

Brambles East

Darwen, Lancashire



Aurora Brambles East is an independent day school in Lancashire providing specialist education for boys with Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties (SEMH).



Student Profile

We are a skilled and experienced team who can support boys with a variety of difficulties. Their learning may have been impacted by challenging behaviours, low self-esteem or difficulty with relationships which may have caused them to miss large chunks of their education. These difficulties could be a result of one of the following issues:

- Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)
- Specific Learning difficulties (Dyslexia)
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder/ Autistic Spectrum Conditions
- Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD)
- Moderate Learning difficulties (MLD)
- Conduct Disorder
- Attachment Disorder
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Age: 10-16 years (to include Post 16, late 2017)

Gender: Boys

High levels of support: all students are provided with enhanced support throughout the school day and provision can be made for those requiring higher levels of support, either full time or periodically. This will enable them to access the curriculum and participate in school activities.

Placements: education is delivered for 38 weeks of the year.

Facilities

Brambles East School is located in Darwen, a small town in Lancashire. The school building is a large, converted Victorian house, set in a beautiful location. We have a range of specialist classrooms of varying sizes which cater for up to 63 students.

We have an ICT suite, a library with breakout area, a fully equipped design technology workshop and a large dining room where students and staff sit together for breakfast and lunch. Every morning we hold an assembly which is centered around a specific theme, and takes place in our large communal hall.

In the school grounds, we have a five-a-side 3G football pitch which students make use of during their break times. For other sporting activities we make use of the local leisure facilities.



Our Aims

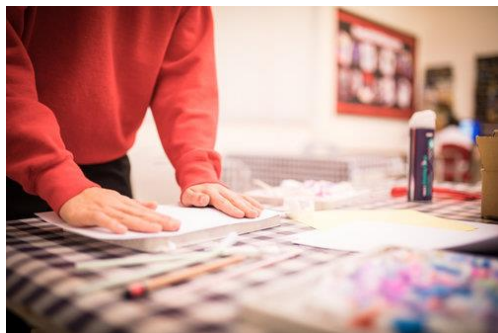
At Aurora Brambles East we focus on:

- Providing personalised specialist education, where students can learn and express themselves in a nurturing and safe environment that understands their needs and supports them to fulfil their potential
- Supporting students to be part of an enriched school and community life
- Preparing students effectively for life beyond school, by developing their abilities and supporting them to achieve their own unique level of independence as they approach adulthood.

Education

The school day runs from 9.00a.m. to 2.50p.m. Monday to Thursday; with a 2.30p.m. finish each Friday.

Students are collected from home by their Key Workers and dropped back home at the end of the day. We find this supports higher levels of attendance, effective safeguarding, strong relationships and allows students regular access to a non-teaching member of staff if they need to talk to someone. It also allows for parents or carers to have daily contact with the school staff.



The timetable is designed to ensure maximum engagement in the core subjects of English, Maths, Computing and Science in addition to students accessing the Foundation subjects. There are opportunities for students in Years 10 and 11 to have time in the school week to “specialise” and choose to put extra time and energy into subjects they favour as well as meeting the statutory lesson allocation. For those who require additional support with reading and writing, we are able to adjust their timetable to support them in the areas where it is required the most.

Students have access to a varied Outdoor and Social Education programme, which includes kayaking, rock climbing, skiing, fell walking, team building activities and a range of excellent confidence building and exciting activities. We find these activities have a positive impact on student's confidence, self-esteem and social skills.

For younger students we are able to offer explicit social skills sessions where this is needed.

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum, which comprises the National Curriculum with a rich and varied programme of learning to help support the social and emotional development of our students. We offer Unit awards in PHSCE, Construction, and Art.

We offer accredited Vocational based training:

- IMI Level 1 Award in Vehicle Maintenance
- Level 1 Mixed Trades Vocational Qualification



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