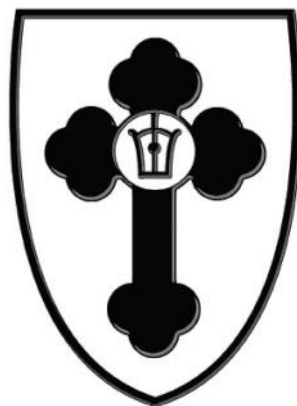


**STUDENT SUPPORT
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**WILLIAM BROOKES
SCHOOL**



Student Support

**Parents' Student
Support Guide
2009 - 2010**



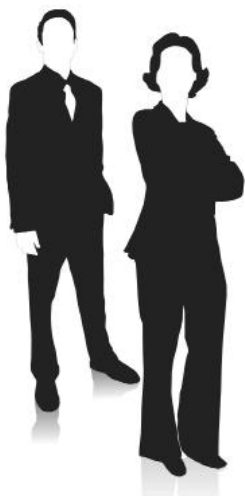
At William Brookes we aim to support students to achieve their full potential despite the fact that they may be experiencing difficulties in other areas of their lives. We have a Student Support Centre, where students can come to access a wide range of help and support, either from staff in the centre or from outside agencies that work with us.

Issues we deal with can include any of the following

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> | Support with studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Behaviour | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pastoral care issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Anger management | <input type="checkbox"/> | Self esteem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Counselling | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bullying |

The department is assisted by a network of professionals who contribute to the welfare of students in school. These include :-

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | The Police | <input type="checkbox"/> | Educational Psychologist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Medical staff- Much Wenlock surgery | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CHAT (Confidential help & advice for teens) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Support Worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Education Welfare Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Connexions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | School Nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> | Substance Misuse Team |



INCLUSION MANAGER — MRS SUE REYNOLDS



every **child** matters

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE OFFERED BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES INCLUDE:-

West Mercia Police – PC Stuart Lippit attends school once a week.

His role as local Police Officer for Much Wenlock is to improve contact and communications with all the local community. This includes involving himself with young people, so being at school is the ideal opportunity. He provides students with advice on the law, and even careers within the police structure. He is involved in the anti-bullying programme, and recently in the training of the anti-bullying mentors. He is trained in restorative justice, allowing him to participate in mediation sessions when dealing with bullying incidents. A notice board within school displays useful information and advice, ranging from Internet safety to learner drivers and keeping safe during specific times of the year, such as Halloween and Bonfire night.

School Nurse – Karen Kerr

Karen works for the Primary Care Trust, her role is to provide a vital link between health and education. She attends school on Thursday afternoons offering counselling and advice services to students. On a more general note Karen is involved in school vaccination, and training programmes in relation to particular students medical needs. Karen also works with CHAT (Confidential help and advice for teenagers), assisting with workshops though out the year, and contributes to the PSHE programme and the health calendar.

Young Persons Substance Misuse Worker – Casey Bedford

Casey works with young people aged 11-19 years, offering early intervention, prevention and harm reduction work for young people who voluntarily want support to stop or reduce their alcohol or substance use. Through multi-agency working she supports the school in their drug and alcohol education programmes, helping young people make informed choices.

CHAT - Confidential help and advice for teenagers

CHAT services offer help and advice for teens on a wide range of health and social issues. Young people can access the school based CHAT services for a one to one consultation with an appropriate professional.

Open workshops are also held on Wednesday lunchtimes outside the dining hall, offering advice and information on all sorts of issues affecting young people.

The Link

The Link is a drop in service run by one of the local GP's and Nurse Practitioners. Available to students on Mondays 12.30 – 1.30pm, it is a confidential service where students can come and get help and advice on subjects such as weight and food issues, minor injuries and ailments, sexual health, smoking and other problems that may be worrying them.

Access to any of the above services themselves or through Sue Reynolds- Inclusion Manager, PLUS many other services and professionals.....

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

“William Brookes School has the advantage of one of the most highly experienced and trained LSU managers we have nationally in Sue Reynolds. Her great empathy and natural understanding of young people’s needs has been developed through her work with youngsters in residential situations. She, supports many pupils across the whole range of the school, from vulnerable pupils who might experience bullying, to bereaved pupils, to those in need of medical support for a variety of reasons.

All pupils and staff are aware of what is offered and are fully supportive of the work achieved. Pupils feel at ease and restorative approaches are used as the norm across the school.

Sarah Hall runs our behaviour support unit. She has wide and varied expertise in supporting students with issues, gained through her experience of working with vulnerable students within a pupil referral unit. Sarah provides support and guidance to students who are experiencing social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. Through working with individuals and groups of students, our aim is to facilitate students ability to reach their potential during their time at William Brookes School and provide them with the life skills they will need when they leave.

If only every school could have what is offered here!”

Moyra Healy, Adviser to the DfES on Student Support Units 2007