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S.E.N.D. DEPARTMENT

The Special Needs department is staffed by a lively group of experienced teachers and support assistants. We deal with pupils with a wide variety of difficulties including visual and hearing impairment, dyslexia, ASD and behavioural problems as well as those pupils with general learning difficulties.

We work with withdrawn groups in Years 7 and 8 for English and Maths, offering intensive 'catch-up' lessons in basic literacy and Numeracy for those pupils who scored Level 3 or below in Key Stage 2 SATs. We also offer a 'Study Skills' course in Years 8 and 9 to a small number of pupils as an alternative to a second foreign language.

We offer ASDAN COPE course in Years 10 and 11. The department also offers in-class support to pupils, in as many curriculum areas as possible, where a need has been identified. This is aimed at giving the pupils improved access to the curriculum, and is the area where support assistants will generally be deployed.

At lunchtime we welcome any of our pupils to come in for help with homework or coursework, or simply as a safe environment for those who may feel temporarily isolated or vulnerable.

We have two classrooms with computers and interactive whiteboards, a meeting room and a departmental office.

We look forward to welcoming a new, enthusiastic, hard-working and adaptable member to our team. We offer SENSible, esSENTial and SENSitive support to pupils. It is demanding and challenging work but always very rewarding.