

*Specialist education services in autism,  
communication difficulties and complex needs*

# Cambian Bletchley Park School

**Mixed gender | 11-19 years | Day placements**





The Cambian Group is one of the largest providers of specialist services in education, health and care for children and adults in the UK. We provide services for over 2,400 individuals across 250 services; we work with 140 public authorities and employ more than 6,000 people.

Although our work embraces many specialist disciplines, it is united by a common purpose: to actively enable each and every one of the people in our care to achieve their personal best, however it is defined by them or for them.

**Everything we do is directed towards achieving this aim.**

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## *Cambian Bletchley Park School*

# Welcome

I am delighted to introduce myself as head teacher of Cambian Bletchley Park School.

Cambian Bletchley Park School is well placed to meet the needs of students aged 11 to 19 years with autism including communication difficulties and related conditions or diagnoses.

We provide a personalised curriculum, which is designed to meet the needs of individual students, providing them with the right support mechanisms to ensure that they can succeed socially, emotionally and academically. Our school is effective at supporting a diverse range of individual needs and difficulties.

Students leave with a range of qualifications, including GCSEs and BTECs, ASDAN or AQA Unit Awards, Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and opportunities for completing work-based learning.

We support all of our students to achieve a successful transition in to further education and employment. We develop learners' literacy and numeracy skills and provide training in employability skills to ensure they have the best opportunities in the future.

Choosing the right school for your child can be a difficult decision. With this prospectus, we aim to help you understand why Cambian Bletchley Park School could be the right choice for your child and how we can provide the best possible care and support, enabling them to achieve their personal best.

We also encourage you to visit us, to meet our students and staff, explore our excellent facilities and ask us any other questions you may have about our school.

We look forward to meeting you in the near future.

**Laura Sharman**  
Head Teacher

# Achieving their personal best

*Cambian has a history of delivering ‘Outstanding’ education and care for students with autism and other associated needs.*

Cambian Bletchley Park School is an Ofsted-registered independent special school, offering 38-week day placements for up to 62 students. Those students are aged 11-19 years and have communication difficulties, including autism and similar conditions, unable to thrive in a mainstream or state special school setting.

Our total commitment to providing the best for the individuals in our school guarantees the highest quality of provision, which individuals, their parents and carers, and local authorities have come to expect.

Each individual student can improve their confidence and self-esteem through progressive achievement in the small, nurturing environment that Cambian Bletchley Park School offers, where staff understand their specific needs. Learning focuses on communication skills and social skills, with a strong emphasis on self-management and independence.

