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WELFARE AND WELLBEING SUPPORT: DISABILITY

CONGRATULATIONS on securing an offer or open offer to study here at St John's College.

My name is Donna Jones and I am the Disability Coordinator here at St John's College.

I will be your first point of contact for any disability-related matters.

Whether you have declared that you have a disability on your UCAS application, or you would like to explore support for a disability further, please look at **registering with the University's Disability Advisory Service (DAS), even if you haven't yet received your A-Level results**. This will enable you to get a Student Support Plan (SSP) in place to ensure you receive fully rounded support for your disability from tutors, supervisors and library staff, and for any examination adjustments.

Disability support and adjustments are not usually made without an SSP being in place.



REGISTERING WITH DAS:

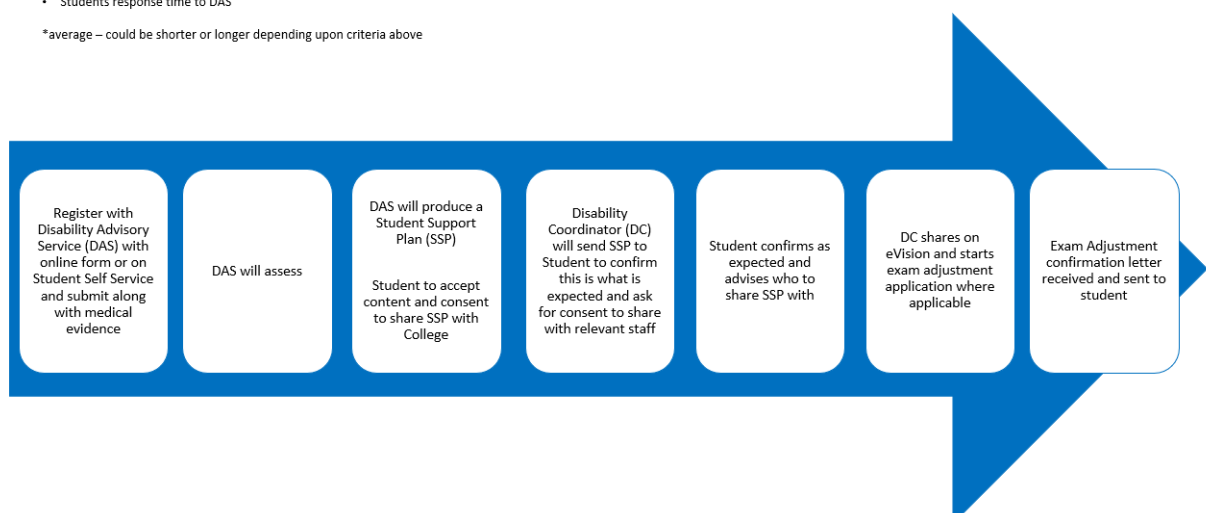
- [Register with DAS by following these instructions.](#)
- [The DAS registration form can be found here.](#)
- You will need to [provide evidence of your disability](#) on the 'Providing Evidence' tab.
 - Detailed letter from GP or medical consultant.
 - Previous disability-related study support and accommodations/adjustments in school or previous educational institutions.
 - Diagnostic report from a qualified clinician.
 - Written confirmation from GP to advise you have been screened and referred for an NHS ADHD or Autism diagnostic assessment.
- You may find it helpful to read [Who can we support?](#)
- Send the registration form and evidence to disability@admin.ox.ac.uk
- They will meet with you and discuss your needs.
- They will then provide you and us with Student Support Plan (SSP) with recommendations for your studies here at Oxford University.
- You can call them on 01865 280459.
- Further guidance on your Student Disability Support can be found here: [Your Student Disability Support at Oxford \(information and lifecycle map\)](#)

REGISTERING WITH DISABILITY ADVISORY SERVICE – PROCESS AND TIMELINE

This process can take up to 8 weeks* dependent upon:

- Provision of medical evidence
- Disability Advisors workload
- Time of year (MT is busier)
- Students response time to DAS

