



## **LEARNING SUPPORT DEPARTMENT**

### **Departmental Description**

The Learning Support Department at St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy currently consists of, nine full-time staff and one part-time.

### **Staffing arrangements**

Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) support students through Y7-Y13 with a range of different SEND needs. Support may be required in lessons to ensure students can access the curriculum or out of class on an intervention or bespoke support basis. In addition to in-class support or small group work at the direction of the subject teacher/SENCO, staff also act as key workers and are responsible for updating SEN support plans, being a point of contact for parents and supporting students with progress and attendance. LSAs contribute to reviews of students on the SEN register.

Where appropriate, staff will accompany students on educational visits and in the various enterprise and enrichment activities which take part during the year. Staff are expected to support with the supervision of breakfast club and lunchtime club.

### **CPD**

LSAs have attended training on a range of SEN areas this year including ASD, mental health and wellbeing, SLCN and SpLD. In addition to this, training is provided each year in access arrangements provision and support for examinations. New staff attend induction days and are also expected to attend in-house training sessions throughout the year.