



Hereward College

Promoting individual achievement



Aspire

An individualised and targeted intervention programme which provides intensive support for learners with more complex needs.



100% retention rate

In 2023/24 our Aspire students achieved a 100% retention rate.



Helping young people to reach their potential

Aspire is a three days per week programme designed specifically for young people with autism and social, emotional or mental health challenges that might be affecting engagement in education.

Aspire offers a calm, sensory-sensitive learning environment with dedicated break-out spaces. Our aim is to help young people build confidence and develop the social, emotional and academic skills they need to make decisions about the future. We keep class sizes small, with a high staff-to-student ratio, so every learner gets individualised

support tailored to their needs. We empower learners to develop their own strategies to manage situations that might challenge. Our focus is positive engagement in the study programme and supporting successful transition into the wider college or alternative provisions for the young person to continue academic studies.

What will I study?

Aspire learners access a varied study programme over 3 days per week.

It is an accredited Open Awards programme from Entry Level 3 upwards with units including:

- Health & wellbeing
- Skills for independence
- Community involvement
- Personal social development
- Digital projects
- Outdoor learning
- Employability
- Creative projects
- Functional Skills or GCSE English and maths

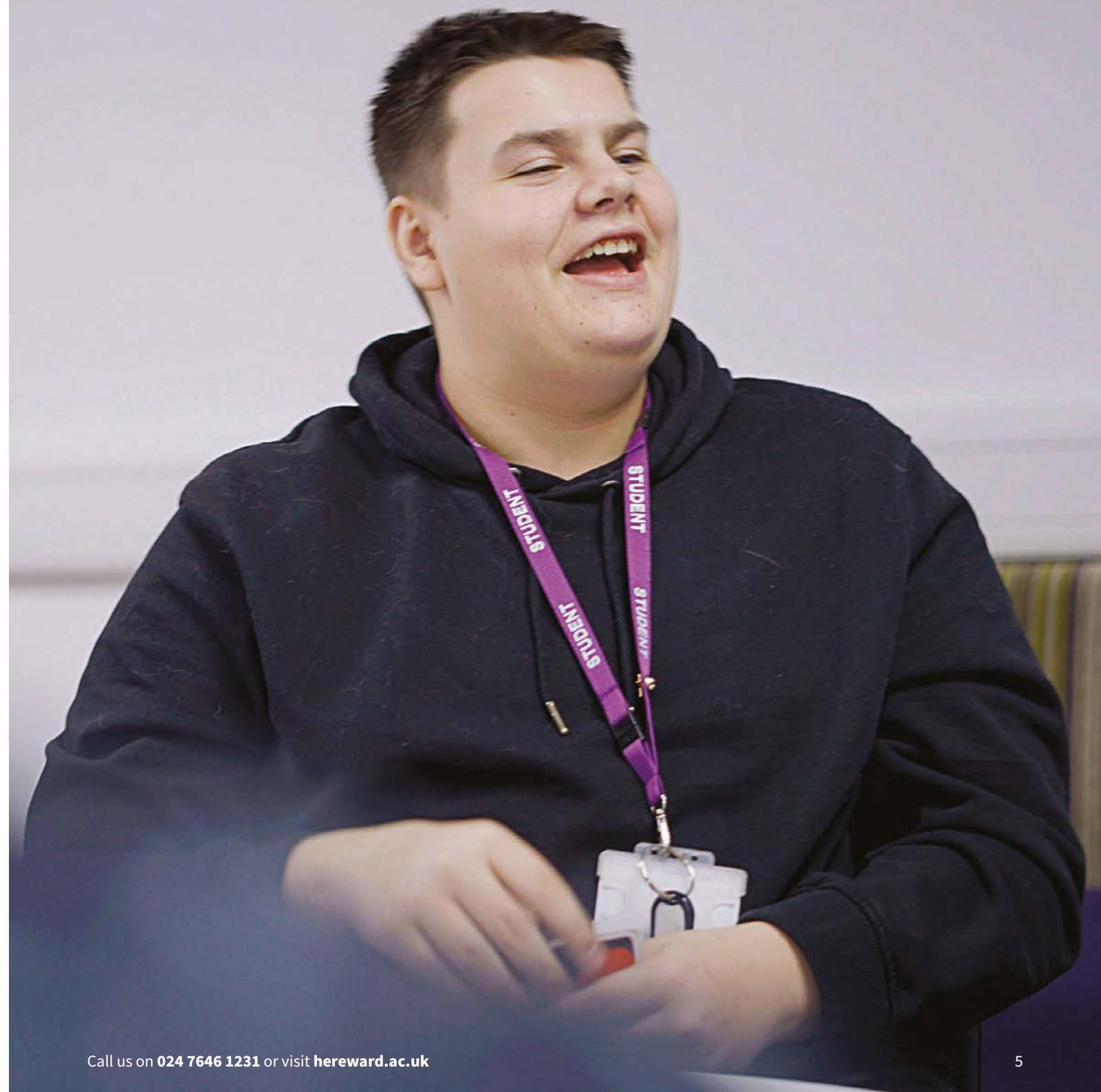
The programme is accredited through Open Awards qualifications and is suitable for students working towards Entry Level 3 and above.

'Bespoke learning and support plans'

Teachers have a detailed understanding of the starting points of learners with high needs.

They use this information effectively to develop learners' individual learning and support plans. Teachers and support staff work closely with the clinical team to put in place appropriate therapies and adjustments. As a result, learners participate in a bespoke curriculum that supports them to achieve to the best of their ability.

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Developing important skills for life

Learners with high needs participate enthusiastically in a wide range of work experience opportunities in addition to work experience in the vocational areas where they study.

They also participate in a range of projects including refurbishing community spaces and 'Capturing Coventry', a photography project.

Through this activity, they develop important skills for life, including timekeeping, communication and following instructions.

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What can I do after completing the programme?

Aspire prepares students for successful transition into Diploma courses in our Explorer and Discovery Pathways, where they can continue their academic studies with a tailored support package.

“Aspire programme has been the best thing for my son...”

... It has given him the chance he needed in life. He has started to have confidence and believe in himself - something he never had before. Aspire has given him new skills in lots of different ways. He feels safe and able to express his feelings in the knowledge that the staff are always there to listen and support.”



How do I apply?

Learners are assessed through direct application to the college or upon receipt of a consultation from the local authority.

Aspire is a three days per week study programme. Places are funded by your local authority through an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and the final decision on placement is made by the local authority.

For more information or to make an application:

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