

The Learning Development Service

The Learning Development Service (LDS) is located within the Student Guidance Centre and is open to all students to help with the development of generic skills needed to succeed at University. Although Schools have extensive resources and support readily accessible to students, often there is reluctance to come forward for help. The LDS has been established to provide academic skills support to students including essay writing, maths, time management and referencing. We work with students in a friendly and informal manner to help them improve their academic performance. We offer a number of services to facilitate this process:

ONE TO ONE

At any time during the year if you think a student would benefit from academic related support, please pass on our details or contact us when you are with the student.

We will arrange to meet with your student to agree a plan of action. Meetings are held in rooms in the Student Guidance Centre. A student may attend 3 sessions per Semester depending on the action agreed. Students can book a one to one session by contacting the Student Guidance Centre or by emailing us on lds@qub.ac.uk. Appointment times will normally be between 9.30 am -4.30 pm and will last between 30 - 50 minutes. Outside office hours sessions can also be arranged when necessary.

WORKSHOPS

Academic skills workshops are delivered by LDS each Tuesday from 6-7pm in the McClay library and include key aspects of essay writing, referencing and exam preparation. The schedule of workshops is on our website and hard copies are also in the Student Guidance Centre. Copies of the schedule can be sent to your School or department on request. Groups are usually small to facilitate student interaction. Students can book a place for workshops through the website or by emailing the LDS on lds@qub.ac.uk or by calling into the student information area in the Student Guidance Centre.

WEBSITE

The website has a popular online referencing tool that students have found useful, there are also numeracy resources and a number of writing skills helpsheets. If you find students are requesting help in areas that are not covered on our website please email lds@qub.ac.uk as we are keen to develop resources that will enable students to study independently. We would also be delighted to get your views on what you think could be improved on the website or to include resources you have found beneficial in supporting students academically.

PEER SUPPORT

The Learning Development Service provides support for Schools who are interested in developing a peer mentoring scheme. We are currently training 100 students to be peer mentors across 7 Schools in 2011-12. If you would like to find out more please contact Angela McQuade, a.mcquade@qub.ac.uk.

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