

# ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT FOR APPRENTICESHIPS



# **THIS BOOKLET IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THE LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE APPRENTICES.**

## **CognAssist**

When you enrol on an Apprenticeship you will take part in a CognAssist assessment. CognAssist is a programme that looks at the way you think and the way you learn. It looks at eight different ways your brain functions.

The assessment takes around 30 minutes to complete and involves a series of word games and puzzles. The results will show if you need any support in one or more of the following areas:

- Verbal memory
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Verbal reasoning
- Visual processing speed
- Executive function
- Visual perception

If you do have any areas identified, the programme will generate a tailor-made set of resources for you which you will be able to access using a free online account. You will watch a short video once a week and be given strategies and tasks to put into place in both your work and home life to support you with any areas that you need to develop further.

Your assessor will also support you in these processes and will discuss your progress when they see you.

# SUPPORT AT COLLEGE

The Additional Learning Support team can provide the following services dependant upon appropriate assessment:

- Specialist support tutorials (dyslexia, well-being & mental health, skills development - literacy and numeracy)
- Exam access arrangement assessments
- Support in lessons whilst on college campuses
- Specialist equipment, e.g. laptops, dictaphones, alpha smarts and adaptations
- Risk assessments for students with medical needs, epilepsy or diabetes
- Learning support assistant/communication support worker for lessons.

For further information talk to your assessor, tutor or email [als@northamptoncollege.ac.uk](mailto:als@northamptoncollege.ac.uk)



# SUPPORT IN THE WORKPLACE



## Support in the Workplace

The Department for Education issued a Special Educational Need and Disability Code of Practice in 2014 which states that:

*“Schools and colleges should consider funding from Access to Work, available from the Department for Work and Pensions, as a potential source of practical support for people with disabilities or health (including mental health) conditions on entering work and apprenticeships”*

If you require support at work over and above the support provided by your assessor please visit the GOV.UK website and the Preparing for Adulthood website for more information.

## Access to Work

An Access to Work grant from the Department for Work and Pensions helps to pay for practical support for young people and adults who have a disability, health or mental health condition so they can start work, stay in work or start their own business. It can pay for things like special equipment, fares to work if public transport is not practical, a support worker or coach in the workplace or a communicator at a job interview.

<http://www.gov.uk/access-to-work/>

If you would like more information please contact:

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