Aurora
Chaldon School

A specialist secondary education provision offering a calm, nurturing environment for autistic students with associated social communication, sensory and emotional regulation difficulties.



Welcome to our school

Aurora Chaldon School is a specialist school located in Merstham. We strive to provide our students with "every opportunity to achieve." This means supporting them to develop as well-rounded individuals by giving them the tools they need to access their learning and the wider world. As a result, we hope students leave us with a positive self-concept and with the skills, knowledge and experiences they need to go on to their next steps in further education, training or employment.

Safeguarding is our priority, and all students are viewed and supported holistically with their health and wellbeing central to everything we do. Many young people coming to us would have struggled to navigate a mainstream education which could mean they have missed some time in school or have a sense that they do not belong. We focus on addressing their individual barriers which may include a range of sensory or emotional regulation needs. We focus on closing gaps in learning through a range of targeted therapeutic and academic interventions so that students can go on to achieve their potential.

Our facilities and curriculum

Students benefit from a broad and balanced curriculum, allied to the national curriculum, tailored to meet students' individual needs.

At KS3, students are given the opportunity to experience the full breadth of subjects which ensures that they are able follow their interests, passions and strengths into their accreditation pathway in KS4. Students benefit from a universal offer which includes embedded academic and therapeutic support and approaches focussed on reducing barriers to curriculum and community access.



At KS4, students are able to study options from within two pathways- Further Education and Further Employment. Typically, the Further Education pathway supports students to gain GCSEs in preparation for studying A levels while the Further Employment pathway focusses on Functional Skills and BTECs. Students can work across the two different pathways which ensures that they have the best opportunities to achieve the highest possible outcomes.

In addition to our core curriculum offer, students' personal development is supported through a broad enrichment offer which includes educational visits, regular access to the local community and our developing vocational offer – The Workshop, where students have the opportunity to experience a range of vocational activities and develop key skills in their preferred areas to support practical independent life skills and access to specialist courses or training in FE.

Supporting learning

Students are supported in lessons by a team of Teaching Assistants who provide a consistent source of support throughout the school day. The learning is led by subject specialists. A supernumerary team, including Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Thrive Practitioners and Higher-Level Teaching Assistants provide students with a range of small group and individual interventions.



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