# **Eccles School**

## Quidenham, Norfolk



#### **About our School**

Aurora Eccles School is an independent day and boarding school providing specialist education for students aged 7 to 20 who experience difficulties learning in mainstream school environments.

This may be a result of specific learning difficulties around dyslexia and moderate learning difficulties, through to those with higher needs and complexities including communication and interaction difficulties associated with Asperger's Syndrome.



Aurora Eccles School offers the perfect learning environment for each student's needs to be met so they can develop and achieve their full potential, ready when they leave to go on to further education, training or employment.

Specialist teaching, together with small class sizes and a nurturing approach enables students to work at a level and pace that's right for them to achieve their goals. Focus is given to building self-esteem and confidence by implementing strategies to support students' individual needs to engage in education, as well as developing their social and independence skills.

There are many opportunities to join a variety of extra-curricular activities including sports and societies, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and trips.

#### **Facilities**

Set in 28 acres of beautiful Norfolk countryside in Quidenham near Norwich, Eccles School provides an enabling learning environment with facilities that include:







- Small class sizes and high staff ratios
- Integrated therapy
- Individual tuition and support
- Specialist classrooms for Science, Music, Drama and Art
- Break out areas for quiet time

- Extensive outdoor recreation areas
- Large Sports Fields
- Indoor Swimming pool
- Activity Centre
- High Ropes, Low Ropes, Climbing Wall and Forest activities

#### **Education**

Aurora Eccles School offers specialist education programmes across 35 weeks of the year and a curriculum that is broad, balanced and differentiated based on the National Curriculum, where subjects are personalised to take account of abilities, interests and needs.

The Junior Department has a warm and friendly atmosphere in which younger students can feel comfortable, allowing them to develop a positive attitude towards learning through a wide-ranging and stimulating curriculum, nurturing confidence, self-esteem, independence and social skills.

As they progress into the Senior Department at Year 7 the focus shifts to developing their strengths and supporting them in the areas of the curriculum and learning which they find more difficult.

Our Sixth Form offers a range of subjects from GCSE, BTEC Vocational Courses and A-levels. Sixth Form studies at Eccles School are not solely academic but also address the whole learning experience, exploring vocational skills and preparing for adulthood.

Eccles School has a bespoke Individual Teaching Unit which can be accessed by students on a one-toone basis to allow them to focus on areas of their education they find more challenging. Tutors work with students to expand skills, knowledge and develop strategies for independence and reduce the amount of individual support they require.

#### Wider curriculum

There is an extensive club and activities programme at Eccles School including community projects, Duke of Edinburgh Award and Junior Leadership Challenge. Students are encouraged to join in to experience new challenges in a supported environment and develop friendships and teamwork skills.

Physical education is an important part of the curriculum and the school is well resourced with extensive grounds, an indoor swimming pool and activity centre. All students take part in a range of individual and team sports, and both inter-house and external fixtures against other schools are planned regularly throughout the academic year.

### **Residential Living**

Eccles School provides flexible boarding options including full, weekly and flexi-boards with separate accommodation for girls and boys.

There are areas for relaxation, including TV and games rooms and quiet areas for young people to enjoy. A busy and varied weekly routine is provided ensuring a good balance between work and leisure time, including getting involved in the out-of-school activities and clubs.

Weekends also see a range of organised activities and excursions and include shopping trips, cinema, parks and visits to local areas of interest.



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