



# ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

# WHAT IS ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT?



## *Fostering an environment where all are equal*

At Lowestoft Sixth Form College, we support each individual's differences. This means that whatever learning difficulty or disability a student may have, we ensure that support is offered so that you can study alongside your peers.

We know that everyone learns differently and we help our students enhance their strengths through targeted support. It is our goal that all our students, regardless of their needs, are able to develop and progress independently into further study or employment.

# HELP US HELP YOU

To ensure we are able to have support in place, please let us know if you are, or have been, in receipt of additional support at school.

## BEFORE APPLYING

If you are planning to join us, there's no need to wait. Get in touch with our team using the contact details below.

## WHEN APPLYING

You can indicate that you require additional support when completing your application form.

## ENROLMENT

During your appointment you can let any of our enrolment specialists know of your support needs.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

You can speak confidentially with our team who are situated in Student Services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

# MEET OUR TEAM

Our ALS team has over 60 years of combined experience in providing specialist support for students with high needs. You can find us located in Student Services on the 2nd floor, or contact us via the email addresses below.



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# HOW CAN WE HELP?

## BEFORE YOU JOIN US

- We can arrange college tours so that you can get to know your surroundings.
- We can support you during your interview.
- Support will be provided throughout the enrolment process.
- We will carefully assess your needs.
- If you have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), we will discuss with you and your parent or carer what support you may need whilst you are studying with us.

## WHILE YOU ARE STUDYING WITH US

- We can provide you with in class and one-to-one support.
- Comprehensive reading, writing and maths support can be given.
- Specialist learning materials can be provided
- Support throughout exams will be offered
- We will teach you study skills to help you meet and exceed your potential.
- If you have an EHCP, we will provide support tailored to your individual targets.

## WE CAN ALSO HELP WITH...

- Planning and writing assignments
- Effective note taking
- Exam techniques
- Confidence building
- Revision timetabling

# HOW CAN WE HELP?

We can provide assistive technologies to help maximise your learning potential. If you require any specialist equipment, please let us know so that this can be arranged. Below is a small selection of some of the hardware and software available upon request.



**Laptops**



**Livescribe Pens**



**Exam Pens**



**Claro Suite**



**E-Readers**



**Dictaphones**



# EXAM ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

If you had exam support at school, such as extra time or a reader, or if you think you may need support now, please let the Additional Learning Support (ALS) team or a teacher know.

We will assess and identify the support you need in line with your normal way of working in class in conjunction with your teacher, and will make arrangements for support to be put in place.

Our trained invigilators will assist you on the day of your exam.

## WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT OUR SUPPORT...

*ALS gave me support with my literacy and numeracy.*

*It gave me more confidence with my writing.*

*It helped me to organise and manage my work.*

*ALS helped me with my spelling and grammar.*

# ENHANCE YOUR LEARNING WITH IN-CLASS OR 1:1 SUPPORT



## SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (E.G. ASD)

Support for young people with learning disabilities or physical disabilities is designed around your individual needs, so no two support packages look the same. Information from school, parents and yourself help us to offer the right support for you.

## SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH COMPLEX SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

We recognise that some young people may have more than one disability that affects their learning. The ALS team will work in a multidisciplinary way to ensure that support requirements are assessed and met where possible.

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## SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES (E.G. DYSLEXIA, DYSPRAXIA)

We have an excellent support service to help learners with specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia and dyspraxia. Our fully qualified assessors carry out many assessments each year to identify student strengths and areas of difficulty to ensure that you receive the support you need.

We support a large number of students each year who are enrolled on college courses. Support is delivered by our ALS Assistants and takes the form of one to one tutorials or in-class support.

The ALS team will liaise with you, your teachers and parents/carers to ensure you receive the right support to achieve your potential.



# STUDENT SUCCESS

## MEET KELL...



Before joining the college, Kell had limited school experience which caused him severe anxiety. He also has autism.

Through the support provided by ALS, Kell passed all 5 of his GCSEs, achieving 3 A grades, which led him to win the Principal's Award in 2016. Kell then progressed onto a Level 3 programme, studying BTEC Business, BTEC Games Development and A-level Sociology.

Kell achieved an outstanding A\* in Sociology, as well as gaining four Distinction grades in his BTEC subjects.

Kell's exceptional achievement in Sociology led him to win the Award for Social and Political Science at our most recent Awards Evening. He is now studying Business Information Systems with a Year in Industry at the University of East Anglia.

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## MEET MACAULEY...



Macauley was in receipt of an EHCP and required ALS support in all lessons when he first started college.

With the appropriate ALS support in place, Macauley passed his Maths GCSE and BTEC Fast Track course, which allowed him to progress onto a Level 3 ICT Course. Macauley overcame his nerves to attend university open days and decided to apply to the University of Suffolk to study ICT, for which he received an unconditional offer!

Macauley's hard work and perseverance led to him winning the Endurance Award at our annual Awards Evening.

# GET IN TOUCH

If you would like to find out more about ALS support, please do not hesitate to contact us using the following:



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