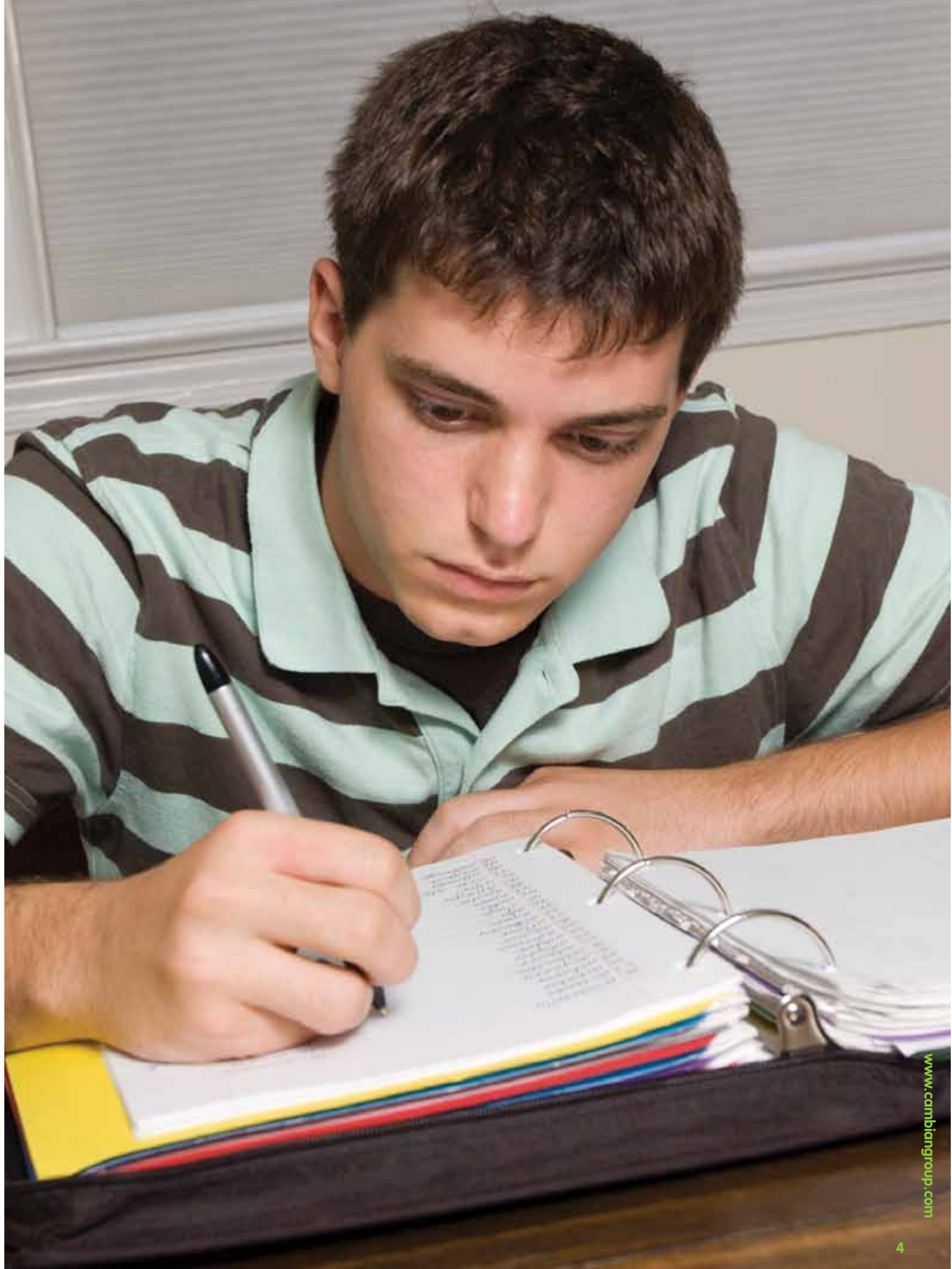
We celebrate success and achievement at every opportunity, recognising that achievement for our students can present itself in many forms. This might include

achieving qualifications (such as GCSEs or an ASDAN certificate) or excellent attendance, effort, good citizenship, taking social responsibility and, of course, achieving personal learning aims and goals.

We pride ourselves on the range of our specialist support services within our multidisciplinary team, who work together to enhance the learning experiences of our students. We draw out the potential in each student and work alongside them to discover their own personal strengths.

## Student profile

- ✓ Mixed gender, aged 11-19 years
- ✓ Diagnoses of autism and associated needs
- ✓ Complex communication challenges
- ✓ Anxiety and attachment disorders
- ✓ Complex needs and associated challenging behaviour
- ✓ Specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia and dyspraxia
- ✓ Often associated with school exclusions and placement breakdowns
- ✓ Issued with a statement of special educational needs (SEN) or education, health and care plan (EHCP)





## Our approach

# Dedicated to each and every student

*Cambian Bletchley Park School consists of small class groups, creating a supportive and relaxing environment where students can learn and achieve their personal best.*

In common with the aim of Cambian Group and their mission, which is "To enable each and every one of our individuals to reach their full potential, however it is defined by them or for them", we at Cambian Bletchley Park School have the mission statement: "Ensuring progress for every individual."

Cambian Bletchley Park School's ethos and philosophy is based on the belief that children and young people with communication difficulties, including an autistic spectrum disorder, do not progress and develop positively if left alone and unsupported. Only with consistent, fully informed and appropriate intervention and direction will they learn the skills necessary to make the most of their potential in later life.

In addition to the range of specialist teachers and clinicians who are involved in individualised programmes at Cambian Bletchley Park School, students also have access to Cambian Group's diverse, multi-disciplinary clinical team, both on and

off-site. We also work closely with outside agencies such as Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), other clinicians and professionals to ensure that each student's needs can be met effectively.

Having such a range of support available, delivered by experienced practitioners, who work as a team, is of great benefit in supporting our individuals to remove barriers and to reach their full potential.

