



Examinations

We will apply for exam arrangements for you. Arrangements which may be possible include:

- a word processor (generally without grammar or spellcheck facility)
- a reader
- a scribe or the use of voice activated software
- enlarged print paper
- different background colours
- a prompt - to help maintain concentration.

We may also be able to grant extra time and a private / quiet room facility. It may be necessary to consult a psychologist to help us to plan exam concessions.

Counselling

The College offers a counselling service with a role to provide help and guidance to overcome any problems and difficulties that may occur throughout the academic year.

Negotiate Change

You have the opportunity to negotiate change. You may choose to join the 'Torch Bearers' Equality Focus group.

To join contact learnalert@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk

Progression

We will help you to consider your next move forward. We provide:

- Accompanied careers interviews
- Accompanied visits to Universities / other institutions
- Help with applying for the DSA (disabled students allowance)
- Contact with disability officers at future establishments
- 'Progression Statement' which explains the level of support received, to help in planning for your future.

If you have any further queries about the support we offer at The Blackpool Sixth Form College, please do not hesitate to contact us:



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Information on Specific Learning Difficulties

Supporting students with
Learning Difficulties
& Disabilities

Additional Support

Specific Learning Difficulties is an umbrella term which includes Dyspraxia, Dyslexia and Dyscalculia.

At The Blackpool Sixth Form College our aim is to support you in making the most of your opportunities. We help you develop strategies to work around and overcome the effects of your condition.

Every student with

Specific Learning Difficulties is unique and has a different pattern of strengths and difficulties. This leaflet will give an example of the sorts of support on offer. We encourage you to use an experimental approach to new strategies; giving them a try then evaluating how useful they are.

Professional assessments and updates of needs can be arranged as required.

Students with identified

Specific Learning Difficulties may be allocated an Additional Support Tutor or Learning Mentor.

You may need regular 1:1 support, or small group work may be more beneficial.

Lessons

Strategies and equipment to help you access your lessons may include:

- handouts available in different sizes or colours
- the use of a laptop computer
- the use of special software e.g. Inspiration
- a coloured overlay, following assessment.
- a dictaphone
- a spellchecker
- texts read back by the computer
- visual 'key cards' to support learning of key words and facts
- extra support at key coursework times, to help with planning and organising
- readers or note-takers in lessons and / or exams.

Lunch

Dedicated staff and students run a 'friendly' table throughout the lunch period. There are also buddy mentors who are students who you can meet up with to introduce you to new friends and help you to settle in.

Recreational / Enrichment Activities

You are encouraged to try a variety of recreational / enrichment activities in order to enjoy every aspect of College life. A recreation / enrichment activity is compulsory for all Lower Sixth students.

Independence Skills

If necessary, part of your Learning Agreement could involve developing independence skills including shopping, travelling and money management.

Support is reviewed:

- At the end of the Autumn Term
- At the end of each year

to ensure the service continues to be successful.

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