

Magdalen Court School



Magdalen Court School
is a family trust
promoting children's education



SPECIAL NEEDS SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES (SpLD) & DYSLEXIA

Our specialist learning difficulties Support Programmes include:

- ◆ Learner Support & Inclusion
- ◆ Positive Behaviour Strategies
- ◆ Structured Literacy and Language approaches.
- ◆ Emotional & Social Development

DIFFERENTIATION IS USED EXTENSIVELY
IN ALL CLASSES

Magdalen Court School operates a full-time and powerful Specific learning difficulties Department and we are pleased to admit pupils who may need support in these areas.

When children first join us, specialist teachers assess their performance in lessons or, if appropriate and in consultation with parents, they can be assessed by an Educational Psychologist (at an additional cost). An individual programme of study is developed for that particular pupil if staff feel this is required.

We liaise very closely with parents and endeavour to involve them with homework. This helps to fostering a positive environment to help each individual pupil move forward at their optimum pace. We focus their areas of strength which helps to increase their sense of self-worth and self-confidence.

The highly qualified and committed SEN staff and TAs work as a team to assist each pupil. The progress of children is carefully monitored and further support planned to meet pupil's differing needs.

The Main School classes are small, and lessons are structured to meet the individual needs of each pupil. Many classes have a TA (teaching assistant) to pupils.

Reading is undertaken as part of an intensive routine. Spelling often follows a multi-sensory, structured programme of study, The 'Toe by Toe' Series, or other specific programmes of study, are frequently used. English is reinforced and consolidated every day and a maths scheme is promoted at their level along with the 'My Maths' ICT scheme. Text books can travel to and from home, along with books from a core reading scheme to enable parents to help and become involved in their child's progress.

Dyscalculia is catered for by Maths Specialists/BDA:
Dyscalculia staff.

Every Child is special
and
we would like to work with you
to support your child's development

Dyslexia. Level 3 Safeguarding.
SENCo **Mrs J Jenner**, B.Ed Hons. B.A. Montessori Dip.
Childcare & Education Assessor and Trustee of the school. Certificated courses: **DCC:** Autism Awareness, Exploring Sensory Issues, Challenging Behaviour, Supporting Social Skills through Social Narratives, Speech, Language & Communication Needs, language and Literacy. **BDA:** Dyspraxia (DCD), Attention Deficit Syndrome, Asperger's Syndrome, Speech & Language Issues and Dysgraphia. **The Dyslexia Ass:** Recognising and Diagnosing Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Dyscalculia. **Disability Assist:** Dyslexia Diagnostic Assessments. **SpLD Access S/W Assessment Centre:** Assessments and recommendations. Level 2 Safeguarding.

Mrs S Wrightson B.Ed Hons,
Head of SEN & SpLD & Humanities. Head of PSHCE & Sfguarding Children (level 3).
Certificated courses: **DCC:** Autism Awareness, Exploring Sensory Issues, Challenging Behaviour, Supporting Social Skills through Social Narratives, Speech, Language & Communication Needs, language and Literacy. **BDA:** Dyspraxia (DCD), Attention Deficit Syndrome, Asperger's Syndrome, Speech & Language Issues and Dysgraphia. **The Dyslexia Ass:** Recognising and Diagnosing Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Dyscalculia. **Disability Assist:** Dyslexia Diagnostic Assessments. **SpLD Access S/W Assessment Centre:** Assessments and recommendations. Head of Safeguarding, Level 3.

Mrs A Cafaro BA Hons PGCE.
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Sr Stella B.Ed Hons. Former Head of SEN

Mr C Ayles B.Ed Hons. BDA Dyscalculia.

Mr Robert Fawkes BA Cert Ed. Dyscalculia/Maths Specialist & GCSE Examiner.

MS Christine Kitchener NNEB

Ms E Wragg School Chaplain

Mrs B Bradley Legal Practice Course (post grad), law degree (worked within family law dealing with pupilprotection, children in care and their court cases and liaised directly with families) ex army medic, black belt in judo.

Sports facilities provide an effective counterpoint to study. Children can enjoy our Adventure Area, all weather playground, full sized sports hall and very large sports lawn to stretch their limbs and develop key skills including coordination in many sports such as netball, basketball, football, tennis, athletics, hockey, badminton, the climbing wall etc.

Swimming is undertaken throughout the year at the nearby Exeter University, St. Luke's Campus. It is run by University staff.

There is also a powerful **outward-bound programme** and a Life Skills Department is in operation which offers gardening, cookery, Numicon and other relevant skills and resources.

Music, Dance and Drama are strengths of our school and help the less able children to express themselves and develop confidence.

Public Speaking and Poetry Readings are encouraged and help pupils to develop these special skills. Most children in the school become highly confident and articulate.

