



Aurora

FOXES

Hospitality
& Catering
College

work ready, life ready

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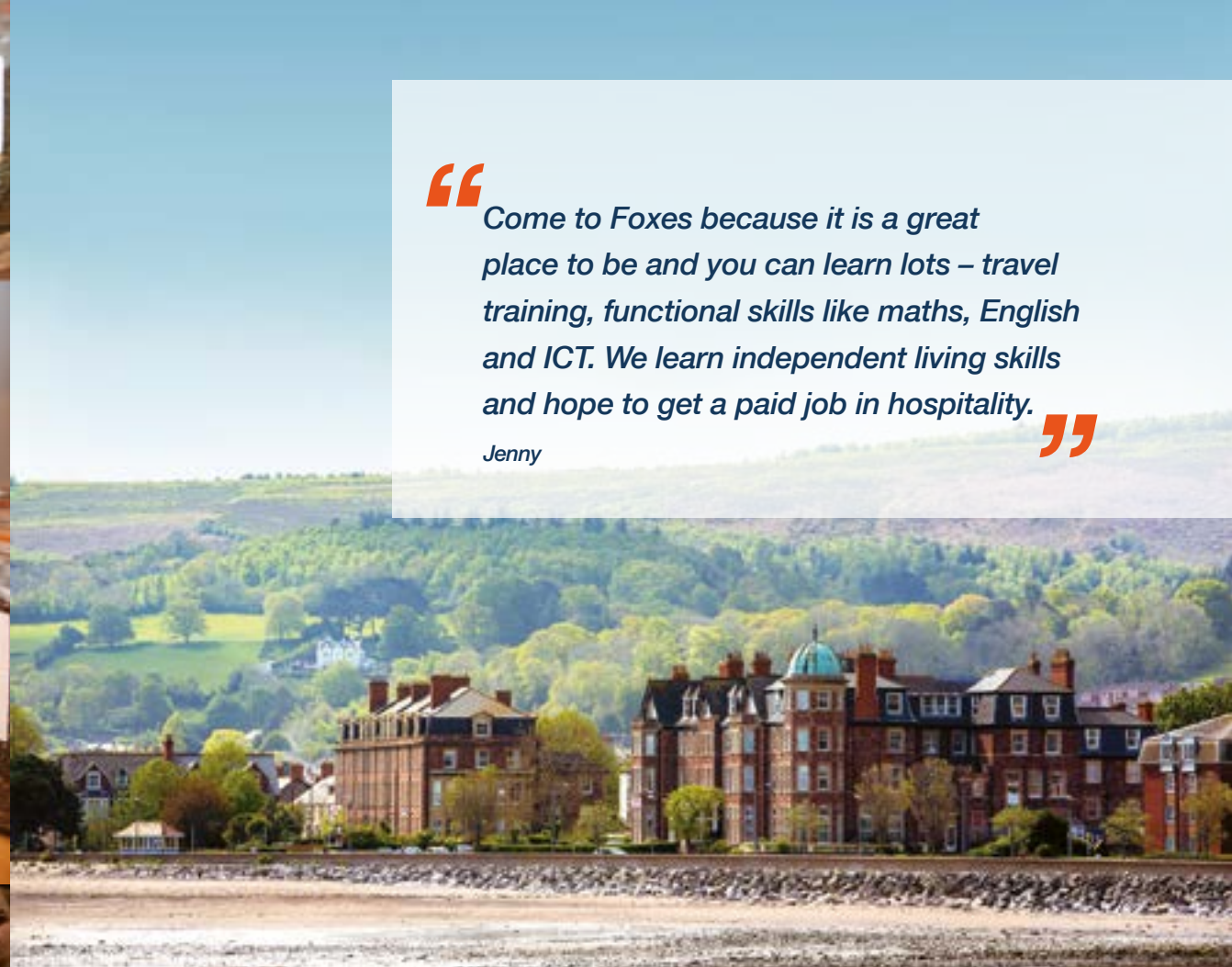
The specialist college and training hotel for young
people with learning disabilities





“ Come to Foxes because it is a great place to be and you can learn lots – travel training, functional skills like maths, English and ICT. We learn independent living skills and hope to get a paid job in hospitality. **”**

Jenny



“ You will learn lots of new skills that will help you to be independent and learn catering and hospitality at Foxes Hotel. We learn about life, for example parties and going out to the cafe with your new friends. **”**

Matthew



Welcome to Aurora Foxes

Welcome to Foxes Academy, a specialist college and training hotel for young people with learning disabilities, situated in the friendly seaside town of Minehead. Foxes is a very special place.

We believe in changing lives and giving you the skills, knowledge and confidence to successfully shape your own future. Our aim is to equip our young adults with the life and hospitality skills to become work ready, life ready.

Aurora Foxes has been awarded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted over three consecutive inspections, also winning the TES FE Overall Provider of the Year and Specialist College of the Year awards in 2018. Foxes won the Best Regional Initiative at the Springboard Awards for Excellence in 2017. We are a Disability Confident Leader, recognising that we are changing perceptions about employing people with disabilities. Foxes Hotel has also won three TripAdvisor Awards.

