



Hearing Support Centre

Accommodation

The HSC provides a safe and welcoming environment where students can receive intensive teaching, speech and language therapy and audiological testing provided by experienced staff. The centre is housed within an acoustically friendly suite of rooms. The centre's four computers are networked into the school's main computer system and a library of books and resources has been carefully chosen and matched to the curriculum. These allow the students to access all subject areas, the computer based Integrated Learning System and the Internet. Students have the opportunity to carry out appropriate subject research, present data or complete homework tasks



Audiology

All students have access to, and use of, amplification suitable to their needs. FM systems together with TV, PC and CD adaptors are available for students to use in all lessons when appropriate.

Hearing aids are checked daily by a member of staff and minor maintenance carried out as required. Students are encouraged to be as independent as possible in the care of their hearing aid equipment and to be responsible for changing batteries, retubing and for general hygiene. If major faults are detected, the audiologist and student's family are contacted and the hearing aid is sent to the issuing NHS Hospital for repair or replacement.

An audiology technician from the North East Wales NHS Trust visits regularly to test hearing aid performance and take impressions for ear moulds when required. Flintshire's Hearing Support Co-ordinator visits regularly and is available to balance FM systems and give advice.

