



Learning Support at St Mary's School

The Learning Support Department works with students in both the Prep Department and Senior House. This support is available to students with specific learning needs and differences including:

- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia
- ADD/ADHD
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Hearing Loss
- Processing Difficulties

Support in Senior House depends entirely on the needs of the individual but may take the form of:



- **One to One Support Lesson:** additional to the student's regular timetable, for help with planning, researching, drafting & proof reading assignments, organisation, spelling, reading etc.



- **Small Group Support:** students in Key Stage 3 may be invited to attend an exclusive club called CAKE – short blocks of fun, targeted sessions focusing on different multisensory learning strategies, through the medium of cake!



- **Drop In Clinic:** an open door policy where students are welcome to drop in at a time that suits them, should they need some ad hoc support.



- **Access Arrangements:** where appropriate and we have the required evidence, we will put in applications for access arrangements for examinations.



- **Assistive Technology:** students may prefer to use a word processor in class as their usual way of working and some benefit greatly from the excellent text-to-voice software, Read&Write, as it helps develop confidence and independence.



- **Other Support:** a detailed picture of need and strategies for differentiation will be given to teachers so they can ensure the student is able to engage fully in lessons, students may be assessed in-house to identify suitable access arrangements, we may recommend equipment to try or suggest suitable reference materials for students and parents.

Students with a history of need or a previous diagnosis of a learning difference should indicate this at the point of application, in order that appropriate arrangements can be made for the entrance test. You can speak to Learning Support directly to discuss support; it will help if you can provide us with any existing reports or assessments.

We look forward to meeting with you and helping you start your journey to success at St Mary's School!

