



Roehampton Gate  
School

Introducing our specialist  
education services





# Welcome to Roehampton Gate School

Welcome to Roehampton Gate School, formerly known as Priory Lodge School, located in Roehampton, South West London. We are an independent specialist day school for children and young people aged 7 to 19 years with high functioning autism and associated conditions.



## A school tailored to meet our students' needs

Our students are at the heart of all that we do and the school has been purposefully designed to meet their specific needs. There is a simple school layout to avoid confusion and small classes, enabling staff to provide the intensive support that helps young people to develop and progress. These provide a low arousal and safe environment.

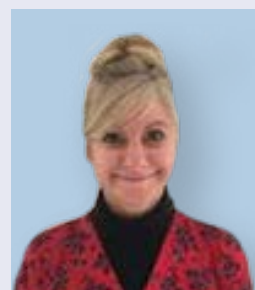
Many of our young people need to develop the confidence to speak in groups and collaborate with others, which is a key area of development. Anxiety is also minimised because there are no large crowds of students, instead young people are part of a warm and inclusive school community, where everyone has a place.

Students thrive at Roehampton Gate School and we are proud of the progress they make in every aspect of their learning. We are committed to ensuring that each young person leaves us with improved confidence and self-esteem, with strategies to manage the challenges autism can present and with belief in their own unique strengths and abilities.

Roehampton Gate School further benefits from a wonderful location within walking distance of Richmond Park and with transport links to London.

We would love to welcome you to our school, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a visit.

**Louise Reeks**  
Head Teacher  
Roehampton Gate School



## Personalised education and therapeutic support

Roehampton Gate School delivers specialised and highly individualised education and support, that transforms the lives of our young people and their families. Our extensively experienced staff team work with passion and dedication to empower young people to become successful learners, responsible citizens and confident individuals.

We continuously review our skilfully tailored education and therapeutic support, to ensure we meet each individual's developing needs and guide students to develop the educational, social and life skills for a happy and fulfilling future. We place a strong emphasis on social and emotional learning, which together with holistic therapy integrated into daily teaching, sees students grow as people and build confidence and resilience. Our curriculum is also designed along three separate pathways to engage and inspire young people and best prepare them for positive transitions to employment, apprenticeships or further learning.

## Our specialist services

The range of services and facilities available at Roehampton Gate School include:

- A new autism strategy that focuses on social community and inclusion
- A broad, stimulating and engaging curriculum, with individualised learning programmes in small groups
- A highly experienced therapy team providing 1:1 support, including access to occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and counselling
- Modern and well-equipped facilities designed to meet young people's holistic needs
- Specialist areas in performing arts, construction and outdoor learning
- A discrete primary provision
- A post-16 transition programme that focuses on employability, team working and social skills
- The development of functional skills and access to nationally accredited qualifications, including GCSEs and vocational qualifications
- A current student ratio of 73% males and 27% females. We recognise that girls with autism may present in a different way and we ensure that their needs are fully met
- Regular parent, carer and local authority communication, including sharing progress and achievement updates
- Pathways to further education, employment and training
- Positive behaviour approaches, in which we analyse the root causes of behaviour, and work together to find individual solutions

## Achieving positive outcomes for our young people

At Roehampton Gate School, we are really proud of the positive outcomes achieved by the young people that we have supported. In the last academic year, this includes:

- 95% pass rate achieved for all qualifications
- 91% GCSE pass rate

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the teachers and staff at Roehampton Gate School who have supported my son through his GCSEs, and helped him achieve his potential. He is over the moon with his results and is soon to start sixth form college. Please do pass on my thanks to the team, who have all contributed to his success. I'm sure they would love to know that both myself and my son are really thankful for all they did to support him."

