICT, PE, Asdan Cope award, B-tec in Practical skills and first aid."

DW – Year 10 student

"My attendance at my old school was not very good and under 50% as I found it hard to get to school on time. At the Hartlepool school I have a flexible timetable which lets me start at 10am. My attendance has improved and is now around 70%."

CH – year 9 student

"Since coming to the Hartlepool School I have really enjoyed my English work. Recently I have been learning all about the highwayman. I have recently completed my 50 point reward chart where I was given a £10 voucher for Argos. I also like how if we are good and do well in our lessons we get to go fishing."

## Quote from a Residential Home which receives Outreach Support

Both our boys had disengaged from education and were not attending any provision. Continuum Hartlepool school immediately addressed this with bespoke packages for both of them. As a result, one of the children attends school daily and the other has a specialised package with teaching staff visiting the home coupled with a vocational package of learning.

Both boys have engaged with the excellent teaching staff at the school due to the teaching staff's excellent interpersonal skills which have broken down the children's barrier to achievement. "He's mint" is the children's opinion of a teacher's last visit. Both year 10 children are on course to achieve GCSE passes next year and also vocational qualifications. The Children's Home Manager believes "It is the school's ability to adapt to the needs of the child and respond with education which is fit for purpose that has allowed the children to engage and thrive in Continuum School".



# Complaints Policy and Procedure

The school recognises that there will be occasions when students, carers, parents or placing authorities are unhappy with an aspect of the school. This policy is designed to help you to raise concerns in an appropriate manner and ensure that each complaint will be listened to and dealt with fairly. (There is a more comprehensive Continuum Care and Education Complaints Policy available on request please see Appendix I.)

The Headteacher would like to:

- encourage problems to be dealt with informally wherever possible;
  - ensure that students, carers and parents fully understand what the procedures are;
  - make sure that all complaints are dealt with swiftly;
  - respect everyone's right to confidentiality
- Please address all complaints to the School Manager, Rob Edminson, Continuum School Hartlepool, Unit E, Sovereign Park, Brenda Road, Hartlepool, TS25 1NN
  - If the complaint is about the Head teacher, or you would like to escalate a complaint please address this complaint to the Managing Director, Mr Bob Hall, 11a York Street, Rochdale, OL16 1BH
  - The managing director will try to address the complaint informally;
  - The managing director will ensure that details of the complaint and its agreed resolution are recorded and that a copy is sent to all involved.
  - If the complaint cannot be dealt with in this way, the Head of Education will ensure it is referred to the appropriate authority;
  - A detailed written report regarding the outcome will be provided, explaining how the complaint was investigated and the reason why certain decisions may have been taken.

The following policies and documents referred to in this prospectus can be made *available on request* in electronic or printed format.

Please contact the school directly on 01429 224 965

- *Current School Staff Qualifications 2010/2011*
- *Admissions Policy 2010/2011*
- *Curriculum Policy 2010/2011*
- *Sex Education & Relationships Policy 2010/2011*
- *Behavioural Management Policy including Discipline, Sanctions and Exclusions 2010/2011*
- *Full Academic Achievements 2009/2010*
- *Anti-Bullying Policy 2010/2011*
- *Equal Opportunity Policy 2010/2011*
- *Special Educational Needs Policy 2010/2011*
- *Safeguarding Policy 2010/2011*
- *Health & Safety Policy 2010/2011*
- *Continuum Care & Education Group Complaints Policy & Procedure 2010/2011*