Students' progress is supported by:

- ✓ Maximum class size of 6 students
- ✓ High staff ratio of between 1:4 and 1:1
- ✓ On-site clinical team

The school day is organised to provide for both individual and group work for academic, personal and social skills to be developed. Full use is made of the resources of the local environment, with educational programmes taking individuals into the community for practical activities such

### **Our specialist team:**

- ✓ Experienced and highly qualified teachers
- ✓ Well-appointed, experienced and trained teaching assistants
- ✓ Speech and language therapist
- ✓ Clinical psychologist
- ✓ Occupational therapist

as shopping, swimming, horse riding, interacting with people in the community, library visits and country walks.

All members of staff are dedicated to helping every student achieve their potential through a personalised curriculum. This approach is designed to assist the students in developing academic, social and life skills that will enable them to achieve the maximum amount of independence in their adult lives.

# A varied and fulfilling education

*We have a flexible approach to learning, personalising the curriculum and teaching groups to meet students' individual learning needs and abilities.*

Cambian Bletchley Park School offers a diverse, active and highly structured curriculum within an environment that is calm, consistent and purposeful. We aim to ensure that all areas of need from the individual's statement of special educational needs (SEN) / EHCP are well provided for.

We educate students through a thematic and experiential approach to learning, as an extension of the national curriculum, on which our own curriculum is based. We provide personalised learning programmes with a curriculum that has an inherent flexibility to ensure that the needs of individual students are met.

In addition to our enriching curriculum, there is a special focus on assisting students with the development of communication skills, which is a key area of difficulty for most of our students. A dedicated speech and language therapist works with individual students, as well as small groups and staff, to ensure that they are given every opportunity to manage

## Curriculum

We offer a variety of subjects, including;

- ✓ Geography
- ✓ History
- ✓ Religious studies
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Design technology (including food technology)
- ✓ Drama
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Physical education
- ✓ Modern foreign language
- ✓ English
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Science
- ✓ ICT

and overcome the challenges they face with communication. All lessons focus on the development of speech and language skills through carefully planned learning activities, designed to meet students' individual needs.

Many students benefit from specific lessons in social speaking and communication, including the possibility of developing an appreciation of sign language.

## Post-16

There are three key routes available for post-16 students at Cambian Bletchley Park School:

- ✓ Progress to a college of further education on a full-time basis while remaining at Cambian Bletchley Park School to study other subjects
- ✓ Progress to a college of further education on a part-time basis while remaining at Cambian Bletchley Park School to study other subjects
- ✓ Remain at the school on a full-time basis until the end of their studies.

Whatever the appropriate route, for each student we are able to provide the right level of support to ensure success.







# Achieving meaningful progress

*Our students make good progress in all aspects of learning, whether social, emotional, behavioural or academic.*

### **We offer a range of qualifications, including:**

- ✓ GCSEs
- ✓ BTEC Levels 1,2 and 3
- ✓ ASDAN qualifications
- ✓ AQA Unit Awards
- ✓ Entry Level
- ✓ Functional Skills
- ✓ AS/A2

### **Personalised approach**

Some of our students are gifted in certain subjects or have a talent which needs to be nurtured if their skills are to be built upon and enjoyment for learning harnessed. We provide the support and specialist teaching necessary for students to sit qualifications early.

At key stage 3, we further develop a primary approach to our learning. The teachers who will work with the students focus on different subject areas. The emphasis is on engagement, literacy, numeracy and creativity. Assessment and tracking will relate back to the national curriculum progression guidance.

This continues through key stage 4 also, ensuring that students have a broad and balanced curriculum and, if appropriate, are ready to access Level 1 and 2 qualifications, including GCSEs. By key stage 5, many students are ready to progress to Level 3 study, including AS/A2 qualifications.

### **Life skills**

All students are taught life skills, ensuring they are prepared for life beyond school, whether that continues at college, university, as an apprentice or in the workplace. Students are supported with identifying appropriate next steps, at key stage 4 and 5 (post-16).

In addition to academic attainment, students are provided with the opportunity to develop their full personal potential in the following areas:

- ✓ Physical health and well-being.
- ✓ Independence, life skills and self-help.
- ✓ Communication skills.
- ✓ The ability to make informed choices.
- ✓ Intellectual development and problem-solving.
- ✓ Moral, social and cultural awareness.
- ✓ Positive self-esteem and confidence.

