



Flexible, inclusive education within a positive, vibrant learning community, for children and young people aged 7 to 19 with a primary or secondary diagnosis of autism and related social and communication difficulties.

At The Aurora Group

We believe in giving people the opportunities they need to create and lead fulfilling, independent lives.

Established in 2015, we are now one of the largest providers of education, care and support services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Each of our schools, colleges and residential homes retains its own unique identity while embracing and embodying our group's core values.



We are caring. We understand that your experience in mainstream care and education may have been a difficult one. We take seriously our responsibility for the children and young people in our care, and are committed to making your time with us as positive and fulfilling as possible.



We are ambitious. We have high expectations of all our children and young people, regardless of what barriers they may have faced in the past. We encourage them to expect more for themselves, while challenging employers and communities to understand and value their diverse needs and attributes.



We are collaborative. Everything we do, we do in partnership with you. We actively seek and listen to feedback from students, parents and staff, to find out what's working well, what we can do better, and how we can further develop all our services to benefit the people we work with.



We are trusted. Our business is funded by ethical investors. They understand that sustainable growth is possible only when we hold ourselves to the highest standards, by delivering consistently top-quality services to every single person we work with.



We are innovative. We begin planning for each young person's future the minute they walk through our doors. We tailor our approach to their unique needs, and are constantly looking for new opportunities to help them explore, enhance and employ their own skills, talents and abilities.

Welcome

At Aurora Hedgeway School, we offer every student the chance to explore and fulfil their own unique potential. With provision running from Key Stage 2 all the way through to post-16, we are set up to support children and young people at every stage of their academic journey.

Our broad and balanced curriculum is designed by 'stage' rather than 'age', allowing each student to learn alongside others with similar skills and abilities.

By the time they leave us, our students are ready to tackle the next challenges of adulthood – whether that's through further education, training or employment.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school community soon.

Natalie Scott-Sheppard

Head of School, Aurora Hedgeway School





About our school

Where pupils achieve their **PERSONAL BEST** academically.

INDEPENDENCE in safe and healthy choices for adult life.

RESILIENCE to manage challenges facing them.

SELF-AWARENESS in managing themselves and others.

At Aurora Hedgeway School, we take a 'stage' rather than 'age' approach, to enable students to learn alongside others with similar interests, abilities and attainment levels. We offer tailored programmes to fit each student's education around their own needs and learning styles.

Our facilities

Aurora Hedgeway School has recently undergone significant refurbishment, to provide a modern, stimulating learning environment that meets the complex needs of our students. Our on-site facilities include specialist indoor learning areas such as a sensory room, a music room and a food technology kitchen, where students can learn how to make snacks, bake cakes and cook simple, nutritious meals.

Outdoor spaces on our 2-acre site include a hardcourt, a newly developed MUGA (Multi-use games area) and playground area, as well as a horticulture garden with a thriving vegetable patch and a large polytunnel for growing and propagation.



For creative activities we have an outdoor art space which fosters inspiration from nature as well as providing a great place to work. We also have a Forest School area to facilitate learning away from the conventional classroom environment.

Off campus, our students regularly access sports, leisure and cultural facilities in the busy, diverse city of Bristol and its surrounding areas.



Our curriculum

At Hedgeway School we teach to stage and not age however we broadly follow the national curriculum at Key Stage 2 and 3. All pupils will follow the national curriculum in English, Maths and Science alongside History, Geography, RE, Art, Music, Computing, PE and PSHCE. In addition, we offer weekly food technology lessons, Outdoor Learning sessions and SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) development.

At Key Stage 4 and 5, students pursue qualifications up to GCSE in English, Maths and Science. All students will follow accredited courses in Pathways to Employment, Computer Science, Home Cooking Skills and Arts Award alongside Pastoral and Wellbeing sessions. Students can also choose one of the following as an qualification option: Entry Level Geography, History, PE, Art and Design, GCSE Art or BTEC Vocational Studies.

All pupils have weekly Outdoor Learning sessions which blend academic learning concepts with practical skills. At Key Stages 2 and 3 this includes Forest School, horticulture, and the environment around us. At Key Stage 4 and post-16, there is the opportunity for more design technology activities.

We have an active student council which is supported by weekly assemblies. These are held for lower, middle and upper/post-16. We encourage our students to participate in group activities and foster a sense of community through our assemblies, themed days and fundraisers.

All pupils have timetabled sports and activity sessions which align closely with any Occupational Therapy programmes.



97%

of families would **recommend** us



The Aurora Curriculum Framework

Our Intention

Provide personalised support and a nurturing approach to enable our students to become compassionate, independent learners.

Aurora Values

Caring



Children and young people are well prepared for the demands of ever-changing life in 21st century Britain and become active participants in their communities.

Give our learners the drive and ambition to succeed and become the best version of themselves in their education, their employment, their mental health and their independence in adulthood.

