

Rashad, Charlotte and Alyssa are coming to Hawkswood Therapeutic School



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How will you help me to settle in?

We know how daunting it can be starting at a new school, so we try and help you as much as possible.

The day before you start at Hawkswood, you will visit us with your parents or carers. We spend time with you so that we can start to get to know you and find out about what makes you special, what you are interested in and what you may need help with.

We will show you around the school so you can see where everything is and get to meet your new teachers and classmates.

Alyssa is visiting with her parents.

"Everyone is so friendly here," she says. "I am looking forward to starting."





What else will you do to help me settle in?

When you join us, your teacher will show you how to use the Apricot Learning system and how to log on. Apricot is an online learning system which helps you work at a pace and level that is right for you.

Everyone at Hawkswood wants you to do well. Your teachers are there to help you with your learning and give you support with any other problems that you have.

You will also have support from a 'buddy' who will be one of your fellow pupils.

Rashad and Charlotte are finding out about Apricot.

"It's so easy to use," says Rashad.

"And if you have any problems, let me know straightaway, and I will be there to help," says the teacher.

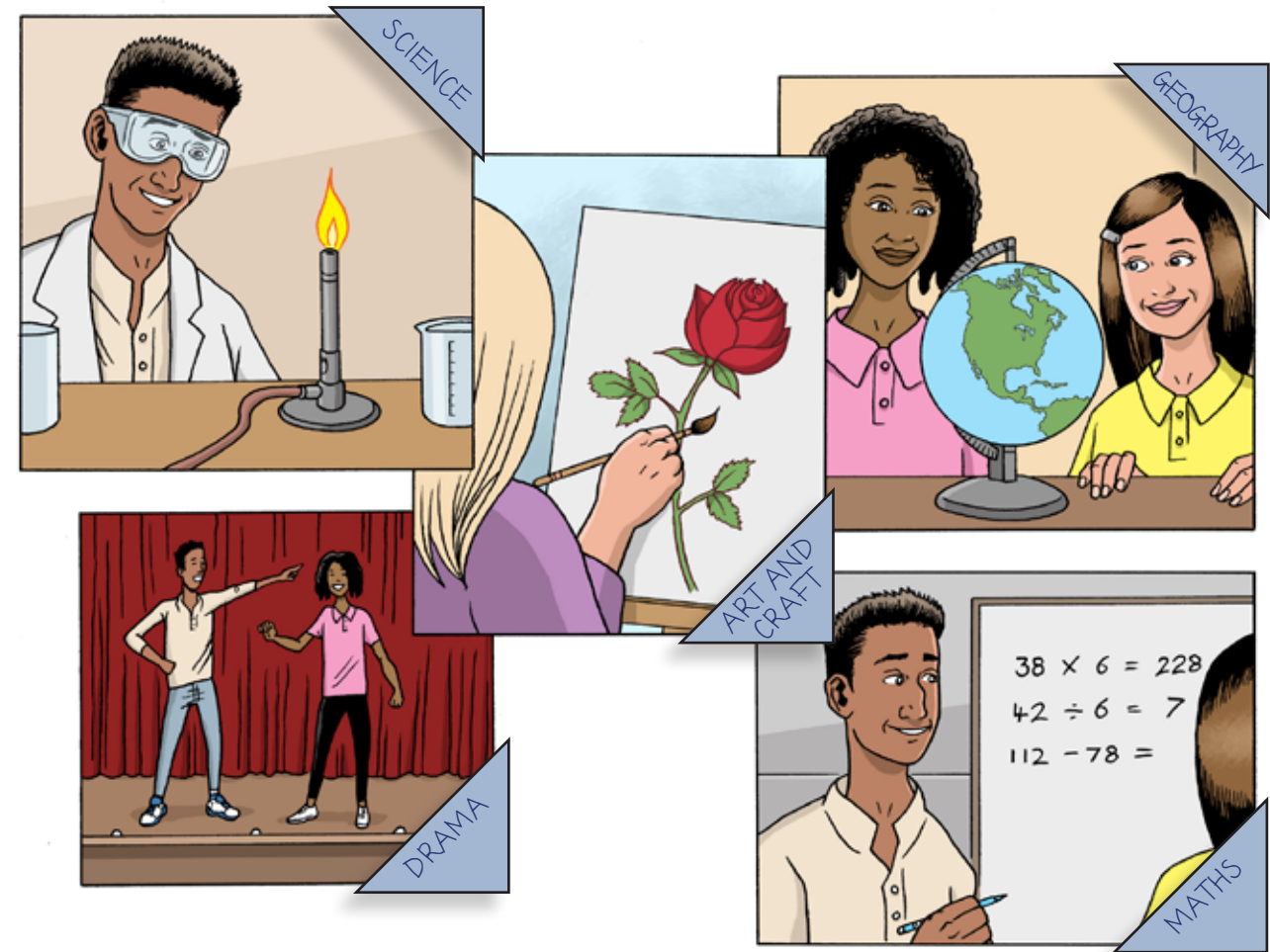
Is there anything else we can do to help you settle in?

How will you support my learning?

You will follow the National Curriculum at Hawkswood, including studying for GCSEs. Our classes are small with only 8 pupils per group. Pupils usually work alongside other pupils who are at the same level in their studies, so you will be able to support each other.

We also have catch-up sessions in maths, English and science to help if you have missed key areas and help you build your confidence.

We believe that by helping create a kind, supportive atmosphere we can help you with your issues and overcome any barriers that you have to learning.



...and lots more!

What are you looking forward to studying at Hawkswood?

What other support will you give me?



Our school is a community where we all work to support each other. So you will find that the other pupils here will be kind and understanding. You will be part of a small support group where you can talk about your issues in a safe, encouraging atmosphere.

We also have specialist staff who can help you with any problems you may have. But you can speak to anyone here...we will always be there to listen and help!

Alyssa is getting lots of support with her phobia about using public transport. Her teacher and friends have helped with strategies for coping with her anxiety.

Alyssa is using the underground by herself for the first time. "I am so proud of myself," she says. "I will be able to be so independent now."

How can we support you best?

What happens when I am ready to move on?

When you are ready to move on, you may return to your school, and we provide lots of support with this transition. Some other pupils move on to college or work. We help you with every aspect of this, such as giving careers advice, writing applications and CVs.

We love to see how you are getting on. We are very proud of the young people that come to Hawkswood. We believe that your experiences and maturity make you unique and give you insights and empathy that are so valuable in your life after school.

We hope that you will keep in touch. Remember, we will always be here for you!

Alyssa has started a new job recently and has come back to see her friends and teachers at Hawkswood to let them know how it is going.

"It's going really well," she says. "I travel on the tube each day and don't feel stressed, thanks to the help you all gave me. And I love my job!"

What are your plans for the future?





Alyssa,
Rashad and
Charlotte feel
part of the
community at
Hawkswood...
and they think
you will too!

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