



# LEARNING SUPPORT LESSON INFORMATION

Learning Support lessons are for pupils who have diagnosed learning needs or a history of needing additional support. Lessons take place in the Learning Support Department, in place of a fourth optional subject. Lessons are delivered in small groups, where pupils follow a specific programme to help them gain confidence and skills in key areas of the curriculum. In Sixth Form, lessons are generally on a 1:1 basis and take place during a pupil's free period.

## **Year 9**

The focus of Learning Support in Year 9 is mainly based around key skills for Maths and English. Intervention is focused around improving punctuation, grammar, spelling, developing expressive language and vocabulary. Pupils will also have the opportunity to pre-read and further evaluate key texts. Maths intervention follows the topics the pupils are covering in class, with the opportunity to consolidate their learning and understanding.

In Year 9 we introduce the idea of learning styles and suitable revision methods. We encourage the use of a variety of exam access arrangements, including word processing and dictation software. We also provide access arrangements for subject tests when requested by their teachers, and for all exams, subject to evidence of need being provided.

## **Year 10 and 11**

The focus of Learning Support in Year 10 and 11 is on preparation for GCSEs. We liaise with subject departments to provide support with what pupils are studying currently, we consolidate topics covered in class, revise key terms and definitions and also introduce new information by pre-teaching to help build confidence. Where possible, we complete past papers with access arrangements provided (subject to evidence of need) and teach pupils about exam technique from early on in their courses. We apply a range of revision methods and produce resources the pupils can use for preparation for tests and exams throughout the two year course. Learning Support lessons take the place of one GCSE subject.

## **Sixth Form**

Learning support lessons for the Sixth Form are generally on a 1:1 basis. Year 9, 10 and 11 lessons are fixed into the timetable and the remaining slots are available for Sixth Formers to book on a regular or ad-hoc basis, depending on availability with their study periods. We offer support and guidance with revision planning, essay writing, organisation of work and other tasks such as researching universities, acting on feedback from assignments, UCAS and personal statements.

## **Prep support – open to all year groups**

Learning Support is also open three evenings a week for a drop-in service for support with prep and there is no additional charge for this input.