



THE LEARNING SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

Gordon's Learning Support Department is a large team who have a wealth of professional knowledge and experience. The team consists of a SENDCo and Deputy SENDCo, and they are supported by a Specialist SEND Teacher, Exam Access Arrangements Co-Ordinator and Level 7 Assessor, Data Co-Ordinator, Admin Assistant and 15 Learning Support Assistants, some of whom have additional responsibilities. Learning Support work closely with the Student Support Centre and the Pastoral team.

There is a Primary trained specialist teacher, who teaches KS3 English and Maths lessons which require adaptations to the curriculum. The Deputy SENDCo provides support and will Deputise for the Associate, Assistant Headteacher, SENDCo.

Learning Support has its own building, housed within our Taunton Building and located centrally on the School campus. The Department has five well equipped teaching/intervention rooms and two offices. Aside from learning support assistance within the classroom, the team deliver targeted and impactful interventions across all four areas of need. Interventions offered by the Department are increasing yearly and include set programmes such as Conquering Literacy, Catch Up Numeracy, Social Thinking, Zones of Regulation, ELSA, Therapeutic Story Writing, Drawing and Talking, Music Therapy, SALT and EAL. The Department models the 'Graduated Response' and works in collaboration with school staff, external agencies and parents/carers.

As an inclusive school the Department offers support and interventions during Period 7 - the School's Co-Curricular programme - to ensure all students are able to partake in the array of activities on offer. Such support is then extended to our evening prep where quiet, small group supported sessions are held in Taunton. Therefore, a Learning Support provision is offered between 08:00 until 19:30.

The Department is responsible for all EHCP, SEND and EAL students and implements EAA provisions for all students requiring adjustments to internal assessments and Public Examinations.