Ambitious



Learners make outstanding progress and achieve the qualifications, skills and outcomes which will enable them to thrive in the next stage of their lives.

Develop every young person's social and emotional growth, and life skills.

Collaborative



Learners are able to communicate confidently and engage successfully with others and the wider world.

Create environments where children and young people are safe to develop as individuals, where they can learn from mistakes, overcome their barriers to learning and develop resilience.

Trusted



Children and young people know how to take appropriate risks, keep themselves safe (physically and virtually), and are able to secure the support they require to become independent adults.

Create centres of excellence, providing an outstanding, personalised education for all learners.

Innovative



Children and young people experience a rich variety of unique opportunities which support individual development and success.

“ I am learning skills for life. ”





Your experience with us

When your child joins us at Aurora Hedgeway School, they will become part of a positive, vibrant learning community where they can access the right type and amount of support to enable them to fulfil their unique potential.

Through a range of integrated therapy services, including occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and clinical psychology, we help each student to develop not only their academic abilities, but also their self-confidence, life skills and independence.


By the time they leave us, your child will be ready to take on the challenges of adulthood – whether they choose to pursue further education, training or employment.



4.8
out of 5

families are **happy**
that their child
attends our school





“ My son finally ‘fits in’ and is making progress. He truly enjoys going to school and I love hearing about what he’s been up to each day. ”



Our commitment to you

Quality statement

At Aurora Hedeway School we strive to provide the highest quality service to young people, parents/ carers and local authorities. We believe that all these groups have the right to comment on the service we provide and to understand the complaints procedure.

If you do have a concern or complaint, we do want to hear about it as soon as possible. Please ask the School office for a copy of our complaints procedure if you would like to know more. We like to know when we are getting things right too, so please feel free to also send us any compliments – our staff are always happy to hear them!

Safeguarding statement

At Aurora Hedeway School we are wholly committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of our students, and we expect all staff and visitors to share this commitment. Safer recruitment practices are followed and all staff have an Enhanced DBS check.



4.7
out of 5

families rate our quality of **teaching** highly





What you need to know



Uniform

Our standard uniform guidelines, which are designed to recognise that a proportion of our students have sensory needs which can affect their ability to wear certain clothing, are: Students will also need to bring in clothing that is suitable for outdoor learning, including wellies.

- Aurora logo jumper (or own navy jumper/cardigan)
- Aurora logo polo shirt (or own navy/white t-shirt/polo shirt)
- Navy/black trousers/joggers/skirt/shorts
- Mostly black trainers or sensible black/brown shoes or boots

School meals

All students are provided with a healthy school lunch by our on-site catering team. All snacks and drinks are provided by school and all dietary requirements can be catered for.

Absence

All our young people should be at school every day. They need to be ready and on time for their transport. We acknowledge that there may be some variation in pick-up and drop-off times, depending on traffic conditions. Patience and support with this is really appreciated.

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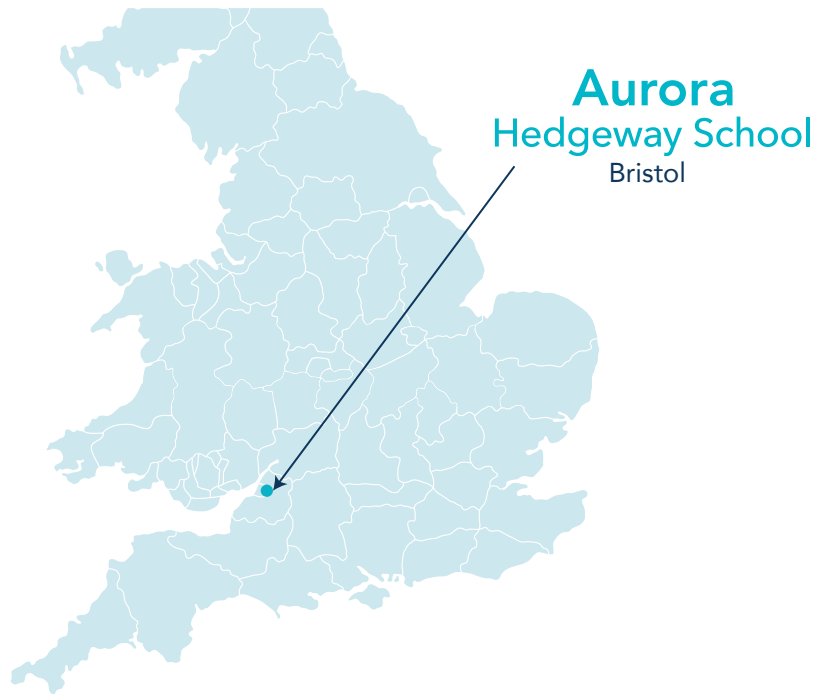
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Mixed



Day | 38 Weeks



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