

## Mark College

Mark College is a specialist residential school for boys and girls aged 10 to 19 years with specific learning difficulties including language disorders, dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia. Students are offered a flexible curriculum that is tailored to meet their needs according to their individual difficulties.

Located in Somerset, Mark College provides a warm and welcoming environment in which students benefit from being with others who share the same difficulties with language. The level of support and teaching methods are specifically designed to overcome the challenges that students with specific learning difficulties face. We hold a Tier 4 license and currently have a number of international students, around 15% of our registrations, and are able to take both privately funded and Local Authority commissioned pupils.

### Services offered

- **Small classes and personalised programmes of learning geared towards individual success**
- **Subject specialist staff, trained to teach students with specific learning difficulties and language disorders**
- **Emphasis on educational achievement**
- **Voice output and voice recognition technology to assist learning**
- **Focus on self-achievement and becoming independent learners**
- **Flexible curriculum designed to meet individual needs**
- **Specialist dyslexia software**
- **Wi-fi across the site and residential provision to ensure assisted technology is available at all times**
- **Sixth form life skills programs**
- **A caring environment where students can develop and grow**



### Admissions criteria

- **Girls and boys aged 10 to 19 years**
- **Diagnosed with specific learning difficulties, language disorder, dyslexia, dyspraxia, ASD or dyscalculia**
- **We are unable to accommodate young people with primary behavioural problems**

## Therapeutic approach

- **Speech and language therapies**
- **Occupational therapist**
- **Art therapy**
- **Pets for therapy**
- **Key workers and individualised support packages**

## Positive outcomes

Former students are now developing successful careers that include being a film director, plumber, stock broker, architect, landscape gardener, astro-physics engineer, teacher, computer systems engineer, farmer, marine biologist, car design engineer, retail manager, art and ceramic designer, TV cameraman, web designer and business entrepreneurs.



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100% of young people are engaged in age appropriate independence programmes

100% of young people in Year 9 and above are actively involved in transition planning at a level that reflects their ability

100% of residential young people are taking part in clubs or social groups within the community

100% of pupils are accessing regular key worker sessions

**Consistent success rates when working with young people who have experienced school phobia**

## Case study: Matthew's story

Matthew's\* parents contacted us as they had not been able to find a school that would meet Matthew's needs in Nigeria or in the UK. They were looking for a school that could provide a safe, nurturing environment meeting his academic needs whilst also providing specialist therapeutic support for his speech and language difficulties.

Reports on Matthew's needs were very limited so the first step for Mark College was to arrange for an assessment day for him. Matthew spent the day at Mark College and undertook an assessment with an educational psychologist, therapy staff, followed by interviews and discussions with key staff at the school. This enabled us to develop a comprehensive plan to meet Matthew's needs. Mark College is also able to offer this assessment process as a standalone product that can then be used to signpost to the most appropriate provision.

Matthew has now started at Mark College and has settled in wonderfully. He is now working hard towards his GCSE examinations which he will take in the Summer.

\*Name changed to protect student's identity

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