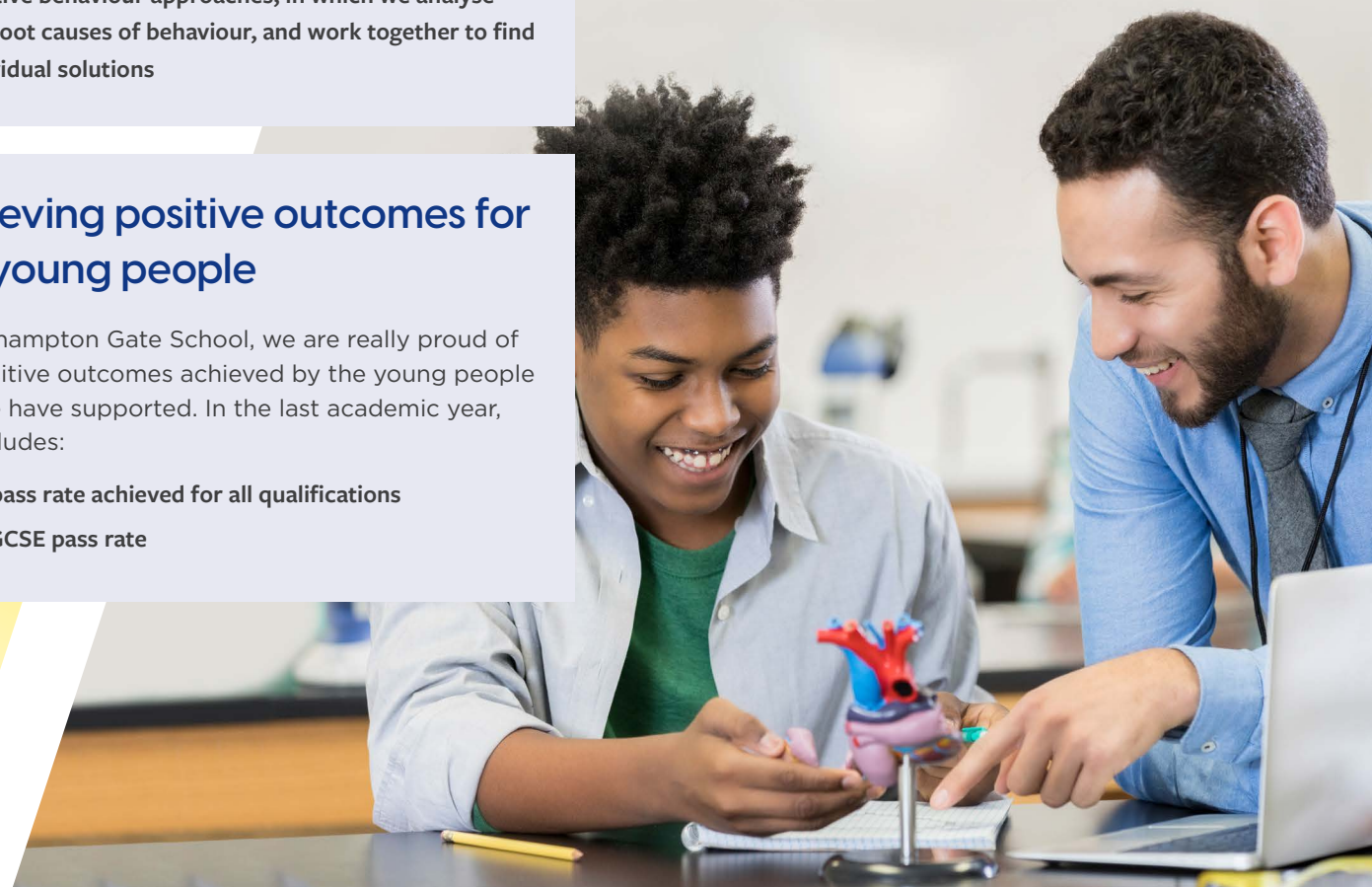
Parent of a student at Roehampton Gate School

"Teachers know their pupils' individual needs well, both the academic and the personal and social. They tailor the approaches they use to help pupils make good progress."

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"What I love about it here is that everybody accepts you for who you are. Everyone has been through some difficult times but the staff give us the positive energy to keep on going."

