

Boveridge College

FE college supporting young people with autistic spectrum conditions, social and emotional difficulties, anxiety disorders and mental health needs.



About Our College

Aurora Boveridge College provides person-centred study programmes for young people aged 16 to 25 years, leading to employment, further and higher education and independent living. Our learners may have a diagnosis of Asperger's syndrome, high-functioning autism, anxiety disorders and/or social and emotional mental health conditions. Offering both residential and day placements, we support young people to overcome their personal barriers to learning and prepare for adulthood.

Key Information

- **Placements:** Day, 38 week residential, up to 52 week residential
- **Age:** 16-25 years
- **Gender:** Mixed
- **Location:** Cranborne, Dorset

Study Programmes

We provide individualised programmes that are all about empowering young people to make choices about their own futures. They are supported to learn independent life skills, how to make positive life choices and work towards qualifications for their chosen careers.

We offer future-focused post 16 study programmes designed to enhance opportunities for employment and or further study. We are uniquely placed to offer a range of vocational qualifications for students who enjoy subjects such as horticulture, grounds maintenance, green keeping or animal care. Our grade II listed gardens provide the perfect resource for students who wish to pursue employment in these sectors; they are also a wonderfully therapeutic environment.

We also offer more traditional vocational courses such as IT, hospitality and catering and basic mechanics. These are taught by industry specialists to industry-wide standards. Alongside the vocational elements, we offer standard academic courses from Entry Level 2/3 to Level 3 including A-levels in selected subjects.



Working together

We work with a range of external businesses and agencies to offer excellent work-related learning and employment opportunities. These include:

- Cranborne Estate and associated enterprises
- Several hospitality venues and independent employers in the area
- Kingston Maurward College
- Bournemouth & Poole College

Transition

Even before a young person starts at Boveridge, we begin planning their transition for when they move on. By supporting our students to think and make decisions about realistic goals, we can work to ensure they are best placed to achieve them. This may be through working towards specific required qualifications or vocational experience or focusing on developing key life skills. Their transition focuses around supporting them to reconnect with their home locality or the locality they wish to live in. We support them to find accommodation, employment and/or further study opportunities and build sustainable and independent lives for themselves.

Our Services and Facilities

The College is situated in a spectacular location in the beautiful Dorset country side, near the village of Cranborne. The college facilities include:

- Modern well-equipped classrooms
- Vocational areas including a digital studio, science lab, horticulture, basic mechanics, equine & animal care.
- Light and spacious flexible communal rooms
- Art and design room
- Sports court and multi-sports area



A short drive from the college, there is a cinema, theatre and leisure centre including a swimming pool. The large conurbation of Bournemouth and Poole are easily accessible, with many leisure facilities on offer such as the beach, shopping centres, restaurants, cinemas, and Jurassic Coast.

Residential

Our residential accommodation has a homely and welcoming feel. Each accommodation area comprises of 7 or 8 individual bedrooms, some en-suite, and has communal living areas for socialising. Shared laundry and cooking facilities are available. Residents are welcome to personalise their individual rooms with items from home to help them settle in and feel more comfortable.

Teaching and development of vital independent living skills extends to the residential setting and further afield to include:

- Planning and budgeting for daily tasks including shopping and making GP appointments
- Cooking
- Cleaning and laundry
- Independent travel
- Accessing community amenities safely



Residents plan their weekly menus and are encouraged to attend weekly meetings to plan group and individual leisure activities both on and off-campus.

The College offers a step-down approach to developing independent living skills, with residents initially living in the main house, progressing to small cottages around campus, then to accommodation within the village and finally to houses in town approx. 5 miles away. At each progression stage, a carefully planned decrease in staff support encourages students to demonstrate and develop their ability to live more independently.

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