



Hugh Baird
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Learner Support

Your quick guide



Who are we and what do we do?

I would like to welcome you to this booklet which hopefully goes some way to explaining what the Learner Support team is all about.

I co-ordinate Additional Support and help to make sure that we provide appropriate and effective support to students with learning disabilities.



David Nestorowicz

The Learner Support Department exists to provide support to students across the College regardless of their age or the course on which they are studying. Although we work as a team, there are actually four separate teams within the Department which are explained in more detail throughout the brochure.

For more information, or if you have any queries, you can contact any members of the team on their e-mail or contact numbers provided throughout the booklet. Alternatively, you can contact me and I will be glad to provide you with any assistance relating to the Learner Support Team.

I hope you find the brochure useful.

Best regards

David Nestorowicz
Hugh Baird College

Direct Line: 0151 353 4444 ext. 5831

For general information, contact any member of Learner Support on **0151 353 4444 extension 5800.**

Additional Support Lecturers

We are all qualified and experienced teachers working with students who have learning difficulties or physical disabilities. We each link to different Departments within the college and provide a range of services for students including:

- Assessment of support needs
- Specialist teaching – one-to-one or small group
- The organisation of support
- Provision of specialist software, technology and equipment
- Provision of in-class Academic Support Workers
- Liaising with Personal Tutors and Lecturers

We are also able to arrange further specialist assessments for students using our links with the RNIB and other external support agencies. In addition, most of the team have specialist qualifications and experience. This means we can provide assessment, help and support for things like dyslexia, hearing impairments and other more complex needs.



Leanne Smith



Jenny Quinn



Tania Hinde

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Care Assistants

As Care Assistant Team Leader, I assess students for their personal care needs which could include help to get around the college and support during breaks and mealtimes. I also supervise the Care Assistants across the whole Hugh Baird College site and provide training and guidance to assist them in their work.

The Care Assistants are a team of experienced staff who will support students so they can access College facilities and attend classes. The team also provides assistance with students who need time out of class. If students have mobility difficulties or are just vulnerable or lacking in confidence, we can help them to feel more included within the college and so become independent, confident students.

"I really do think I am leaving a huge part of my life behind at Hugh Baird College, the place and the people have all become part of my life. When times got hard with my eyesight and I felt like I had nothing left, the staff were straight in there to pick me up. I will certainly look back with fond memories and utter gratitude for the excellent care service the team provided."
(Art and Design student)



Pam Cotter

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Academic Support Workers

The ASW Team provide support to students in their classes, whether they are practical or theory sessions.

We all receive training in the City and Guilds 732 qualification in Learner Support which is taught by members of the Additional Support Lecturer team. Our duties can involve note-taking, further explanations of activities and tasks, or even just someone to help keep students on task and progressing towards achieving their qualifications.

At exam times, we sometimes act as scribes or readers when students are entitled to an exam concession.

What Students say -

“Support Workers help me to be more confident and independent.”

“The Support Worker doesn’t tell me the answers; they help me work out the answers for myself.”

“The support is excellent and the staff are really helpful.”



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Specialist Dyslexic Tutors

We are all qualified and experienced dyslexic tutors who provide assessments, advice and guidance for both learners and tutors. We also provide:

- 1:1 specialist dyslexia tuition.
- Dyslexia screening and assessment.
- Assessments for examination access arrangements.
- Study skills support.
- Arrange Educational Psychologist assessments for individuals who are progressing to higher education.
- Support with utilising assistive technology.
- Help individuals to develop and build on successful learning strategies.

"I understand my dyslexia more now. Support has helped me with planning and organising my work. I'm now becoming more independent". (Art student)

"I've had 1:1 sessions with a dyslexia tutor and they have developed the best strategies with me on how I learn best". (Health and Social Care student)



Lynda Casey



David Nestorowicz

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