Student at Roehampton Gate School





# Education Services

Many of the children and young people we support at Roehampton Gate School arrive being behind in their education and wary about returning to school. We provide a warm, nurturing but structured learning environment where they quickly feel comfortable, accepted, and part of our community. With specialist support, the students progress academically, while developing the life skills they need for a fulfilling and independent future.

## Restoring the love of learning

At Roehampton Gate School, we work in partnership with children to address their barriers and restore their enjoyment of learning. We have high aspirations for our students, fostering their determination to reach their goals, whilst developing the skills for achieving them. As learning is highly personalised, it is built around each student's interests, strengths and ambitions, capturing their imagination and inspiring and motivating each young person.

Staff are skilled at using educational and therapeutic strategies to develop confidence and resilience so that young people quickly begin learning again.



## Small classes with intensive support

Small class sizes enable us to support each student to achieve their true potential. Classes are much smaller than mainstream schools and typically have no more than eight pupils. This means that our young people have substantial time with staff members, who are able to provide the more intensive support that helps them to quickly achieve and make progress. We have high staff to student ratios and some of our young people are supported on a one-to-one basis. The classes also make possible the highly personalised learning we deliver, tailored to meet the individual needs of each student.



## A broad and balanced curriculum

Roehampton Gate School provides a differentiated curriculum which has been specifically developed for our children and young people with an autistic spectrum disorder (ASD). This ensures a balance of academic learning, social and emotional development and skills for life. The broad curriculum is designed to engage and encourage students to be involved in their learning, with particular attention given to the specific learning needs associated with our young peoples' conditions.

We are ambitious for our young people and all students have the opportunity to study for a range of qualifications, including GCSEs and vocational skills.

For students who find learning more challenging, we offer an alternative curriculum pathway which consists of project-based learning, life skills and preparation for adulthood. This pathway prepares students for college, the world of work and greater independence during adulthood.



## Building confidence and independence

The school has a strong focus on social and emotional learning and the Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) development of our young people. Prioritising this aspect of personal learning helps young people to thrive at Roehampton Gate School, building self-esteem, confidence and resilience. Our aim is that they leave our school with the ability to manage the challenges their autism can present and with a strong belief in themselves.

Developing the skills for independent living is an integral part of our school's curriculum. From the very start of their time with us, children learn in the community, building confidence and social skills in a safe and supported way.

Therapy is also integrated into each student's daily learning and plays a crucial role in their emotional and social development.

## A specialist learning environment

The educational facilities at Roehampton Gate School have been purpose-built for children and young people with an autistic spectrum disorder. Everything has been designed with our students in mind, from the simple school layout to the comfortable, low arousal learning spaces. The school purposely caters for a small number of students to ensure a quiet environment for those with high anxiety.

Roehampton Gate School has modern, spacious, bright and well-equipped classrooms and shared spaces, including specialist learning areas for Food Technology, Science, Art and Design, I.T. and Technology. Students have access to a fully-equipped therapy suite and sensory room.

The school benefits from extensive grounds and is a short walk from Richmond Park, with its wide open spaces and herds of deer, where we base some of our outdoor learning. We also have easy access to London and make the most of the life enriching learning opportunities the city offers.

## Supporting the next steps after school

The decision about what and where to study after the age of 16 years can seem overwhelming for any young person. Roehampton Gate School makes the process easier by providing young people with expert advice about the range of courses and options available to them. We offer targeted careers advice for our young people, as well as support from an Occupational Therapist.

Our Careers Team carefully tailor work experience placements for each young person, identifying opportunities which we believe the student will enjoy, where they will feel comfortable and which will help them to progress towards their long-term goals. These are quite often undertaken within school.



## Part of one of the leading specialist education providers

We are proud to be part of Aspris Children's Services, one of the UK's leading specialist education providers. We form part of a network of schools sharing best practice and learning from each other's successes.

As part of the Aspris Children's Services, we also have access to a wide variety of additional services across the UK. This enables students to make smooth transitions to associated colleges when they leave us. We benefit from a comprehensive and continually updated range of training, expert information and advice for educating and supporting children with autism. Our school is overseen by an Operations Director, Health and Safety Advisor and Quality Lead, ensuring a consistent and robust approach of the highest standards.

