

Quick guide to Inaura School



Children do not come to the Inaura school because they cannot learn but so that they will.

What we try to do



- Help students WANT to learn again
- Provide a safe place to learn.
- Respect all our children and their families
- Work with others to help our students
- Support return to mainstream school if possible
- Help children become good citizens and find success.
- Lead a healthy life.
- Talk to parents and carers

The school and the teachers



- We are an independent school for boys and girls aged 10 to 16.
- We have several learning centres around Somerset, mainly in the country.
- We now have about 20 teachers and support workers.
- Every student has their own learning support worker
- We give children all the help they need in and out of the classroom.
- We value the support of parents and carers and welcome calls and visits.

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What we believe

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- We can help our students be ready to learn if we help to sort out their problems.
- The first step is to build good relationships with the young person and their families or carers.
- Everyone is equal. We believe in being open, fair and honest.
- We try to solve problems simply and quickly .

We never force children to do things they do not want to do.

All young people want to learn and we help them find a way to do so

- We give our students the right work for them.
- We give them hope. We show them that there is a place for them in society. We get them ready to move on to school, college, work or training. We support them when they move
- We teach them how to make good relationships with friends at home and in school.

What we offer our students

- We help students learn about their emotions and how to deal with them, what being a teenager means, and how to talk about their problems and be happy at home and at school.
- We find that students gradually increase their attendance and do more work as we help them be ready for learning.
- All students can take part in P.E. Sport and high energy activities.
- Many of our students have statements of special educational needs. We offer them extra help. If they have difficulty with Maths or English we give them special help with this.
- We always take time to talk to students about what they hope to achieve and any difficulties they have.

National curriculum

- We follow the same 'National Curriculum' (study plans) as other good schools but we make it suit our students own way of learning.
- At Keystage 3 (11 years to 14 years) students can study the same subjects as are taught in other schools.
- At keystage 4 (15 years to 16 years) we provide many of the same subjects as other schools. Students can take GCSEs if they think they are ready for them.
- We also offer Youth Challenge Awards, Literacy and Numeracy certificates, and Skills for life certificates.
- We also offer Work-related and work-based Learning Programmes

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Post-16

- We help children find further education, employment or training after they leave school. Sometimes our students go on to college and study some more.

Promoting good behaviour

In our school being on good terms with our students is the most important thing. If a student is not happy to come to school or does not like what we ask them to do we

- Listen
- Find a better way for them to learn.

When we make this clear to the students they mostly behave well because they do not have 'to be bad to get away from school'. If they do not feel happy but still want to be at school we help them sort out what is making them feel bad.

We know this way works because we find our students

- Behave well and treat the school with respect
- Are polite and work with staff
- Attend more as time passes and work harder
- Say they like the school a lot and want to be here

If we do have difficulties with the child in school we sometimes find them a different place to work away from the main teaching area.

When there are problems

- We ask our students to take responsibility for what they have done, to talk to us about it, and help us make sure bad things don't happen again, and good things do.
- We give the child new opportunities to do things differently.
- We try to work out how they are feeling and what they really need.

When we do this we find that the difficult behaviours usually stop.

What our students agree to do

When we offer our students the opportunity to join the Inaura programme we make a real commitment to them. We ask them to make a commitment to us too:

- Be polite and tolerant to other pupils
- Respect other people's property
- Respect school property

We ask all students to attend regularly and be on time. We ask them not to bring things to school which might be dangerous.

Exams

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Whenever possible we will offer your child the chance to take exams. There are many different sorts of exams - we will explain to you and your child what the choices are and decide together what is best.

Out of doors

- We encourage all students to take part in activities outside the normal timetable such as climbing and horse-riding.
- All our activities are lead by people who are properly trained and licenced.
- We also visit museums, art galleries and other places of interest.

We will always make sure you are happy with your plan.

Religion and Sex education

- If you do not want your child to do religious education or sex education please tell us.
- Call us if you want to see our rules on this or any other matter.

Other rules

- We ask students to hand in their mobile phones at school
- The school does have the right to exclude students. However, we have never had to do so.

Referring a pupil

We accept referrals from anywhere in the country. If students from outside the area need foster care whilst attending the school we can provide this through our independent fostering service. Please contact the school office

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