



## CASE STUDY

## MAGIC WORKSHOP



**BRYN TIRION  
HALL SCHOOL**

CHANGE BY CHOICE

Bryn Tirion Hall School is an Independent specialist school based in North Wales.

The school provides places to children and young people from the ages of 7 to 18 with additional learning needs including social and emotional, ADHD and autistic spectrum disorder.

# B u i l d i n g C o n f i d e n c e

The Factory Of Magic workshops are aimed at young people and are designed to teach the fundamentals of magic including techniques, multi-tasking and using storytelling to astound an audience.

The workshops can be enjoyed by people of all ages and backgrounds, both virtually and in person, but are specifically focused on children aged 12-16 in deprived areas of the UK.

The Factory Of Magic acknowledges that in some locations there is a greater risk of children and young adults missing out on access to culture, and the arts, both of which are essential to expanding a person's understanding of the world, and potentially unlocking their hidden talents.

We are not only teaching magic but also introducing essential life skills that can be used in any walk of life. Creativity in presentation skills, dealing with others and most importantly building confidence, are essential building blocks for young adults.





# "A creative new experience"

Working in partnership with JCY Education & Training Ltd, Bryn Tirion Hall School approached The Factory Of Magic to provide a series of magic workshops aimed at teaching young adults the basic skills of performing magic, whilst also learning new transferable skills.

This was Bryn Tirion Hall School's first introduction to a magic workshop and it has really sparked the imagination of the students. Sarah Gaffney the school's Careers & Work Related Learning Manager states;

"The magic workshops sounded like a creative new experience for our pupils to engage with, and to learn new transferable skills in an exciting environment, away from school, with staff from The Factory Of Magic, who could really relate to and work well with our young students"



# "Motivate and inspire our pupils"

Sarah continues; 'As an independent school for young people with social, emotional and behavioural challenges, we are always looking for innovative alternative programmes to motivate and inspire our pupils, where previous traditional classroom settings had not worked for them.'

Following initial discussions with Bryn Tirion Hall School, The Factory Of Magic created a bespoke lesson plan that covered varied topics including confidence building, communication and critical thinking.





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Over a four week period, one of The Factory Of Magic's World Class magicians Steve Ashcroft, attended a weekly one hour session with 15 students and support staff from Bryn Tirion Hall School.

Each workshop began with a short magic show before going into the weekly lesson plan. Sarah Gaffney confirmed that the students 'loved watching Steve perform and then finding out the trickery behind the magic, then trying it out on each other, for themselves'.

Whilst also being entertaining and educational, enthusiasm levels were kept high with each student being gifted a goodie bag containing the props to be used in each lesson, much to the delight of the students. Sarah states, 'the little magic goodie bags which they all received was a great touch so they (the students) can continue their learning outside of the workshops'.

At the end of the four weeks each student also receives a certificate of achievement as Sarah says, 'the certificates really cemented the whole experience and gave the pupils an incredible sense of achievement'.

The workshops were a massive success for Bryn Tirion Hall School. They would highly recommend The Factory Of Magic and described the whole experience as 'very smooth, with great communication and flexibility'.

The affect on the students has been immense as Sarah agrees, 'the workshops had a massive impact on many of the young people in that their curiosity was stirred, creative thinking and problem solving used, and social/presentation and coordination skills improved. It was also amazing to see the smiles and gasps throughout the sessions!'.



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