

WHAT DYSLEXIA SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

At Chelmsford College we have a team of specially trained Dyslexia Support Tutors who can help in the following ways:

- They can assess for dyslexia. An assessment is not a scary process! It takes about 3 hours, the result is a diagnostic report showing a unique pattern of strengths and weaknesses. From this a Dyslexia Support Tutor can see whether a student is dyslexic and what should be done. This helps the student to understand their difficulties better and recognize their strong points. Some students are eligible for exam concessions based on their difficulties and the Dyslexia Support Tutors help to arrange these.
- They offer practical 1:1 dyslexia support lessons. With an hour of individual 1:1 support each week many students are able to deal with the academic demands of their course better. Support can help students develop learning strategies based on their individual strengths which improve learning and increase confidence.
- Dyslexia Awareness Sessions. By going into classes and discussing dyslexia we hope to help people understand the difficulties dyslexic students face, but also what strengths and abilities they have.

HOW CAN I GET DYSLEXIA SUPPORT?

If you are finding it hard to cope with the academic demands of your course or think you may be dyslexic you can:

- **Discuss your difficulties with a member of staff who will refer you to a Dyslexia Support Tutor.**
- **Phone or e-mail the Dyslexia Support Coordinator, Dr Clive Perrett (see details below) and he can arrange for you see a Dyslexia Support Tutor.**
- **Ask a member of staff at the college reception, in the library or the skills development centre about seeing a Dyslexia Support Tutor.**

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WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?

FACTS

- About 10% of the population have some form of dyslexia. About 4% are severely dyslexic.
- Dyslexia causes difficulties in learning to read, write and spell. Short-term memory, mathematics, concentration, personal organisation and sequencing may be affected.
- Dyslexia is biological in origin and tends to run in families, environmental factors may also contribute to it.
- Dyslexia affects all kinds of people regardless of intelligence, race or social class.
- The effects of dyslexia can largely be overcome by skilled specialist teaching and the use of compensatory strategies.



WEAKNESSES

Dyslexic people may experience difficulties or weaknesses in the following areas:

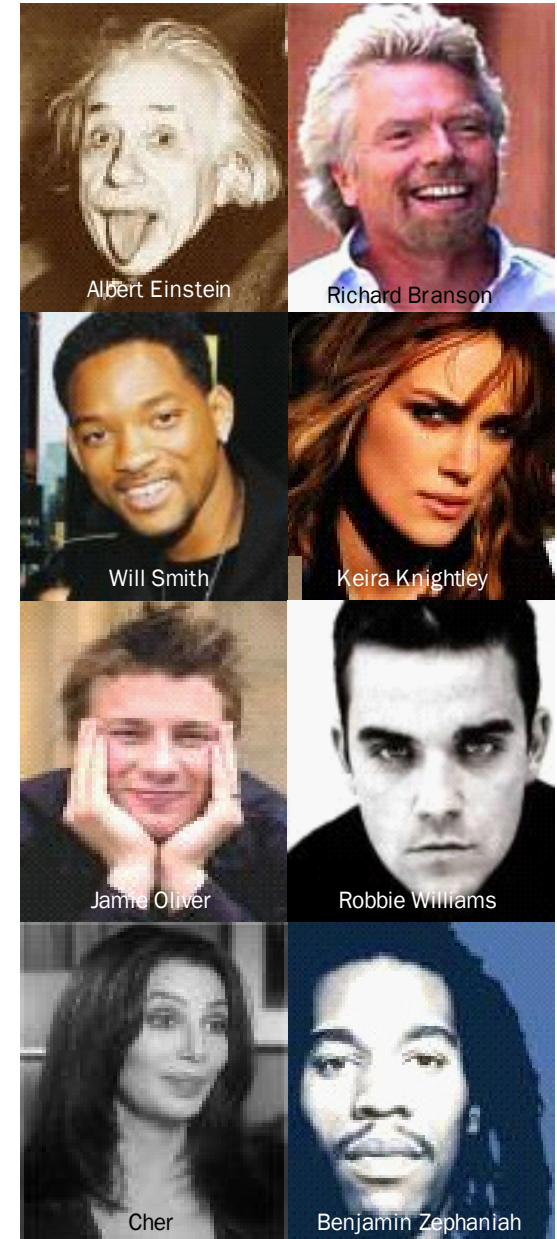
- Spelling
- Handwriting
- Writing
- Time management
- Co-ordination
- Organization
- Reading
- Speaking
- Listening
- Concentration
- Short term memory

STRENGTHS

Dyslexic people may have talents and abilities in certain area, this may include the following strengths:

- Visual Creativity
- Strong spatial awareness
- Good communicators
- Intuition
- Problem solvers
- Good at teaching
- Seeing the big picture
- Original ideas
- Practical or hands-on thinkers

WHAT DO THESE PEOPLE HAVE IN COMMON?



THEY'RE ALL DYSLEXIC!