

Welcome to Oakbridge School



Oakbridge School is an independent specialist school in Birmingham, supporting autistic pupils aged 7 to 17. Many of our students have experienced anxiety, sensory challenges, or inconsistent support in previous settings, often leading to disrupted education. For those pupils we offer a fresh start in a calm, structured environment where pupils can feel safe, understood, and ready to re-engage with learning.

At the heart of Oakbridge School's vision is a commitment to nurturing our students' talents and creating meaningful vocational opportunities. We empower our students to harness technology and creativity while encouraging them to explore their passions, develop new skills, and prepare for their future in modern Britain

Our Approach

We create a low-stimulus, predictable setting with small class sizes and regular learning breaks. This consistency helps pupils rebuild trust in education and make meaningful progress — academically, socially, and emotionally.

We use the THRIVE Approach, a trauma-informed framework that supports emotional development and resilience. Alongside this, our Wheel of Independence helps pupils build life skills and confidence at their own pace.

Overview

- Handsworth Wood, Birmingham
- Ages 7 to 17 years
- Experts at supporting autistic children

Therapeutic Support

Therapeutic input is woven into daily life. Our team includes an Occupational Therapist, Speech and Language Therapist, and a trained counsellor/play therapist. Staff are also trained in Drawing and Talking Therapy, LEGO® Therapy, and the Zones of Regulation.

Support is delivered through 1:1 and small group sessions, as well as class-wide activities. Pupils develop strategies for emotional regulation, communication, and independence — all tailored to their individual needs and EHCP goals.



Learning With Us

We offer a broad, balanced curriculum based on the National Curriculum, adapted to each pupil's needs. Some secondary pupils follow a primary-style model for consistency, while others move between subject-specific classrooms to build independence.

Pupils work towards a range of qualifications, including:

- Functional Skills (English and Maths)
- Entry Level History and Geography
- Cambridge Nationals, BTECs, and Gateway Awards
- GCSEs
- Vocational courses such as Hospitality and Catering, Music, and E-sports

Digital learning is expanding, helping pupils explore creative and technical pathways. All pupils also take part in Life Skills sessions, preparing them for adulthood with practical, real-world learning.

Enrichment and Life Skills

Education at Oakbridge School goes beyond the classroom. Pupils take part in outdoor learning, Forest School, and our popular Mud Club, where they grow vegetables and connect with nature. Clubs like chess, Warhammer, and School Council offer safe spaces for socialising and self-expression.

Life skills are central to our curriculum. Pupils learn to use public transport, shop, cook, and manage everyday tasks like laundry. Primary aged pupils also access swimming lessons through a local partnership. Practical qualifications such as Food Hygiene and First Aid help build a portfolio of useful skills for the future.



A Home for Innovation, Creativity, and Technology

From mid-Autumn term 2025 our school is set to relocate to its brand-new, state-of-the-art site in Handsworth Wood, Birmingham. Following a complete transformation of a former school site, this innovative learning environment has been purposefully designed to support and inspire learners. These exciting new facilities will provide even more opportunities for our pupils to explore their passions and achieve qualifications which in turn will open up future options.

Learning & Innovation Spaces

Recording Studio - For music production, podcasting, and sound design.

Apple Mac Multimedia Studio - For video editing, animation, photography, and digital media.

E-Sports Suite – Promotes teamwork, strategy, and digital literacy through gaming.

Performance Hall with Stage - For drama, music, and public speaking to build confidence.

Science & Technology Labs - Hands-on learning in science, engineering, and tech.

Virtual Reality (VR) Learning - Immersive experiences to support transitions and career readiness.

Well-being & Life Skills

Multi-Sensory Rooms - Calm, safe spaces tailored to sensory and emotional needs.

Life Skills 'Flat' - A realistic home-like environment where students learn cooking, cleaning, budgeting, and personal care.

Landscaped Multi-Activity Areas - For physical activity, exploration, and social interaction.

Sensory Garden - A tranquil space for relaxation and sensory engagement.

Preparing for the Future

From Key Stage 2, we introduce careers education to help pupils develop aspirations and understand the world of work. From Year 9, we tailor qualifications to match pupils' goals and offer experiences like employer visits, volunteering, and workshops with companies such as Apple and Tesco.

Our Careers Lead and mentors support each transition with personalised guidance, college visits, and gradual introductions to new settings. Pupils leave Oakbridge ready for college, apprenticeships, or employment — equipped with the confidence and skills to thrive.

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