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Academic Support in the Sixth Form

There are many reasons why a young person may require support during their studies. Reasons range from having a physical disability, a long or short-term medical condition to a neurological difference such as dyslexia or ADHD. Barnard Castle School is committed to ensuring that all students have access to the support they need in order to fulfil their potential.

What support do we offer?

Some students will have had 1:1 support in Years 7-11. It is often the case that the student no longer requires additional 1:1 subject support at A' Level, however 1:1 support can still be arranged if requested. Support may focus more on general study skills which can be applied to any course of study. Study Skills courses could be short or long-term.

Several students will also have had Exam Access Arrangements at GCSE. The arrangements often continue at A' Level, but students who continue to require their arrangement (for example extra time) must consult with the Head of Academic Support about this and evidence of continuing need must be gathered from A' Level teachers. No further testing is required.

In addition, the Academic Support department is available to any student who would like advice. For example, we can advise on technology which can be used to help you study and complete work more efficiently. We may also be able to help you communicate your learning needs to teachers, so that the most effective teaching and learning can take place.

Finally, we are here should you have any concerns at all about your progress at school. We understand and embrace neurodiversity (differences in learning and thinking) and will support anyone who already has a learning difference or suspects they may have. We can begin screening in school and support ongoing external assessment if it is required. Please also consult us if you have questions regarding accessing support at university; you may need to have further testing carried out by a specialist assessor in order to access Disabled Student Allowance (DSA) or day-to-day and examination support at your chosen university.

I hope this information outlines the range of support that is available for all students to the very end of their journey at Barnard Castle School.

Head of Academic Support