# Pupil centred

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*The school is situated close to the Buckinghamshire countryside and is within easy reach of London.*

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Cambian Bletchley Park School has been built and designed based on many years' experience of providing highly successful specialist education services. The environment at the school is structured, stable and secure, with well-planned timetables and routines aimed at reducing anxiety and confusion, whilst supporting decision-making and awareness of potential risks and dangers.

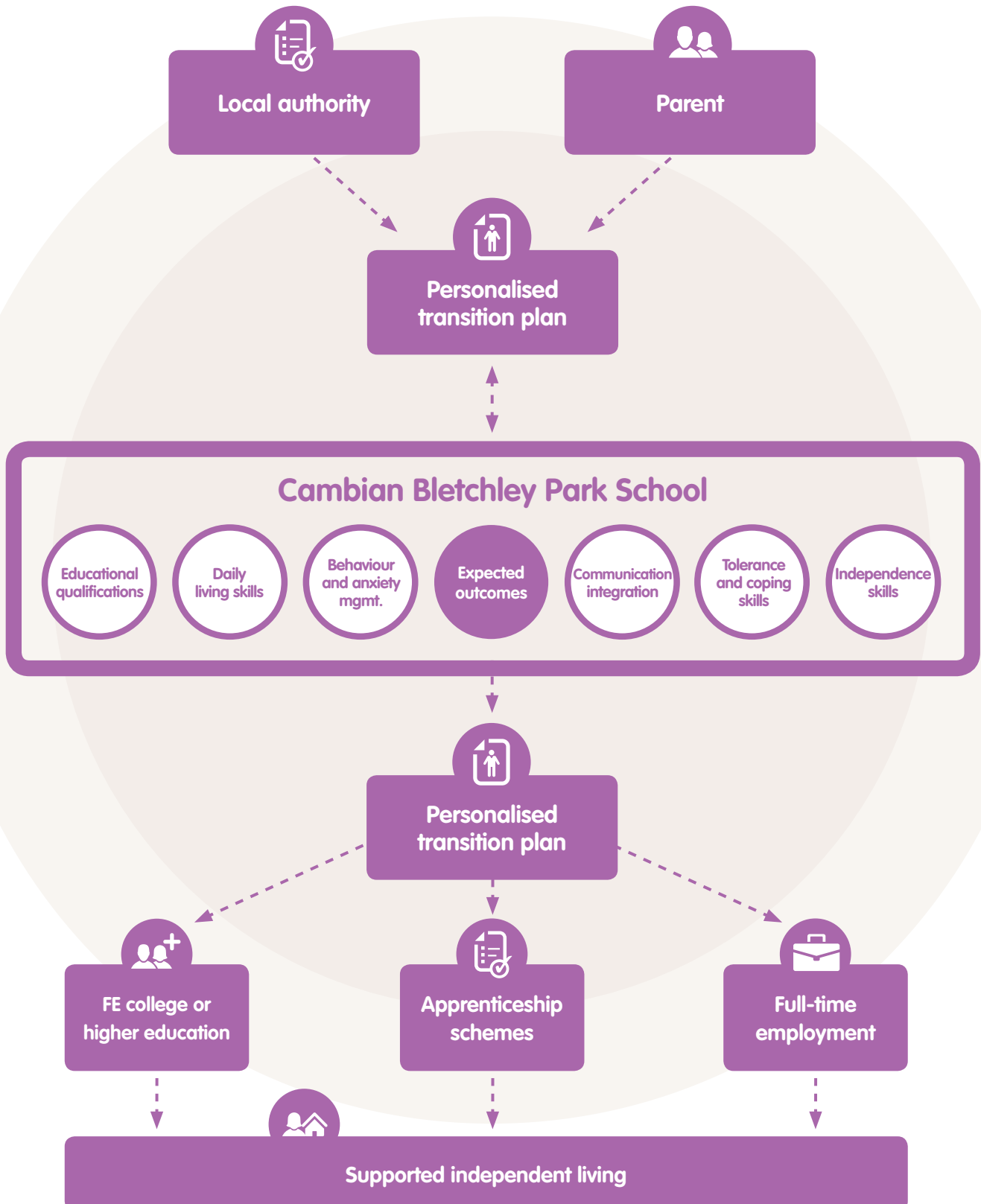
## Facilities

The School offers a range of classroom facilities, designed to meet the needs of students across the age range of 11 to 19 years. Each group of up to six individuals is based in its own classroom and accesses the school's practical skills areas, which apply to subjects such as art, design technology, science, food technology, music, drama and sport. We also have excellent ICT facilities which add significant value to the learning experience.

