

# SEND Support - Going to College

## Going to college if you have an educational need and / or a disability (SEND)



Leaving the school that you knew well to move to a new college, to study new subjects, with lots of people that you don't know can be a challenging thing to do.

It is important that you can continue to access support at college.



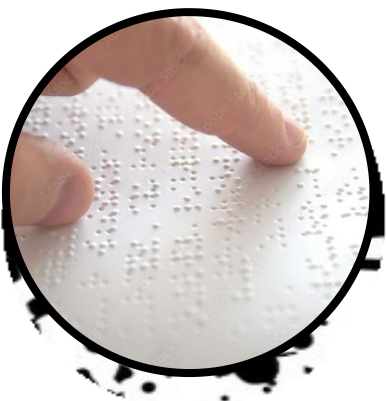
There are many colleges across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. You may want to attend open days to learn more about what they have available.

## Can college meet my needs?



Colleges have a legal duty to support students who have SEND. This means if you need help to enable you to succeed at college the help should be there. Examples of support are:

- Giving you extra time to complete course work or exams.
- Providing support in lessons such as someone to write notes or someone who can help you to plan your work and get you started.
- Making sure any information about your subject is in a format you can understand.
- Providing notes of lessons in advance.
- Providing assistive technology and the training you may need to use it.



These are just some examples, and they are called “reasonable adjustments”.

Colleges have information about the support they can provide for SEND young people. Every college has a slightly different provision so please check their website.



Below are a few examples of what is offered from some colleges across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. You can search for “student support” on any college website.



[Student Support - SHCG | South Hampshire College Group](#)



[Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) - Farnborough College of Technology \(farn-ct.ac.uk\)](#)



[Student Support - St Vincent College](#)



[Local Offer - Portsmouth College \(portsmouth-college.ac.uk\)](#)

If you had help at school or think you will need help at college, it is important to tell the college as soon as you can. Here are some suggestions:



- When you complete the college application form.
- At your college interview.
- Asking your SENCO, tutor or support worker at your school to speak to the college.

Once the college know about you, they will start to plan how you will transfer from school to college. For example, you could have some extra visits or meet the staff that will be working with you. Make sure to share as much information as you feel comfortable with to help your college support you the best they can. Declaring this information will not have a negative impact on your application and can only help you.



**It is important to let the college know about what you need as early as possible so that everything is in place, and you are ready for college.**