

Student Services

DISABILITY AND DYSLEXIA SUPPORT



Welcome to Disability Support and Inclusion (DSI)

Head of Student Accessibility and Inclusion: **Ruth Hodgkinson**

Disability Support Manager: **Nicola Keeling**

Disability Advisers: **Emma Coupe, Jane Wilkinson, Claire Phillips & Amie Lovelock**

Student Accessibility and Inclusion Triage Officers: **Jo Hunter and Jan Davenport**

Student Accessibility and Inclusion Administrator: **Rachel Cooper**

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Your Faculty Disability Adviser

- Each Faculty has an allocated Disability Adviser.
- Please email support.dsi@keele.ac.uk and your email will be allocated to the relevant member of the team.
- **Emma Coupe** - Faculty of Natural Sciences and Foundation Year
- **Jane Wilkinson** - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Apprenticeships
- **Claire Phillips** - Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
- **Amie Lovelock** – HK Vet School and Foundation Year

What does DSI do?

- We will support and assist anyone with a disability, including specific learning difficulties, mental health and wellbeing issues, physical and/or unseen disabilities.
- We can advise on **Disabled Students Allowances**, accessibility issues and a wide range of support and adjustments to meet the individual need of the disabled students and those who have a **Specific Learning Difficulty**.
- We can offer advice and assistance on a range of support strategies and **reasonable adjustments** that you may be entitled to in the teaching and learning environment and across campus.
- We can liaise with staff to ensure that they are aware of your disability, the impact this may have on your studies, and ensure any agreed adjustments are in place.

Inclusive Education Framework

The Inclusive Education Framework reflects the University's commitment to ensure that all students, including those with protected characteristics and beyond, can participate and thrive in every aspect of the educational experience and process.



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Barriers faced by students.

- What can you do as an individual to empower yourself at University?



Ways to empower yourself?

- Early disclosure of your Disability.
- Speak to DSI regarding reasonable adjustments and available support.
- Access available support.
- Know who to contact.
- Reach out if you are feeling isolated.
- Know how to get to around campus.
- Get to lectures early.
- Join societies.
- Get to know your flatmates.
- Be a part of the Keele Community.
- Build your confidence.

Read Miriam's success story:

Student who was left in wheelchair 'overnight' overcomes the odds to graduate from university

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/graduation/inspiringstories/2024/july/miriam-culy/student-overcome-odds.php>



Contact Information

- DSI: support.dsi@keele.ac.uk
- Student Services: student.services@keele.ac.uk
- Counselling and Mental Health: counselling@keele.ac.uk
- Library: library.help@keele.ac.uk
- Write Direction: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/library/training/academicskills/writedirection/>