We recognise that not all of our students are natural academics; however, all have the potential to flourish, given the right support, curriculum and encouragement.

## Transition pathway

We focus on developing education, life and vocational skills that support a successful transition into adulthood





## Community links

# Opportunities in and out of school

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*Community activities - help our students work as part of team, co-operating with students of different ages and abilities to enhance their learning experience.*

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We are developing strong links with external providers to enhance the curriculum offer.

Cambian Bletchley Park School provides opportunities for students to access a range of provisions, including horse riding and equine studies, small animal care, the local countryside, libraries, places of worship, art galleries and sports facilities such as the local swimming pool.

Learning in an environment other than school, helps to boost the confidence of some of our students, and prepares them for different scenarios and challenges.

We will encourage our students to take part in the many activities and themed days that are set to take place throughout the year, including sports fixtures and charity events.

Cambian Bletchley Park School is at the heart of our local community. It is continuing to forge excellent links with local stables and leisure facilities, offering work experience, learning opportunities and life skills.



# Securing your child's future

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*For more information on Cambian Bletchley Park School, our staff, curriculum, services, outcomes and approach, visit [www.cambiangroup.com](http://www.cambiangroup.com).*

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### Visit us

Choosing the right school for your child can be a difficult decision and we encourage you to visit us so that we can demonstrate why Cambian Bletchley Park School may be the right choice for your child. This will also give you the opportunity to meet our students and staff, as well as explore our excellent facilities and ask us any other questions you may have about our school.

We have access to parent liaison officers who can offer further support and guidance about choosing the right school for your child. We always extend a warm welcome to all of our visitors and a visit would provide a good opportunity to find answers to those questions not easily answered in a prospectus or on a website.

### Referrals

The majority of individuals are referred and placed by their local authorities, often supported by children's services and sometimes health services. Individuals have privately funded support.

In order to determine whether Cambian Bletchley Park School may be the right placement, the head and senior staff carefully examine the statement of special educational needs, education,

health and care plan (EHCP) and other relevant background information of the prospective student.

Prospective students are assessed in their own setting by education or clinical specialists, depending on their current circumstances. This information is added to that made available by local authorities, other placing bodies and parents. Following the assessment and review of reports, the head is then able to make a decision as to whether Cambian Bletchley Park School is the right placement.

To discuss a placement in confidence, call us on **0800 138 1184** or email **[education@cambiangroup.com](mailto:education@cambiangroup.com)**







# Additional information

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*Our policies can be requested by contacting us on 0800 138 1184 or by emailing [education@cambianguroup.com](mailto:education@cambianguroup.com).*

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## **Safeguarding statement**

The parents of students at Cambian Bletchley Park School should be aware that the School has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of their pupils. This responsibility necessitates a safeguarding policy and the School may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. This policy on child protection is in accordance with the locally agreed inter-agency procedures and Buckinghamshire child protection procedures. The policy also complies with guidance from the DfE and Buckinghamshire Local Safeguarding Children Board (Buckinghamshire LSCB). The school recognises it is an agent of referral and not of investigation. Anyone can make a referral to children's social care, if necessary. The designated safeguarding lead (DSL) for the school is the Head Teacher Lisé Sugden.

## **Complaints procedures**

We know there will be times when students, carers, parents or placing authorities will want to give us feedback about our school and we will always be happy to hear from you. If you would like to make a suggestion, let us know about something

you were pleased with or, indeed, if we did not meet your expectations, please contact the school via the contact details at the back of this prospectus.

A complaints procedure allows for both formal and informal complaints. Informal complaints will be dealt with quickly, while formal complaints can be made in writing. Our full complaints policy is available from the School, up on request. This policy is designed to help you raise concerns and ensures your complaint will be listened to and dealt with fairly. Should you wish to take your complaint further or if you feel you are unable to discuss the details with the School, please contact the director of education via the contact details at the back of this prospectus, especially if your complaint relates to the School leadership.

## **The proprietor**

The proprietor of the School is Mr. Stephen Bradshaw, whose address for correspondence during both term-times and holidays is: The Waterfront, 4th floor, Waterfront, Chancellors Row, Hammersmith, London, W6 9RU.

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