



**Hills Road  
Sixth Form College**  
Cambridge

Study Skills  
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## What does the Study Skills Centre offer?

We can give advice and support for a wide range of learning needs including:

- **Dyslexia**
- **Dyspraxia**
- **Autism spectrum needs**
- **Physical disability**
- **Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and anxiety**
- **Time management and organisation skills**
- **Planning and essay writing skills**
- **Numeracy support**
- **English support for speakers of other languages**
- **Exam preparation**

### How can I access help?

The college strongly encourages you to state your needs on the application form. We can then make sure we discuss your needs well in advance of joining the college and make suitable arrangements. Please contact us if you would like to talk confidentially about your learning profile prior to, or any time after, your application.

Students at Hills Road have open access to the Study Skills Centre and can make an appointment at any time.

Students are welcome to use the centre to do their college work—it is a comfortable space and you will get a warm welcome.

## Who are the Study Skills Team?

**Sara Halliwell** is Head of Department. She has a broad experience in supporting students with a variety of learning styles and Special Educational Needs. Her qualifications include *OCR Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Learners with Dyslexia/Specific Learning Difficulties*, a *Certificate of Higher Education in Autism Spectrum Conditions* and *British Sign Language (BSL) Level 1*.

**Glen Taylor** is a Specialist Teacher and is qualified to assess students for examination access arrangements who has worked in the department since the early 1990s. He is also the Director of Student Support with a lead role in the pastoral guidance for all students.

**Linda Robinson** is a Specialist Teacher with an *SpLD* assessment qualification. Her main role is to review evidence and carry out assessments for exam access arrangements.

**Rachel Hudson** is a Specialist Teacher and is qualified to assess students for examination access arrangements. She is able to help students with maths or science-specific issues as well as helping generally with developing time management and independent study skills.

*Our Learning Mentors support individual students in the classroom while also offering one-to-one support sessions in Study Skills to help students get the most out of their time at Hills Road. They each have their own specialisms -*

**Elsbeth Davies** is a recent student at Hills Road who set up the Amigos student advisory service. She advises mostly on skills such as time management and revision techniques.

**Liz Dixon** offers specialist support for high needs and visually impaired students including Braille transcription. She is currently completing the RNIB qualification in Braille.

**Jack Edwards** has three years' experience as a scout leader working with 14-18 year olds with vastly differing needs and backgrounds. He is currently studying for a degree in Psychology.

**Sarah Ferguson** has a Level 3 Certificate in *Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs* and an *Introduction to Counselling* qualification. She offers advice on a wide range of subjects including anxiety related conditions.

**Jo Fox** offers specialist support for a high needs student as well as providing targeted advice on a broad range of issues.

**Frances Haynes** is a Hills Road alumna with experience of working with youth groups on LGBT issues and is learning British Sign Language.