

DISABILITY STATEMENT

1. The College Welcomes All Students

Stockton Sixth Form College welcomes all students who attain our subject entry requirements (details can be found in the current Prospectus).

No one, for whom we have an appropriate course, will be refused entry because of disability. The aim of the College is to give every student the opportunity to develop and realise their full potential. Our approach to disability is set out in our Disability Equality Scheme and Action Plan which is available on request from College reception.

2. Before You Apply to College

If you have special requirements, please contact Val Hart, Assistant Principal (either by telephone 01642 612611 or by e-mail to v.m.hart@stocktonsfc.ac.uk) before you start College. That will give us plenty of time to prepare for your needs. You are welcome to visit the College to discuss issues and arrangements.

3. The Application Process

Please ensure that you mention any potential difficulties or special requirements on your application form, so that we can ensure that they do not get overlooked. If you disclose information about a disability to us, we will use that information with sensitivity.

4. Starting at College

Once you arrive, we want you to be successful and it may be that you need some extra help and support or specialised facilities.

We have five members of staff, Dave Allen, Jackie Arthur, Sue Brown, Su Greenacre and Diane Robinson who support students with additional learning needs on an individual basis.

We will do our best to provide for all your needs. In case we might miss something you need, please talk to us. The best person to talk to is your Personal Tutor; s/he will make sure you are given the appropriate support.

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5. Access

We take pride in our good disabled access. Most parts of the College are fully accessible and there are toilet facilities for people with disabilities. There are always opportunities for you to make suggestions for improving access to College facilities. For instance we have a Student Council and also an Equal Opportunities Working Party with student representation. We regularly consult our staff and students with disabilities about their experience of College and incorporate their suggestions in our future planning.

6. Other Help is Available

As well as your Personal Tutor, the College can provide access to an independent counsellor. We also employ three mentors who help with organisation and study skills.

7. Arrangements for Exams

Special support is available at exam times. This is organised on an individual needs basis; it might, for example, include additional time, a separate room or the use of an amanuensis (note taker). Please let us know ahead of time if you think you need any special support and be ready to supply any necessary medical evidence in accordance with the requirements of the Examination Boards.

See the College Examinations Officer to discuss examination arrangements.

8. Problems

If you are unhappy at College, we can try to help you if you tell us. If you feel, despite this, that you have been unfairly treated, we have both an Equal Opportunities Policy and a Complaints Procedure. You can find details of both of these in your tutor base.

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