Courses

Become Work Ready and Life Ready

At Foxes we develop a personalised holistic programme for each individual with a clear roadmap of progression. The residential course is for up to three years.

NVQ Hospitality and Pathway to Life Vocational – Industry professional tutors teach you in the real environment of Foxes Hotel, which is open to the public and subject to the scrutiny of TripAdvisor! From day one young people gain skills in food service, food preparation, front of house. Within this course you also work in depth on learning health and safety, team work and customer care skills, with the opportunity to complete a recognised food hygiene award.

Functional Skills - Includes City and Guilds' English, Maths and ICT. You gain qualifications in these important subjects and transfer knowledge to the workplace and community. Our students are very confident in using the latest technology and social media safely for communication, life, fun and work. In addition English Speaking Board exams focus on a student's ability to communicate effectively, helping you to flourish in your work and life.



Pathway to Life - Independent Living Skills

Foxes' Independent Living Skills is a specialist course which enables you to develop independence within the home and the local community. For example, the wider skills needed to enable you to access and maintain employment, lead a fulfilled life and be a valued member of society

“*My travel training helped me to get a paid job so I can pay my bills, and pay my rent for a nice house with my friends.*”

Luke, former student.

Employability and Transition

Our Employability and Transition course prepares and supports you in your final year as you transition out of Aurora Foxes into employment, training or education, and into living as independently as possible. The course is delivered using real-life environments such as the Job Centre, work experience placements and estate agents. It also develops soft skills such as team work, decision making and punctuality, so highly valued by employers.





Integrated Therapies



Our dedicated, on-site therapy team works with you to ensure you achieve your potential. They can help you with:

- Friendship and social skills necessary for a fulfilling life.
- Confident communication and practical skills training in Foxes Hotel and within your external work experience.
- Language and fine motor skills to support functional skills exams.
- Maximising motor skills to ensure household tasks are carried out safely.

Positive and Happy

Promotion of good mental health is critical, with small group and individual therapy sessions.

Behaviour plans and visual resources help you maximise independence and manage anxieties. Self-advocacy is developed through awareness programmes and use of innovative therapy materials to ensure you can confidently use your voice. Therapists work closely with each individual from the beginning. Your support will be adapted to your changing skills and needs throughout your course and onward transition.

Accommodation



Our students live in residential houses within the safe seaside town of Minehead. You have a beautifully furnished room, as part of a comfortable, cosy and happy home.

Each house has a different level of staffing, supervised by a highly experienced Team Leader and Deputy Team Leader. Therapy is integrated to help you manage your home and your life.

The Reynard Care and Support Agency work will help you with your personal care needs.

Gaining Independence

Each house offers different experiences. By your final year you will be able to do as much as possible for yourself; getting up for work experience, washing, dressing, shopping, cooking, cleaning and travelling independently to familiar places.

Just like any young person in further education.

“Therapists give invaluable help to learners when preparing for employment interviews. Consequently, many learners gain very productive work experience placements and find employment.”





“The vast majority of learners gain long-term employment or are successful in moving into independent living accommodation.”

Work Experience

From day one everything students achieve at Foxes is geared towards the aspiration of being work ready and life read. The development of close working relationships with local employers means that you will have work experience integrated with your course. This is a great opportunity for you to transfer your skills into an unfamiliar work setting and build your confidence levels.

Transition Support

Our dedicated transition team will work with you as you make informed choices about what you would like to do and where you would like to live once you graduate.

Partnerships that Lead to Paid Jobs

Our curriculum prepares and supports students with the support of external careers advice. We have formal partnerships with national hospitality employers, as our students come from all over the UK these offer a great route into paid employment once they leave Foxes.

The transition team works with students, families and Local Authorities to ensure young people achieve their potential in the world of work and independent living after they have left college. We find that some students choose to share housing with their friends.



“It’s like a family as the team look out for Geor-Dan. She is reliable and always arrives early, then just gets on with the job.”

Chef Michael Lennon,
Hilton Metropole

Outcomes for students	Percentage
2019 Graduates in Employment	70% (42% paid)
National Average	5.6%
2019 Graduates in Supported Independent Living	67%



Personal Development, Health and Welfare

PDHW takes place in the residential accommodation and the community and is paramount to the learning of all students as they are supported to transfer the skills learnt in sessions into real life.

PDHW time supports students to develop their social skills and enables them to face the challenges associated with learning how to live with others, in an environment where they are supported to learn how to manage these challenges effectively.

Students use this time to learn how to develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle and to develop their understanding

of how to be safe online and use technology safely.

The level of support required is closely monitored and in conjunction with their individual risk assessment, each student will be working towards a greater level of independence in all areas of living skills.

Student Life is About Having Fun

PDHW time enables students to choose activities that promote positive mental, emotional and physical development. In order to further students' ability to make independent choices about the use of leisure time, the PDHW programme is

personalised. Foxes Academy has a wide range of PDHW activities in response to interests expressed by students such as discos, trips out, talent competitions, virtual karaoke and quizzes.

