



Learning support at Matrix

As Matrix we have a dedicated learning Support Tutor who is able to support students with individual attention.

As the support is targeted, the Learning Support tutor will initially offer you a meeting to discuss your needs. Examples of support offered in the past are support with essay writing, liaising with tutors about specific needs and helping with dyslexia assessments.

We can also support you to apply for DSA funding. More information about DSA is available at <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas/overview>

Dyslexia

We encourage any student who feels they may be dyslexic to have an assessment:

There are two stages of assessment:

1. An initial dyslexia screening: If following the screening the screener feels there may be a risk of dyslexia they would refer the student for a diagnostic assessment.

It is not always essential to have a screening – a student can go directly to have a full assessment.

As we are not able to assist students on validated courses with the dyslexia screening, students might find the dyslexia check list useful to help decide if they should go for a full diagnostic assessment. More information is available at:

<http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/about-dyslexia/adults-and-business/i-think-i-might-be-dyslexic.html>

2. A Dyslexia Diagnostic Assessment: these can cost in the region of £300 to £400. Again, there is information about the assessments, how to contact a qualified/recognised assessor on the BDA website at:

<http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/dyslexic/getting-an-assessment-for-dyslexia>

DSA Funding

A DSA Assessment of Needs is carried out at an Access Centre to establish what a student who is applying for support may need during their time at Matrix.

Students with Dyslexia will need to have a full diagnostic assessment to obtain the necessary evidence of their disability before they are able to apply for DSA funding.

NB: Unfortunately, under the terms of our validation agreement with Middlesex University students are **unable** to get direct learning support from Middlesex.