

- **Mentoring:** for students on the SEND register who need additional support with their attendance, organisation or emotions are supported by an LSA mentor.
- **Emotional Literacy Support Assistance (ELSA):** this is offered in small groups or 1:1 by a trained Higher Level Learning Support Assistant.
- **Lunchtime club:** this communal session aims to encourage social integration.
- **Homework club:** this provides organisational and time management support for students to do homework in school between 3.20-4.00pm. It is facilitated by Learning Support Assistants.



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LEARNING SUPPORT

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What is Learning Support?

Learning support is integral to the school's success, offering guidance, support and understanding to all students. Everyone is welcome to visit the department, regardless of their academic levels. We advise Sixth Formers on revision techniques, decision-making and time and stress management. We support students in KS3 and KS4 with core subjects, homework and learning issues. Learning Support Assistants help in classes to ensure students can access the curriculum. There is close liaison between Learning Support, faculties and year groups; the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator liaises with all Heads of Year on a regular basis to ensure each and every student is fully supported. Encouragement to attend clubs, both in and out of school, is central to the ethos of the Department.

Our Aims at Ursuline High School

- To support each and every student to achieve to the highest standard.
- To offer a wide variety of techniques to help students manage their workload.
- To support students to develop and improve memory skills and learn revision techniques that suit their own learning style.
- To support a successful transition between each key stage.
- To give every student a sense of success and raise self-esteem.
- To support every student to develop independence.

How can I help my daughter if she appears to be struggling?

Contact her **tutor** or **Head of Year** and share your concern.

- Keep the Learning Support Department informed of any changes in your daughter's learning.
- Support your daughter with her learning and take an interest in her work and stories of school life.

What extra support is available?

We screen and monitor students closely and liaise with staff and parents regularly to identify needs. Extra support includes:



- **Reading support** in Years 7 to 9 is delivered by a reading specialist, in small groups or 1:1.
- **Literacy support** is provided by a specialist to support students with significant needs, to enable them to progress in literacy and access the wider curriculum.
- **Mathematics support** is delivered by a Learning Support Assistant trained in dyscalculia. By working closely together, the Maths teachers and the Learning Support Department help students to gain confidence and progress.
- **Speech and language screening and workshops** in Year 7 and 8 are delivered by therapists from Merton and a trained Higher Level Learning Support Assistant.
- **Social skills groups** are led by a trained Higher Level Learning Support Assistant, who supports students in developing their social communication and interaction skills.
- **Neurodiversity and wellness** support is provided by a specialist teacher and includes lunchtime clubs, arts and crafts and help to explore successful strategies for learning and life.