



**Our vision:** 'To support our students through a fully resourced learning environment promoting equality and inclusivity.'

## 2 Learning Support

### Who is Learning Support for?

The Learning Support Team is divided into four distinct support areas:

- Disability/illness support
- Specific Learning Difficulties
- Supervised Supported Study for A Level students
- Study Skills

### What is our role?

Our role is to ensure that every student has the support needed to enable them to access the course they wish to study and to achieve their full potential. The support we offer also enables learners to pursue higher education or employment goals.

### How can you obtain support?

You can self-refer for support by asking your teacher or tutor, or by speaking to the Learning Support Manager who is located in the Learning Resources Centre.

Staff may refer a student by firstly discussing any issues with the student and then informing the Learning Support Manager of their concerns. Contact will then be made with the student and support and guidance offered.



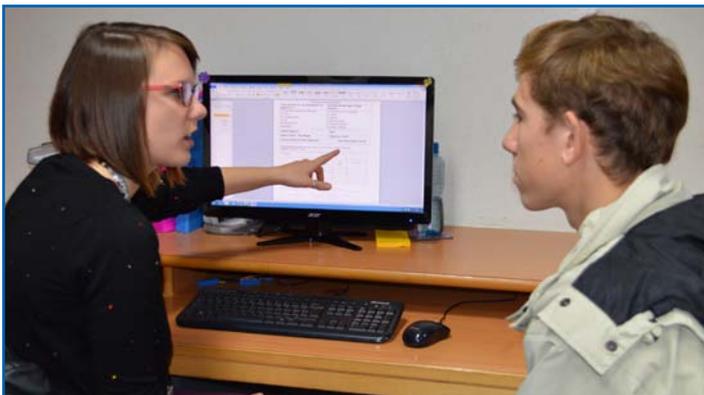
## How is support offered?

There are a variety of ways that support is offered to students:

- **Initial assessment:** The College assesses first year students through a literacy online assessment tool. This important assessment provides us with information about level of skills within English and if there is any indication of a specific learning difficulty and possible support needs.
- **Diagnostic assessment:** If a need is identified from a previous school, appointments are arranged for a diagnostic assessment. The report will define the learning difficulty and the 'evidence of need' in order to meet the requirements for Examination Access arrangements, if applicable, e.g. 25% extra time. If teachers have any concerns these will be raised with the Learning Support Manager.
- **Individual Learning Plans** are prepared for each student receiving support, and progress is reviewed every half term.

**Specialist staff** are always available for advice and assistance.

- The Learning Support Manager and Assistant Manager bring specialist knowledge of specific learning difficulties/ disabilities or other barriers to learning.
- Learning Support Assistants aid mobility and provide support in lessons such as scribing. They also provide support in exams and on a one to one basis within learning support.



## Our facilities

We have five support rooms where we can offer one to one support and study skills in a relaxed environment.

We also have a specialist library, resources and computer software which the Learning Support Team can use with students. Specialist technology is available to assist with physical and sensory disabilities.

Individual support is offered to students to meet their specific needs. This academic year we are supporting students with the following conditions:

- Anxiety
- Asperger's Syndrome
- Cerebral palsy
- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia
- Dyscalculia
- Hearing Impairment
- Mental Health conditions
- OCD
- Physical disabilities
- Tourette's
- Visual Impairment

We also support students who have difficulties with learning confidence, study skills and exam preparation.

If you would like to know more please contact:

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