Aurora Boveridge College

A specialist further education college providing day and residential support for young people with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) or additional mild to moderate Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs.



Welcome to our college

At Aurora Boveridge College, we support young people between the ages of 16 and 25 who have additional mild to moderate social, emotional and mental health needs, by preparing them for adult life and facilitating their transition into further and higher education, training or employment.

We offer both day services and residential placements, with varying levels of academic and therapeutic support to enable participation in study programmes and college activities.

Our facilities and curriculum

Aurora Boveridge College sits in 16 acres of listed gardens within a wider 50-acre campus, located near the village of Cranborne in the Dorset countryside.

Within the college buildings, students enjoy access to well-equipped classrooms, spacious communal rooms and an outreach and pastoral hub, as well as vocational areas including a digital studio, science lab and art and design base. Our extensive grounds include horticulture learning areas with large glasshouses, as well as motor vehicle workshops, an animal care unit, well-equipped training kitchen, bushcraft learning zone and excellent sports facilities.

We offer a range of post-16 study programmes, including GCSE, Functional Skills and A Level qualifications in selected subjects, as well as vocational qualifications in horticulture, motor vehicle mechanics, hospitality and tourism, IT, health and social care and animal care.

Each study programme encompasses work-related learning, employability and independent living skills development, while our tutorial programme covers topics such as health and wellbeing, sex and relationships, cultural diversity and personal safety. We also work with a range of local, national and global businesses and agencies to offer excellent work-related learning experiences and provide meaningful employability opportunities for our students.



Supporting learning

Our multi-disciplinary team delivers specialist on-site therapy including Occupational, Speech and Language, Psychology and Psychiatry. Therapists work both directly with our students and indirectly through teaching and support staff to meet individual needs.

We understand that for some students arriving at Aurora Boveridge College, particularly those who have had negative experiences of mainstream education, even accessing the college site can be a challenge at first. We offer a bespoke outreach service to re-engage these students, removing their barriers to learning and participation while building their confidence and trust in the college community.

Residential support

For residential students, Aurora Boveridge College offers an opportunity to develop independent living skills in a safe, supported environment. Students are supported to gradually develop their skills and confidence in independence, both onsite and offsite.

The accommodation area comprises 18 individual bedrooms, some of which are en-suite, with communal areas for socialising. Shared laundry and cooking facilities are available. Residents are encouraged to personalise their individual rooms with items from home to help them settle in.

Students are supported to develop vital independent living skills including financial planning and budgeting, meal planning and preparation, cleaning and laundry, and independent travel. Weekly resident meetings are held in each accommodation base, to plan group and individual leisure activities (both on and off-campus).

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ASC, SEMH, MLD, ADHD

16-25

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Day | 38 Week
Residential | 38/52 Week

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