

Voice Minority Supplementary School

About us

Voice Minority Supplementary School opened in October 2007 and aims to positively impact on educational achievement, motivation and aspirations of Black and Minority Ethnic young people in the Bath and North East Somerset area.

Our aims

We believe that with a strong support network, all young people can achieve to their full potential. Through structured sessions, Voice Minority's main aim is to provide a safe place of learning where young people can aspire to further educational and career achievement. A supportive learning environment seeks to increase self-esteem whilst developing a strong sense of identity through workshops that explore Black and Minority Ethnic history.

Who it is for

The service is for 13 – 16 year old BME young people.

We work in partnership with Able Pupils Extending Opportunities (APEX) who provides project based workshops for those aged between 5 and 13.

When and where it is held

The main session takes place on Saturdays from 11-1pm, term time only, at Invention Studios, Bath.

How we meet the needs of the young people

Cultural needs

We understand that there are a number of issues that affect many BME young people in today's society. The main Saturday workshops are planned to explore such issues through discussions around identity, history and culture. We actively encourage debates around any issues they may have as a young BME person in Bath, and offer advice on how to deal with them.

Educational needs

We offer GCSE tutoring and homework/revision support sessions to help the young people achieve their academic potential.

The Saturday workshops are media based and aim to increase skills around this, which young people can use to develop their skills and experience in relation to further education and employment.

Confidence and self-esteem needs

In order for young people to be able to reach their goals in future education and employment, we focus on building self-esteem and confidence. This is done through developing a strong support network between mainstream schools and parents, celebrating their achievements, listening and acting upon their needs and interests.

Individual needs

We believe that personalised learning is what these young people thrive on; therefore all classes are kept small, with staff on hand to give individual support.

The atmosphere is relaxed, giving the young people the opportunity to express and explore certain issues they may not be able to in their mainstream school.

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