



## **SEND & Additional Learning Support**



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via email: [additional-learning@solihullsfc.ac.uk](mailto:additional-learning@solihullsfc.ac.uk) if you would  
like further information regarding Additional Learning Support*

**We want you to succeed in your studies at The Sixth Form College, Solihull and for you to reach your full potential whatever your special educational need or disability.**

### **Frequently asked questions:**

#### **What is an ‘additional need’?**

We support students with a variety of ‘needs’ including:

ASD/Asperger’s	ADHD
Dyslexia	Dyspraxia
Hearing impairment	Medical conditions
Mental health difficulties	Mobility difficulties
Panic / anxiety	Visual impairment

#### **How can I get help?**

It is important that we know about your additional need as soon as possible; you can inform us of your particular needs in the following ways: Open Day Event, Application Form (paper or online version), telephone, letter, email or, once you have started your course, via your Academic Coach, teacher(s) or by dropping in to the Additional Learning Department in the Meriden Building.

Once we are aware of your support needs, we will arrange for you to have a more in-depth chat with one of the team to assess and agree your individual additional learning needs.

#### **What if I have an EHC Plan?**

We will need to liaise with the local authority who is responsible for maintaining your Education Health Care Plan to ensure appropriate support, provision and funding arrangements can be fulfilled on your transition to College. We will ask for a copy of any assessment reports and any other relevant paperwork to enable us to put appropriate support in as soon as possible.

## **What type of support might I get?**

Depending on your particular need you may receive:

- 1:1 additional specialist teaching
- Specialist equipment loan arrangements
- In-class notetaker / enabler
- Exam access

## **If I had exam access arrangements previously eg extra time, scribe, reader, will I get this same arrangement at College?**

Yes, depending on the reason you had the access arrangement and providing we have appropriate evidence to support this continuing at your level 3 study.

## **I don't have a diagnosis but I have always suspected I might be dyslexic. Can I be tested at College?**

All our year 12 students take an initial screening exercise during their enrolment at College and we use this, along with other information and evidence, to determine whether you may require support or further assessment.

## **Will my teachers know about my learning difference / disability and support needs?**

Yes, providing you have given us permission to disclose this information, we will inform your teachers and academic coach of your particular difficulty / disability and support needs. We will liaise with them to ensure you get the support you require to enable you to reach your full potential.

## **Can I continue to get support at university when I leave College?**

If you have a specific learning difference or disability, you can apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance through your LEA to fund support at university. We will help you through this process and ensure you have sufficient information and advice to get your degree studies off to a good start.



### ***Student comments***

*“Thank you for your support and exam revision skills... I will continue to use them throughout life’*

*“Outstanding support. Kept me on track.’*

*“They quickly found out what support I needed and quickly arranged the support.”*

*‘I can’t thank you enough for the support you have given me’*

*‘You have been so caring and understanding and I will always remember this’*

*‘Excellent... could not have been improved any more’*

### ***Parent comments:***

*“Fantastic support. Committed and caring staff’*

*‘Wonderful support... we are and will be forever grateful to The Sixth Form College, Solihull!’*

*“Would not have survived the year without the support’*

*‘There is always someone able to answer any questions I have’*

*‘Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the difference you have made to our son’s future’*