



HARDWICK
HOUSE SCHOOL



Raising aspirations
for the future





7-19

Ages 7-19



Small and friendly

4

Average of 4 per class



All genders



Day school



EHCP for high functioning autism and related communication difficulties

The Hardwick House School Community

Hardwick House School is a community which provides education and a support network to young people and their families. Located in a safe, semi-rural area of Loughborough, the school has access to a full range of facilities nearby which complement our daily structure and routine.



Putting the needs of our learners first



“Our child has grown socially and academically at Hardwick House”

The philosophy of the school is to allow each individual pupil to make outstanding progress from their personal academic, social and emotional starting points. Our focus is on raising aspirations and developing prospects for the future of our young people.

We look forward to welcoming you for a visit.

Kind Regards
Sarah Unwin, Head Teacher



Academic aspirations, individualised approach



“Our son has gained back his confidence and has been able to build a good friendship circle”

Primary

Key Stage 2 are located within their own purpose-built area on the school site. Pupils integrate with the older cohorts under supervision and have access to all facilities with the security of their own learning hub. Subjects are taught through a topic centred programme of study.

Personalised support

Personalised approaches are developed for each learner within the structure of the timetable, allowing for changes to lesson delivery and activities across the week. Complementing our academic content, students access lessons in Key Skills and Life skills, with occupational therapy and counselling support also available.

Secondary and beyond

Core subjects are taught discreetly alongside a range of subjects, progressing to GCSE qualifications at Key Stage 4. There are further opportunities for learners to improve their Level 2 achievements whilst exploring a range of transition options, including vocational work, ready for life after Hardwick House School.

Communication

The Communication aspect of the Hardwick House curriculum is focused on developing the key skills associated with becoming an independent and effective communicator in modern society with real life employability prospects. Each student receives weekly Social Communication lessons delivered by school staff and our Speech and Language Therapist.

Our environment

Hardwick House School delivers an inspiring curriculum where education is centred around the specific learning difficulties associated with autism.

Learners are given opportunities to engage in sensory experiences which are integrated within the curriculum and during tailored sessions. These experiences have a positive impact on well-being, also helping learners to develop skills and to desensitise against areas that they may struggle with.





Outdoor Learning

The school's outdoor learning facilities are used to promote creative thinking, enhance well-being and grow each learner's confidence.

Community skills are built into the timetable for all of our children, from weekly off-site visits in Key Stage 2 through to life skills and travel training visits in our secondary classes.

Learning beyond the classroom



“Our child is exceptionally well supported at this school”

We pride ourselves on building strong links with community groups, and we're proud members of local groups, including Loughborough in Bloom!

The campfire kitchen area is used for life skills and as a tool for teaching, and our pupils can also enjoy physical contact with a variety of animals in order to reduce anxiety, learn about habitats, and become fully involved in their care and upkeep.



Learners make use of raised beds and greenhouses to grow plants, fresh fruit and vegetables. The produce helps to feed our animals and is used in cooking activities.

The outdoor learning area also includes a workshop where students can refine traditional craftsmanship techniques such as cutting, hewing, joining and shaping wood when creating projects.



Transition and celebrating success

The measures of success for our young people are diverse. Whilst all of our pupils aspire to achieve qualifications and grades, it is often the personal accomplishments that occur on a daily basis that are the most fulfilling.

We set aspirational yet achievable targets for all of our pupils, and our curriculum allows our children to attain GCSE qualifications comparable to that of a mainstream education. Many pupils at Hardwick House are able to study towards 8 or 9 GCSEs.

Academic and social progress is reviewed through termly parent meetings and Annual Review meetings. Many learners follow the traditional pathway from KS2 through to KS4, but this isn't appropriate for everyone.

Through regular reviews and contact with home, we are able to make adjustments to the path our young people are taking, at any stage of the journey.



Raising aspirations for the future



When pupils leave Hardwick House School they are prepared for their next step towards independent adulthood and able to access further education or enter the workplace.

We have developed strong links with post-16 schools and colleges to provide the most appropriate support for each individual pupil, ensuring a successful transition to their next phase.

Admissions



After you have visited Hardwick House School and are confident that you would like to pursue a place, you will need to liaise with the local authority to provide us with as much information as possible, including a copy of your child's EHCP and any recent assessments.

We will come out to visit your child in their current educational setting, whether this is at school or in the home. This is to make an initial assessment of their communication skills, academic and social needs. We will then invite you to return to the school for a visit with your child, where they are able to see and experience the school for themselves. After this, we are able to reply to a consultation.

Learners can be transitioned into the school at any point and are encouraged to build up gradually to full time attendance.

We welcome visitors to the school and run individual tours each week for prospective parents. Please contact us to book a place.

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“My son is becoming more confident and making friends”





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