Student Leadership Team – Listening to You

The Student Leadership Team meets regularly to plan and organise charitable events. It also reviews all aspects of Foxes to influence change and development, and maintain the quality of the college.



“Learners take great pride in explaining how they gain the skills and knowledge to be responsible and good citizens and how they help the local community.”



Why Choose Aurora Foxes?



We've achieved our third consecutive Ofsted outstanding

We work with
50+

local work experience employers



Training is delivered at Foxes Hotel, a real hotel
www.foxeshotel.co.uk



We have partnerships with national hospitality employers



277 nationally recognised qualifications were achieved in 2018

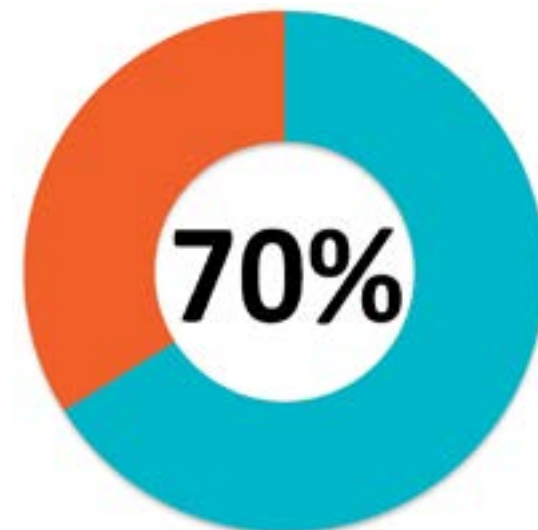


96% of students enjoy being at Aurora Foxes

Our graduates are



100%
retention rate for students employed at Hilton Hotels



70% of our 2019 Graduates have entered employment



97% of students feel Aurora Foxes staff support them to manage their wellbeing



We won the TES FE Awards Specialist Provider of the Year and Overall Provider of the Year 2018



Read Foxes Hotel reviews on Trip Advisor



Contact Details

To book on a presentation or to discuss funding and placements please speak to our Admissions Team

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Admissions – Next Steps

Aurora Foxes welcomes expressions of interest from young people who have learning disabilities, have an Education, Health and Care Plan, aspire to work in the hospitality industry and are sufficiently physically fit to undertake catering and hospitality tasks.

The Application Process

If you are interested in finding out more about what Aurora Foxes has to offer, please go to our website www.foxesacademy.ac.uk/admissions to complete a form to express your interest to study with us. Alternatively, you can contact our admissions team who will be able to assist you.

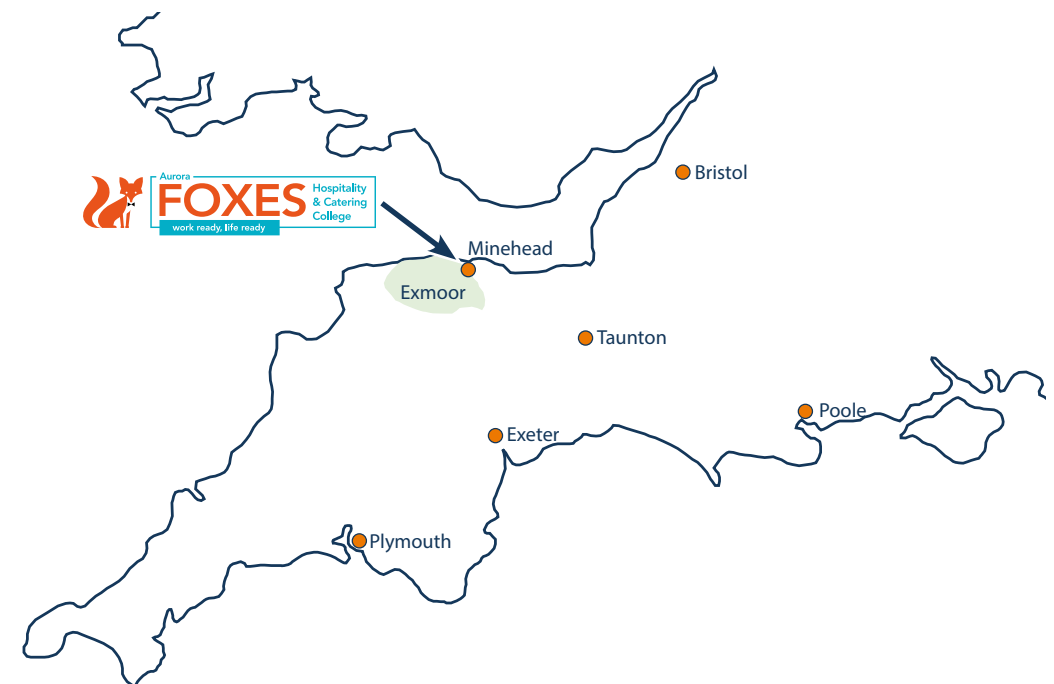
Aurora Foxes also holds presentation days which are a chance to meet with

staff and students, visit the hotel, visit a student residence and explore the local area. You are able to check current dates and availability by visiting: www.foxesacademy.ac.uk/presentation-dates.

We can also create bespoke remote presentations.

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