*average – could be shorter or longer depending upon criteria above





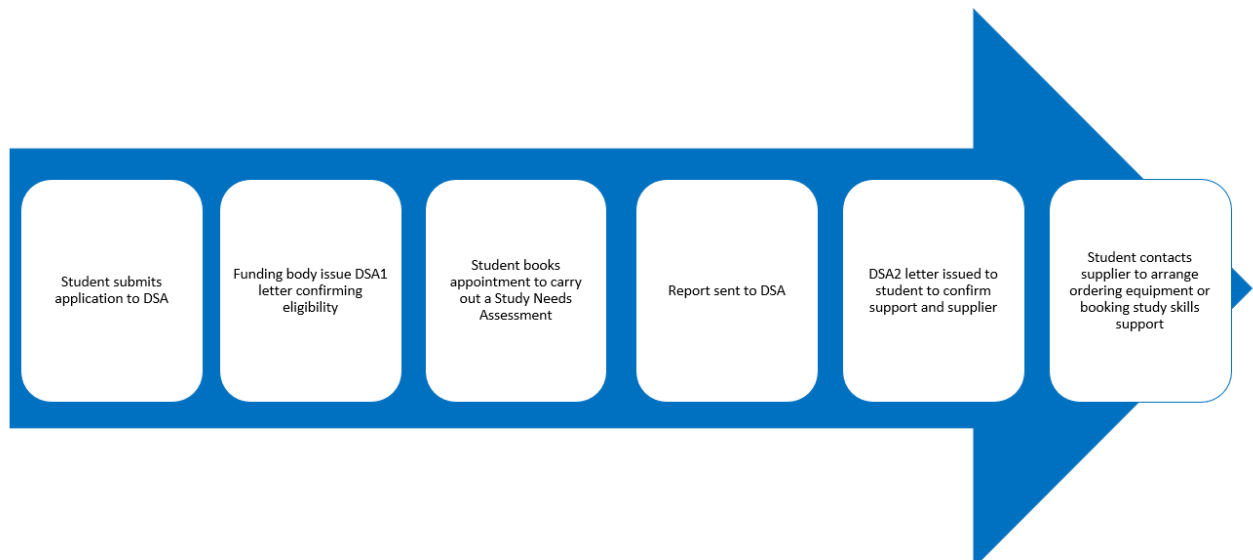
FUNDING FOR DISABILITY SUPPORT:

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) is support to cover the study-related costs you have because of a mental health problem, long-term illness, or any other disability. It will cover:

- specialist equipment, for example a computer if you need one because of your disability
- non-medical helpers, for example a British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter or specialist note taker
- extra travel to attend your course or placement because of your disability
- other disability-related study support, for example having to print additional copies of documents for proof-reading

We recommend applying for DSA as soon as you have been made an offer (conditional or unconditional) to study at the University of Oxford, as it can take up to 14 weeks to process DSA applications and for support to be fully implemented.

REGISTERING WITH DISABLED STUDENTS ALLOWANCE (DSA) TO RECEIVING ITEMS:
This process can take from 9-13⁺ weeks:
[Student Finance England \(SFE\): Current application timescales - GOV.UK](#)





ACCOMMODATION:

- If you have any special needs related to accommodation, please let me know as soon as you can.
- Late declaration could result in suitable accommodation not being available and/or difficulty in providing the necessary adjustments.
- Please note that it is standard College policy to ask for medical evidence for all accommodation requests made on the grounds of a disability, illness, or medical condition.
- [Further information about accommodation is available on the College website.](#)

WELFARE AND WELLBEING AT ST JOHN'S:

The above Disability provision is part of the wider welfare and wellbeing service available to students at St John's.

Students at St John's will also have access to a College Nurse and College Counsellor, as well as the College Welfare and Wellbeing Officer, in order to offer support to meet individual needs. As well as this, the College has an active Wellbeing programme including events such as yoga, mini massage, and visits from our therapy dog.

Students at St John's will have access to SafetyNet: a portal for all students to access all aspects of Welfare and Wellbeing.

Thank you,

Donna Jones

Disability Coordinator, St John's College