GCSE & 'A' Level Assessments

'Access to Examinations' are arranged to offer 25% extra time plus Prompter, Reader or Scribe for GCSE & 'A' Level Examinations where necessary.

There is a wide range of clubs which help children to explore a whole group of activities. In many cases they discover an area of strength, which helps raise their self esteem immeasurably. Pupils are also encouraged to run their own clubs, bring & buy sales etc.

Several Quiet Rooms are also available for pupils who have any difficulties which they would like to discuss.

ICT/Prep Club

This runs from 3.50-4.50 on a daily basis @ £4 per hour and proves very useful to students who may need encouragement to settle to work. It may be used on an ad hoc basis to assist parents.

Computer Studies

Magdalen Court School has extensive ICT facilities and the services of a teacher who is a computer specialist. These facilities are used extensively and often prove an exciting way forward for children who find difficulty in getting to grips with their work. The children also enjoy such programmes as 'Star spell', Touch Typing, Dragon Speech, Read & Write, Gold etc and other specific educational software such as the Arrow Scheme and Toe by Toe Reading Scheme. Numicon is also a very popular and helpful maths scheme which is frequently used and proves most helpful to many pupils who struggle with maths.

Organisational Skills

These are often problematic for children who have academic difficulties. To help these children, single wooden (lidded), desks are in the lower Junior classes and lockers in most other classes. Also the Form Teacher helps to monitor pupils who have problems with the organisation of their belongings.

Tutorial Schemes

Help is available on a 1:1 or small group basis for children who find difficulty in keeping up with the class. Some of this cost is borne by the school, but extra help at £25 per session can be arranged on a daily, weekly or occasional basis. We have a number of Specialist SEN Teachers who focus on various areas of development.

Parental Liaison

We encourage very close liaison with parents who like to work with their child at home and there is an Open Door Office Policy which operates from 7.50 am to 9.30 am daily and we also offer an e/m contact, which comes directly into the Senior Staff Office: 'admin@magdalencourtschool.co.uk'. This is usually answered promptly and we ask you always to contact us if your pupils facing any difficulties at all: we're here to help them.

Early GCSE programmes of study.

Magdalen Court School offers some 30 GCSEs. A number of these, such as ICT Graphics, Photography, Drama, Art, Food Technology, Expressive Arts etc, are suitable for early entry. They offer children exciting targets in their areas of strength and help to bolster the number of GCSEs achieved in their final year. The school also undertakes OCR Entry Level Examinations which suit many children with SEN/SpLD difficulties. This is especially valuable in Science investigations, which the children love to explore.

Staff

Mrs S Rogers BA HONS PGCE (SEN). Post Grad. Dyslexia & Literacy, Dyslexia Action Multisensory Teaching Certificate. Maths Dip. Developmental & Sound Therapy.

Mrs Dawn Williams BA Hons (2:1), PGCE, Yoga Teaching Dip. Certified courses: RAD (ballet), Supervisory Management, History, Communication Skills, Differentiation, Devon Co-ordinator for the World Communicator.

Mr Peter Hargood B.sc Hons. M.Sc (Science) M.Ed., PGCE A (Special Ed. Needs), Counselling Dip. SATS Examiner & D32, D33 & D34 Assessor.

Mrs B Bradley LLB Hons, Post Grad, Legal Practice Dip., Certified Courses: Applied Social Sciences, Life Science: Body Systems, Cytology & Genetics & ICT. Armed Forces: Combat Medic. Sporting Achievements: British & Devon Judo Squads, Ten Tors 45 miles & Triathlons. Paralegal: Family & Children.

Mrs J Taylor B.Ed Hons. SEN Cert, Sounds-Write (SEN linguistics/phonics programme). Counselling Cert.

Mr J Bushrod B.Sc. Hons. PGCE. BDA Dyscalculia. Senior School Headmaster.

Mr S Butterworth B.Ed Hons. BDA Dyscalculia.

Mr J. Jenner B.Ed Hons. Adv. Dip. ICT
Head of ICT and Outward Bound. Certificated courses: **DCC**: Autism Awareness, Exploring Sensory Issues, Challenging Behaviour, Supporting Social Skills through Social Narratives, Speech, Language & Communication Needs, language and Literacy. **BDA**: Dyspraxia (DCD), Attention Deficit Syndrome, Asperger's Syndrome, Speech & Language Issues and Dysgraphia. **The Dyslexia Ass**: Recognising and Diagnosing Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Dyscalculia. **Disability Assist**: Dyslexia Diagnostic Assessments. **SpLD Access S/W Assessment Centre**: Assessments and recommendations. Level 3 Safeguarding.

Mrs K Jenner BA Hons, M.Sc Geog.
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