

# Aurora

## The Beeches School



“Thank you so much for the journey you are taking us on, the difference it is making to our child’s life takes my breath away.”

Specialist academic and therapeutic provision in a peaceful, rural setting, for young people aged 11-16 with Autism spectrum conditions or additional social, emotional and mental health needs.

## 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 the UK's fifth largest provider 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 Beeches, we believe in giving young people the tools and opportunities to create the lives they want for themselves.

We remove barriers to education, meeting each new student where they are already at in terms of their social, emotional and academic development.

With high-quality teaching, an excellent level of individual support and a range of expert-led, integrated therapy, we support students with a range of additional learning needs to create and meet their own goals.

All our students are fully involved in choices around their own programmes, so that whatever their plans are – whether they want to pursue further education, training or employment – they are empowered and supported to create their own futures.

We look forward to welcoming you to Aurora Beeches.

**Lydia Roberts**

Headteacher, Aurora Beeches





# About Our School

At Aurora Beeches, we support young people to make choices about their own futures.

We provide high levels of personalised support to help our students to make positive life decisions, work towards gaining qualifications and employability skills for their chosen careers and learn independent 'preparation for life' skills.

## Our facilities

Aurora Beeches is situated within the Aurora Boveridge College campus, a beautiful 50-acre site near the village of Cranborne in the Dorset countryside.

Our students enjoy access to modern, well-equipped classrooms, 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 and excellent sports facilities.





## Our curriculum

Our academic and vocational study programmes are designed to help every student access employment, training or further education. Many of our pupils have gone on to continue their studies at local colleges such as Kingston Maurward and Aurora Boveridge College – with whom we share our beautiful campus.

We offer a varied curriculum, including academic subjects such as English, maths, science and humanities up to GCSE level, as well as vocational subjects including horticulture, animal care, motor vehicle engineering and digital IT.

We also offer a Forest School programme, delivered on-site in our extensive grounds.

During their time at Aurora Beeches, students are offered access to a comprehensive careers programme with independent careers advice. The programme adheres to the Gatsby Benchmarks and includes three full timetabled Work Associated Learning Link weeks during the academic year, as well as being part of the PSHE programme.





## Your experience with us

Success at Aurora Beeches is about more than just academic achievement.

Our teaching staff work closely with our onsite therapy team, offering students access to Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy to support their long-term success and to help them develop essential independent living skills.

We follow the Zones of Regulation framework, designed to help our students foster self-regulation and emotional control, and all our staff receive regular training to help them understand and address the challenges associated with various mental health diagnoses.



## What you need to know

### Term dates

Term dates follow those set by Dorset County Council.

### School meals

School meals are provided and there is always a choice of options, with all dietary requirements catered for.

### School uniform

There is no school uniform at Aurora Beeches, as we understand that for pupils with sensory or anxiety issues, uniform requirements can present a barrier to attendance.

We do however ask that parents remember that certain clothing may not be appropriate in a school setting, and to use their judgment accordingly.

### Absence

Absence is monitored closely and programmes to support attendance are negotiated with parents and pupils on an individual basis.

# Our commitment to you

## Quality statement

At Aurora Beeches 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 Beeches 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.

## Contact Us

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ADHD, ASC, MLD,  
SEMH



11-16



Mixed



38 Week Day

**Caring**

**Ambitious**

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