

# Boveridge College

## Cranborne, Dorset



### About our college and young adults

Aurora Boveridge College is an independent specialist residential and day college, offering a range of academic and vocational courses leading to employment, further and higher education. We are leading the way in supporting young people aged 16 – 25 years with communication difficulties, social, emotional and mental health needs.



### Study Programmes

We offer future-focused post 16 study programmes designed to enhance opportunities for employment and or further study. As the only independent specialist college to offer land based courses in the UK, 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.



#### Working together

We are linking 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

As a young person starts their journey at Aurora Boveridge College, we begin planning their transition for when they move on. By supporting our students to think for themselves and make decisions about their own future realistic goals, we work to ensure they are best placed to achieve these, whether that is by working towards specific required qualifications or vocational experience or focusing on developing key life skills.

During their transition year, the focus is 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.

## Outreach

For students who are initially unable to access the college site, due to high anxieties for example, we provide a bespoke outreach service to support pro-active re-engagement in learning. The aim is to remove barriers to learning and support re-engagement in formal education, therefore improving life opportunities.

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## 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 and catering facilities
- Light and spacious flexible communal rooms
- Student-run bistro
- TV/cinema room
- Games room
- Gym
- 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 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.

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## Residential

Our residential accommodation has a homely and welcoming feel. Each accommodation area comprises of 7 or 8 individual bedrooms, some en-suite, and have 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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