

Sheridan School

Sheridan School is an independent, specialist day school for boys and girls aged 8 to 19 years who have complex needs which may include social, emotional and mental health difficulties, autistic spectrum disorders (ASD) including Asperger Syndrome or other specific learning difficulties.

Many of our young people have experienced considerable disruption to their education as a result of their difficulties and may lack confidence in their own abilities. We aim to nurture and develop academic skills and self belief through an integrated holistic approach centred on individual education, care and therapy to help our young people to thrive effectively in an ever demanding and complex society. This is achieved through personalised multidisciplinary assessments and highly individual education and care programmes.

Our ethos is grounded in valuing individuals, in order to develop an appropriate profile of personal qualities and values. This includes reflective thinking, self belief and through engagement in a positive and appropriate curriculum to ensure that positive outcomes are achieved.

Services offered

- A framework where students can learn to take responsibility for the control of their own behaviours
- A specialist ASD provision that sits separately from the main school, housed in its own classrooms, garden and break out space for one to one support and group work
- A fully equipped sensory room to help stimulate, develop or balance the young person's sensory system
- A unique environment where students can thrive
- High staff to pupil ratios
- Small teaching groups
- A culture in which students feel safe, secure, respected and valued
- Individualised programmes for education and therapy
- Outreach programmes for those who need support in mainstream school, or home education
- A positive and respectful ethos which celebrates and rewards success and progress
- A multidisciplinary approach integrating education, care and therapy programmes



“ I will always be grateful to Sheridan School for helping my son. He has gone from strength to strength and is growing into a very fine young man. He has his sights set on Palaeontology at university – he would not have even been in a position to think of this had it not been for Sheridan School's patience and professionalism. ”

Parent of former student

Admissions criteria

- **Girls and boys aged 8 to 19 years with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties including autistic spectrum disorders (ASD)**
- **An Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)**
- **Other difficulties including specific learning difficulties, attention deficit disorder (ADD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)**

Safe and supportive community living

The physical environment of Sheridan School plays an important part in the holistic experience of our young people.

All meals are well balanced, nutritious and reflect the cultural diversity and needs of our young people. In addition, the school is fully approved by the DfE and offers the full National Curriculum with GCSEs and other nationally accredited qualifications.

Holistic approach

- **Access to an occupational therapist, clinical psychologist, child psychotherapist and a speech and language therapist**
- **Access to a music therapist**
- **Psychological assessment**
- **Therapeutic input**



Case study

Sam* came to Sheridan School following a diagnosis of high functioning autism. A bespoke transition timetable allowed him to integrate slowly into the routines of the School. An individualised timetable around core subjects and interests helped Sam to build confidence in his abilities and trust in the staff team. He progressed well, achieving certificates and GCSE qualifications.

While previously Sam would find interacting in public places overwhelming, he is now able to go out to new places, meet new people and have fun whilst learning new life skills.

He has set his sights on studying Palaeontology at university.

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