**"The transitions between different stages of the school are carefully managed so that pupils can move confidently into the next stage. Older pupils have access to good personal and careers guidance which helps them to understand what is involved in different courses they may wish to take. Pupils are encouraged to be ambitious."**

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# Therapeutic Support

Therapy is a crucial and integral element of the education provided at Roehampton Gate School. We are committed to empowering our children and young people to address and manage their emotions, and achieve greater wellbeing. By guiding students to develop emotionally and socially, we support them to engage with their learning and with the opportunities that life has to offer.

Our highly qualified specialist in-house therapy team includes:

- A Speech and Language Therapist
- An Occupational Therapist
- A Counsellor and Mentor
- A Student Wellbeing Lead

**"Teachers, therapists and teaching assistants work together to help pupils in all key stages to consolidate what they know and can do, and to learn new skills. Work is carefully planned to develop pupils' confidence and resilience, as well as promote their academic progress."**

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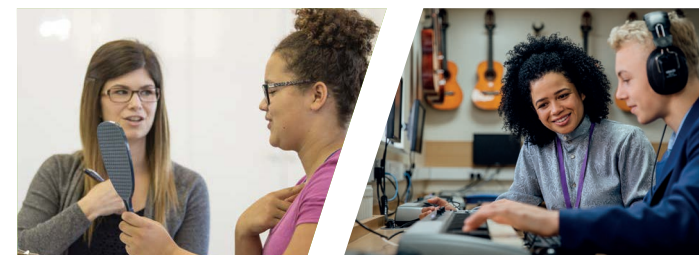
## Individual support programmes

Our expert team carefully and thoroughly assess each student, enabling us to develop individual support programmes based around their specific needs. We know that needs can change and each student at Roehampton Gate School has their therapeutic support programme regularly reviewed by our staff team, with input from the young person and their family.

## A broad range of therapeutic services

Roehampton Gate School prides itself on the breadth of therapy and support that our students benefit from. This includes:

- A designated mentor for every student
- 1:1 therapeutic services for some of our students with qualified therapists
- Social communication skills support to develop social interaction and conversational skills
- A personalised sensory diet: exercises to address sensory processing issues and help students to pay attention and fully engage with learning and school life
- Speech and language therapy strategies for use throughout the school day
- The 'Zones of Regulation' programme to help young people develop the skills to regulate themselves and their emotions
- Group sessions such as LEGO therapy
- Structured programmes including anxiety management, anger management and understanding autism
- Individualised programmes focusing on areas including fine motor and gross motor skills, as well as tools and equipment such as visuals or fidget toys



## Working hand-in-hand

We are a close-knit staff team and our therapy staff members work hand-in-hand with teachers to ensure that all staff share an understanding of our students' therapeutic needs. The team provides guidance, advice, support and training so that education, pastoral and therapy services can work together effectively to support each young person. This cohesive, consistent and holistic approach makes a huge difference to students' wellbeing, emotional and social development, and academic outcomes.



**"Pupils' wellbeing is taken very seriously. The sensory room, the regular 'well-being walk' and clubs, such as the 'LEGO' Club, managed by therapy staff, promote well-being. The school provides pupils with help on anger and anxiety management, and understanding autism. The work of the school counsellor and the student well-being lead is highly valued by staff, pupils and parents."**

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## Dedicated therapy space

Roehampton Gate School has three therapy rooms, an occupational therapy suite and a sensory room. In addition to these dedicated spaces, our therapy team work alongside our young people in the classroom to give them the support they need during the school day.





# Get in touch

For information on our specialist services at Roehampton Gate School, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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*"It's friendly, the teachers are kind and it's fun to come here every day and do something new."*

Student at Roehampton Gate School

*"I couldn't cook before because I never really tried, but now with the help of the teachers I can cook different foods which is a good life skill."*

Student at Roehampton Gate School

