



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**Extended Learning
Department**

DYSLEXIA SUPPORT

EXTENDED LEARNING DEPARTMENT DYSLEXIA SUPPORT within the School Library

Fantastic provision is already available within the School Library.

At QEGS, we believe the joy of reading to be one of life's fundamental pleasures which should be able to be enjoyed by all. Our aim, therefore, is to provide a wide range of accessible, enjoyable, unpatronising, short books for children who are dyslexic, struggling to read, or simply reluctant to sit down with a book.

DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY BOOKS – The Dyslexia friendly books are especially designed to help children with Dyslexia and other reading difficulties. They have yellow or coloured paper, well-spaced text, an easy to read font and are available in different reading age levels. The books are gripping stories written by well-known authors and combine suitable language for the reading age with content appropriate for the numerical age. Our dyslexia friendly books have a yellow label on the spine. These books are displayed in a prominent place with clear signs and labels.

QUICK READS – We have a large range of high interest, low level reading books we call Quick Reads. They are in clearly labelled racks and have a **blue** sticker on the spine.

GRAPHIC NOVELS – For those who like more illustrations than text, we have Graphic Novels. Many of the titles studied in English lessons are available in graphic form to make the stories more accessible.

ABRIDGED BOOKS – These shortened versions of classic titles are also a great help to struggling readers.

FICTION BOOKS – Many of the fiction books are sorted by genres to help students choose a suitable book. The shelves have colourful signs displaying the names and the symbol for the different genres. The books have matching labels on the spine. The fiction shelves also include a range of books for lower level readers which are the same size as a general novel but have easier language and bigger margins and font. These are discreetly labelled with blue (for Quick Reads) and yellow (for Dyslexia Friendly) stickers, and are aimed at the students who need extra help with their reading but don't want to be seen with an 'easy' book.

NON-FICTION BOOKS – The non-fiction shelves are clearly labelled and colour coded to make it easier to find what you are looking for. We have hundreds of books with easy to read, bite-size information, on every subject from 'Awesome Animals' to 'Zulu Warriors'.

HAVE A LOOK - All our books are available to look at in the catalogue on the Library webpage. There are printed list of our books, in all the different genres, in the Library, on the Library Moodle page and in the English classrooms. We try our best to keep these lists up to date but new and exciting titles are arriving all the time.

COMFY CORNER – For those who want to escape the 'hustle and bustle' of the School day, the Library has a quiet corner, with comfy armchairs, where they can read in peace. Just ask for a 'VIP' pass at the desk.

'Inclusive Classroom Awards' are awarded to staff who follow this checklist...

- Pastel backgrounds
- Comic sans fonts
- Uncluttered displays and storage areas
- Clear numbered lists for tasks
- Use of matt laminates
- Thinking time for tasks
- Use of coloured overlays/exercise books/ rulers
- ACE dictionaries used by dyslexic students
- Electronic recording system for homework

Our vision for the **students**
for which we have an
additional responsibility
is that we **support** students
to **achieve their full**
potential in a **safe** and
secure environment, through
consideration of the **varying**
needs of each student. We strive
to ensure that each student feels
supported, included in the
whole school and is **treated**
as an individual, who is
valued and **challenged** to
enable their **achievement.**

Believe, achieve and succeed...
...we can all make a difference!



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