

# Pupils' Experience at Blue River

## AROOJ TUSSADIQ

BIO: I was born in Pakistan. I have lived in the UK for 1 year and 2 months. I enjoy reading books and socialising with friends in my spare time.

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The first school I went to in the UK is Blue River Academy. I had a good school experience - the teachers helped me a lot with my English especially Mrs Sadaf, she translated English to me from Urdu which helped a lot. I enjoy the teachers in Blue River because they give you support for learning English and give you their full attention.

The subject I enjoyed studying the most is Maths because before I didn't understand much but now with the help of my teachers explaining to me by their excellent teaching methods, Maths has become my favourite subject to learn here.

My future plan once I leave Blue River is to retake my GCSE English so I can do A Levels at Cadbury College. My career goal is to become a doctor.

Blue River has supported me to achieve good grades and are very helpful.

*"I feel that Arooj has done brilliantly this year. I can see the difference Blue River has made to her confidence and ability. She is very happy and I have absolutely no complaints with the school. I have only praise for this school.*

-Arooj's Uncle

## IBRAHIM ZERFA

"Blue River made me more confident, and teachers helped me a lot".  
-Ibrahim

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BIO: I was born in Finland. But I am originally from Algeria. I'm fifteen years old. In my spare time I enjoy reading and football.

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Before I came to Blue River I was in Algeria I was there for two years, while I was there I went to primary and secondary school. In Blue River there is more structure here than opposed to at home and I enjoy that. For instance at home I study freely and study subjects I want to learn and at Blue River Academy I learn more.

The subject I enjoy studying the most here would be Maths because I'm good at it. My future plans once I finish my studies are to become involved in business or trading. My first choice is to go to Joseph Chamberlain College so I can study a business management course.

Blue River is a good school, it helped me get better grades with Maths and English. My parents heard about Blue River and enrolled me here shortly after.

My time here has changed me, my English and Science has improved massively whilst being here. Three words to describe Blue River Academy are amazing, good and helpful.

**HUSSEIN HAJI**  
**Small steps - Giant leaps**

**Explain how Blue River has supported you to improve.**

I was born in Somalia – I've lived in the UK for twelve years – I have many hobbies such as football and going to the mosque. I'd been to many schools before I arrived at Blue River – the difference here is that I enjoy that Blue River teaches the entire main (curriculum) subjects here eg: GCSE Maths, English and Science with some addition of Functional skills and languages etc. The subject I enjoy the most here would be Maths – only because I find it easier than other subjects.

The biggest difference between Blue River and previous schools is that Blue River is smaller than mainstream schools and because of that they give you more attention here which I didn't get in my previous schools. Blue River Academy is a good and exciting place to be in.

**How has Blue River helped you to achieve your future plans?**

After Blue River I want to go to college, I want to study BTEC Business in Cadbury College. Career wise, I want to open up my own business in housing when I'm older.

**Describe your experience at the school.**

Blue River is a very good school – I like Blue River because it is very friendly and I like the environment because it makes me feel comfortable and it makes me fit into society – Blue River taught me things that I didn't learn in my previous school – also I like the teachers because they are very helpful.

**SUMAYA GURE**

**Are there any teachers who have particularly supported or inspired you this year?**

All the teachers have helped me in their own ways with my studies and my manners.

**If you could say 3 things about the benefits of being at Blue River what would they be?**

- a) Prepared me for future life.
- b) Helped me get through my exams
- c) Helped me find and apply for colleges.

**Have your future plans changed since joining Blue River?**

I have always wanted to become a nurse and still want to.

**How has Blue River helped you to achieve your future plans?**

They have helped me get through my exams so I can get into college, which will help me go to nursing at university

**How have you changed as a person since joining Blue River?**

I have become more independent.

**Describe your experience at the school.**

It has been inspiring and I have made more friends. My new life has also changed in various ways which are good.