



Meet the Learning Support Team

Welcome everyone, to our second information guide to support at West Lancashire College.

The Learning Support Team will play an important role in ensuring that you receive the support that you require to be successful at college and to overcome any difficulties and disabilities you may have.

Our aim is to promote independence in learning and life and help you to achieve your aspirations in life and career.

We work together with Tutors, Progress Coaches, the Wellbeing Team and other key staff, to help all learners to manage their special educational needs effectively.

In this edition of our newsletter, we would like to introduce you to a few of the members of the Learning Support Team, who you are likely to come into contact with, during your time at West Lancashire College.



The Learning Support Team consist of the following members of staff, together with a brief explanation of their role:



Jane is the Learning Support and High Needs Manager. Her role involves managing the Support Team to provide the best support we can and takes a lead in all elements of the learning support provision at West Lancashire College.

Jan and Karen are the SpLD (Specific Learning Difficulties) Officers.

They:

- **meet with students and parents to discuss learning support needs**
- **create support plans and share information with tutors and support staff**
- **assess students for exam access arrangements**
- **have responsibility for maintenance and annual review of Education, Health and Care Plans**



Jan



Karen

The following team members provide direct support such as:

- **In class support for students who have specific support needs according to their Education, Health and Care Plan or a diagnosed learning difficulty or disability**
- **Help with carrying out research, putting together assignments, preparing for exams, etc. at Additional Learning Support sessions**
- **Exam support – they provide reading, scribing, prompting and other types of exam support, according to awarding body guidelines**
- **Support on trips and visits where required**
- **Lunchtime support for named groups and Lunchtime Club for those who prefer a quiet environment at lunchtime**

Here are a few of them:



Colette



John



Margaret



Vivienne



Rebecca



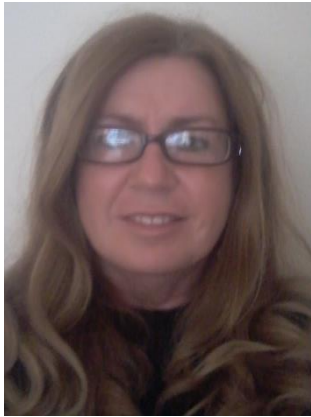
Andrew



Nasreen



Natasha



Marie



Shirley



Emma



Galina

We work very closely with our Wellbeing and Safeguarding Team, who provide support for a range of wellbeing issues. This could be emotional difficulties, problems outside college, mental health challenges, arranging counselling support, etc.



Julie Ann

Cathy



Julie Ann and Cathy can arrange to meet regularly with you on a 1:1 basis and also offer drop in wellbeing sessions if you have a particular problem. They can also refer you to other support agencies who are there to help with specific problems.

But all staff at West Lancashire College are trained to help a student who is experiencing wellbeing challenges, so there will always be someone who can help you.

Finally, we would like to invite you to take a Virtual Tour of West Lancashire College, to help you to become familiar and comfortable with the new environment.

The Virtual Tour takes you around the college, floor by floor and shows some of the classrooms in each vocational area. There are further classrooms not included in the tour, which are more traditional, where you will study maths and English and have tutorials and theory lessons.

Please click on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ju04IEHIEPM&feature=youtu.be>

We hope you enjoy your visit!

If you have any further questions at this time, please contact us via one of the following links:

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We wish you all the best at this time.

Yours sincerely

The Learning Support Team