

What's it like to study at Oxford and St Anne's as a Neurodiverse student?

St Anne's College is committed to supporting students with diverse learning profiles, including those who are neurodiverse. Oxford University has a dedicated Disability Advisory Service (DAS) to help students with conditions such as dyslexia, ADHD, autism, and other forms of neurodivergence. The University also has the Neurodiversity at Oxford network, which offers community, peer support, and events that raise awareness and celebrate neurodiversity.

This FAQ provides a wider overview of life as a neurodiverse student in Oxford. It covers academic support, welfare, community, and practical adjustments, so you can get a realistic picture of what to expect.

1. What is daily life like as a neurodiverse student?

- Many neurodiverse students thrive at Oxford with the right support in place.
 - o Colleges, including St Anne's, provide welfare and academic contacts to help with adjustments.
 - o Peer networks and mentoring are available, including through the Neurodiversity at Oxford network.

2. What academic support is available?

- The Disability Advisory Service (DAS) coordinates support plans for students.
 - o Adjustments may include extra time in exams, use of assistive technology, or alternative formats for readings.
 - o Colleges and departments work with students to make reasonable adjustments.

3. How do prospective students get in touch with support networks?

- The Disability Advisory Service: disability@admin.ox.ac.uk
- The Neurodiversity at Oxford network: neurodiversity@admin.ox.ac.uk
- St Anne's College has a Disability Coordinator who can connect prospective students with current students or staff contacts, and a Diversity Point of Contact for Neurodiverse Students, Professor Sian Gronlie.

4. Are there resources for neurodiverse students during exams and high-stress times?

- Yes.
 - o Exam adjustments are arranged through the Disability Advisory Service.
 - o College welfare teams and peer supporters are available year-round.
 - o The Neurodiversity at Oxford network and the University Counselling Service provide additional support during stressful periods.