



WCG Statement of Our Commitment to Students with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities

Warwickshire College Group is committed to providing services and provision for students with learning difficulties and disabilities. The aim of the College is that everyone is given both reasonable and appropriate support and the opportunity to reach their full potential. In fulfilling this aim the College works proactively to ensure that no one is disadvantaged.

In this document we have used the term '*students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities*', and by this we mean students who, because of a learning difficulty and/or disability, will need specific provision or services.

The College encourages applications from **all people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities**. Our aim is to make it easier for you to study with us and to achieve your learning goals.

We want the College and its courses to be as accessible as possible to our whole community. That is why we are committed to providing **sensitive and individual support** for all our students.

If you have a learning difficulty or a disability, you may need additional support to obtain access to the College facilities. You may discuss your particular needs confidentially with a member of staff.

Application to College

If you would like to join one of our courses, there are people who can help you through the admissions process. You will be asked to complete an application form. If this is difficult for you to do yourself then you can get help from the Careers Team, or you may want to ask someone you know well to help you.

Please inform us at the earliest possible opportunity if you have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) so that we can ensure that the provision and needs outlined within the plan can be provided. Our Inclusion Team will arrange to meet you to discuss your needs and transition to college.

Support for learning

All full-time students have a Personal Learning Advisor (known as a PLA). Your PLA is here to support you in our studies, to provide advice, guidance and information, and is your main contact at college. You will meet regularly to discuss your progress and identify where you are doing well, what you need to work on and have help with. Any additional support you may need to complete your studies will also be made known to your PLA.

Here are some examples of how we can help:

- Support from a Learning Mentor in and out of class
- Specialist Learning Mentors for ASC
- Specialist Learning Mentor for Mental Health
- Personal care support
- Support with numeracy and literacy
- Materials in different formats
- Loan of specialist equipment
- Technical support
- Reader/note taker
- British Sign Language/Sign Supported English communicators

Support with using equipment

The College has a wide range of equipment available for student use. A particular piece of equipment is sometimes needed to enable students with disabilities to gain full access to their course.

What other facilities and services are available?

- The College provides a wide range of services and facilities to all its students including:
- Advice and guidance about choosing a course
- Support from the Welfare Team and financial support
- Use of libraries
- College counselling service
- Careers guidance
- Support from the Mental Health Team

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