

What is Learning Link?

Learning Link is a department with teams of professionally trained staff who are committed to working with students on courses at any level who are identified as having additional learning needs.

What to do if you have a specific learning difficulty and/or disability?

Please talk to us about the support you need so that we can make all reasonable adjustments to help you succeed on your course. We have wide experience of working with students with difficulties such as:

- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia
- Asperger's Syndrome
- Physical and/or sensory difficulties (mobility, hearing or sight impairment)
- Medical conditions (e.g. epilepsy, M.E.)
- Mental ill-health

We often work in partnership with cross college teams and outside agencies to ensure your learning experience is as successful as possible.

What can Learning Link offer you?

Following a referral to us, we can offer a variety of diagnostic assessments. If appropriate, we will then agree an individual support programme which may include:

- Specialist dyslexia tuition
- 1:1 curriculum related tuition
- Small group teaching
- In-class support (notetaking etc)
- Drop-in facility
- ICT specialist software
- Equipment loan (laptop computer, dictaphone etc)
- Examination Access Arrangements

The Learning Link Area

We can be found on the ground floor of the Study Centre (just follow the yellow signs)



How can we improve your skills?

We aim to deliver an individually tailored programme of support which will help you to develop the skills you need to be successful on your chosen course. These may include:

- Basic literacy and numeracy skills
- Communication skills
- Confidence building
- Planning and structuring work
- Time management/organisation strategies
- Research methods
- Revision techniques and examination skills

'Our aim is to help you succeed'

Each year there are many students who, with the help of the Learning Link, leave College with the qualifications and skills they need to fulfil their ambitions

How Can You Contact Learning Link?

On Application

There is an opportunity on your application form (question 14) to indicate that you have additional learning needs or disabilities which you would like us to support. The Learning Link Team will then contact you and arrange an opportunity for you to discuss your needs further. **All information will be exchanged in an environment which respects your confidentiality**

On Course

Your tutor may discuss concerns with you and if you wish they will refer you to the Learning Link Team. We will then contact you to arrange a meeting with a Learning Link Tutor.

Self-referral

You don't have to wait to be referred by your tutor. If you feel that you may need some additional specialist support please ask for help from either:

- Your Personal Tutor
- The Learning Link Dept Manager
- Learning Link staff

Or

- Just drop-in to the Learning Link Area

For further information contact:

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Equal Opportunities and You

At Yeovil College we believe that everyone, regardless of whether they are on College premises or away from them, have the right to be valued as individuals and have the equality of opportunity regardless of race, colour, nationality, ethnic origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief, marital status, or age and that they will not be disadvantaged by any conditions or requirements that cannot be shown to be justified.

Some students may need additional support in order to pursue their course and the College seeks to provide this wherever possible. We like to think that the students play an active role with staff in supporting equal opportunities by treating everybody with respect and in reporting discriminatory behaviour.

The College wishes to ensure that it complies with the requirements of the DDA (as amended by the Special Education Needs & Disabilities Act, 2001). If you are a disabled person, please ensure that we know what you need so that we can make all reasonable adjustments to help you succeed.

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