



## **Information Advice and Support Kent**

A service for  
special educational needs and disabilities-  
helping you to make informed choices

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## **Support in mainstream college**

Everyone has different needs and some students with disabilities, sensory impairment, learning difficulties, mental health or medical conditions may need support to get the most out of college life.

There are different types of support available in colleges:  
Additional Learning Support and Supported Learning.

## Additional Learning Support

This is to support students on a mainstream level 1, 2 or 3 Course.

You may have an Education, Health and Care Plan which identifies the support that you require. This can be through access to a learning support practitioner (LSP), to support you within the classroom, or additional out of class support. Other support may also be available specific to your needs.

If you do not have an Education Health and Care Plan, you may still receive additional support if you have a diagnosis such as Dyslexia, Autistic Spectrum Condition or any other disability/learning difficulty. You may need to provide supporting evidence.



## Supported Learning

Programmes are tailor-made to support students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

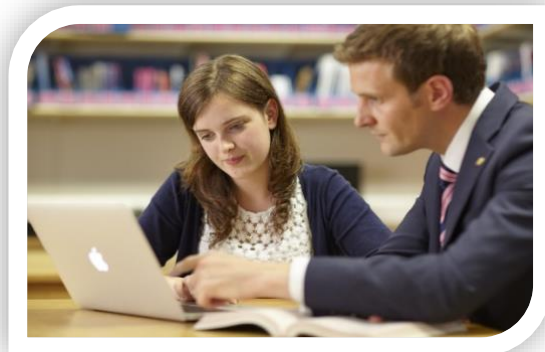
Each course provides a unique opportunity to experience learning in a suitable environment and offers qualifications from pre-entry Level to Level 1. This should help students build their skills-set in preparation for adult hood.

The programmes focus on developing communication, personal presentation, social skills, independence and improving English and Maths skills.

Some lessons take place in the community, providing real-life learning opportunities. You may be able to develop your employability skills with work experience options or move into supported living or social care day opportunities.

Colleges can also support students aged 16-18 without an Education, Health and Care Plan, that require a higher level of support within the Supported Learning Department.

For full details on support that a specific college can provide, please refer to their website or contact the college directly.



**On request, this information can be provided in alternative formats.**

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