

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

STUDENT SUPPORT HUB



THE ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM AT WYKE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

At Wyke Sixth Form College we aim to create a caring academic support function for all students, but especially for those with additional learning needs, learning difficulties, disabilities and students whose speak English as an additional language.

Our Learning Support team are dedicated to providing personalised support for students which enables them to learn and develop the study skills which will allow them to progress successfully on to their chosen career and future aspirations.

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ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT CLASSROOMS (OAK 3 AND 4)

The Learning Support Team comprises of six Learning Support Mentors and the Head of Additional Learning Support. Our office is located in Oak 6 and the Student Support Hub is located in Oak 3.

The classroom is staffed at all times including across lunch time, so that students who prefer to study in a quieter area of the College have a suitable space to do so.

The computer facilities in Oak 3 and Oak 4 are available to all students as an alternative quiet study area to the Library and other e-learning areas throughout the College.

RESOURCES

The Learning Support Team maintain a supply of equipment and specialist resources for students which are allocated in accordance to individual need. For example, students who meet certain criteria can access laptops for taking notes in lessons, electronic reading pens or specialist classroom devices to aid hearing impairments. We also supply coloured overlays and reading rulers for students with visual stress or dyslexia and can facilitate the use of speech to text software.

There are accessible lockers in Learning Support for those with mobility issues or medical conditions and we also have a fully equipped Physical Management Room.

IN-CLASS SUPPORT

In class support can be offered to those who require this, as part of their Education, Health and Care Plan, although a large part of the College experience is learning to become more independent and getting ready for life beyond Wyke Sixth Form College.

Future plans may include studying at University, travelling during a Gap Year or undertaking work experience.

As such, we work with students to develop their resilience, self-reliance and independence so that they are as prepared as possible for adult life.

WEEKLY 1:1 SUPPORT

Some EHCP students prefer to have a regular weekly 1:1 meeting with a Learning Support Mentor rather than in-class support.

During a weekly 1:1, Learning Support Mentors will review the previous week's study and offer assistance in areas where it is most needed.

This is an opportunity to reflect on academic progress and how College life is going in general, as well as review individual support needs.

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GENERAL STUDY SKILLS

All students are welcome to access Additional Learning Support for help and guidance with study skills.

The Learning Support Mentors provide general academic support and will work with students to address their specific difficulties and concerns.

Mentors are often asked to support students with areas including;

- Organisation Skills
- Time Management
- Essay Writing
- Revision Techniques
- Taking Effective Notes
- Exam Preparation
- General Academic Mentoring

We also offer support to students with specific learning needs such as Dyslexia, Asperger's/ Autism, ADHD and EAL.

Additional Learning Support sessions are flexible and students usually attend between 2 and 6 weekly sessions depending on their requirements. However, in some instances, only one session is needed for students to gather the information they need to feel confident in their new found knowledge, skills and abilities.

Learning Support Mentors are always available for further support, if needed.

GCSE MATHS AND ENGLISH SUPPORT

Students who are undertaking a Foundation Programme are welcome to attend Additional Learning Support in preparation for their re-sit exams.

ALS intervention offers students the opportunity to benefit from small group support which focuses on specific areas of difficulty. These intervention sessions are timetabled and are added to student timetables.

EXAM ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

Students who had Exam Access Arrangements for specific learning difficulties, medical conditions or disabilities at secondary school will need to provide evidence of this when they enrol at Wyke College.

Previous arrangements are reviewed as part of the transition into Post-16 education. Any newly identified learning needs or concerns raised by teaching staff at Wyke are considered and investigated in line with College policy and Joint Council for Qualifications Guidance.



HOW AND WHEN THE ALS SERVICE IS DELIVERED?

DROP IN SERVICES

MONDAY	THURSDAY
1.10-1.40PM	1.10-1.40PM
General Study Skills	General Study Skills

BOOKABLE ONE TO ONES

MONDAY	TUESDAY
9.30am-3.30pm	9.30am-3.30pm
OAK 6 with JXL	OAK 6 with JXL

