

Student Services

We are very proud of our Student Services area. It exemplifies our firm belief that a holistic approach to our students is crucial if they are to achieve their potential. The work undertaken in Student Services is in line with our school Key Values. We promote Hope; Courage; Respect; Responsibility; Integrity; Trust and Kindness.

As well as providing the base for the Pastoral Support team, the area houses the Learning Support Unit, a counselling base and the Learning Support Centre where our vulnerable students can access extra support. In addition there are a variety of meeting rooms which are used by different agencies who work within the school to support our students.

Pastoral Support

Our Pastoral Support team is led by the Deputy Headteacher (Student Services). Day to day support for the students is provided by the Pastoral Co-ordinators. These are non-teaching staff, with one assigned to each year group. The Pastoral Co-ordinators each report to a Head of Year. The Heads of Year are responsible for monitoring the learning and progress for their cohort of students and oversee a team of tutors. The tutors will have daily contact with their students allowing them to develop positive and nurturing relationships, as well as promoting excellent academic progress.

The Learning Support Unit

The LSU aims to provide a supportive environment for all students who may be at risk from social and/or educational exclusion.

The LSU aims to improve inclusion by continuing the education of the most vulnerable students at times when they would otherwise be failing to learn. It provides targeted intervention for students with specific behaviour, attendance or emotional problems through a personalised programme designed to re-engage them in education. This is undertaken by a range of specialist staff who tailor interventions to the individual needs of the students.

The LSU supports students' learning by helping them develop better strategies to be used in the classroom and around school. We are able to provide flexible provision for those students who are having specific difficulties in particular circumstances. If the need requires we will work alongside other agencies to provide the best possible support.

The Learning & Behaviour Support Department

Our students have a right to attend a mainstream school. Some students may have needs that are additional to or different from other students at school. These students may have learning difficulties, behavioural problems, communication problems or physical disabilities. It is the job of the Learning & Behaviour Support Department to help these students to overcome these difficulties and to ensure that they can achieve their potential. The Learning & Behaviour Support Department is situated in a number of rooms within Student Services. It is staffed by a wide range of staff all of whom have a variety of qualifications and areas of expertise. The department is led by the SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator), Carmel Ball. Carmel leads a team of specialist TAs who work with subject specific departmental teams.

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