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# How to get support from the Disability and Learning Support Service

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# Who are we?

- Team of Advisors/Officers: offering guidance and support on range of disabilities, neurodiverse and health conditions
- Other staff include: Notetakers, SpLD Tutors, Specialist Mentors and more
- Also work with staff across the University.



# What do we do?

- Discuss support previously received/required now
- Screen for certain learning differences – Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Dyscalculia
- Produce and distribute a schedule of reasonable adjustments/ accommodations
- Advise on technology and equipment
- Loan equipment/assistive technology.



# Other help we offer

- Assistance in applying for Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) if eligible
- Can assist with course-related expenses
- Available to both part-time and full-time students
- If ineligible, University will provide funding, so support will remain same





# What you need to do

Provide evidence of disability:

Recent letter from medical professional noting:

- Nature of disability/condition and symptoms
- Date of diagnosis
- How it affects studies

[medical\\_evidence\\_form\\_0.docx\(live.com\)](#)

Or

Diagnostic report detailing Specific Learning Difference/Neurodiverse condition.

[Supporting Documentation | The University of Edinburgh](#)



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# What else you need to do

- Make contact early:
- Enables adjustments to be put in place for start of studies
- Allows adaptations to be made in advance, if required
- Allows funding to be applied for, if eligible
- Allows Support Assistants to be appointed if necessary.

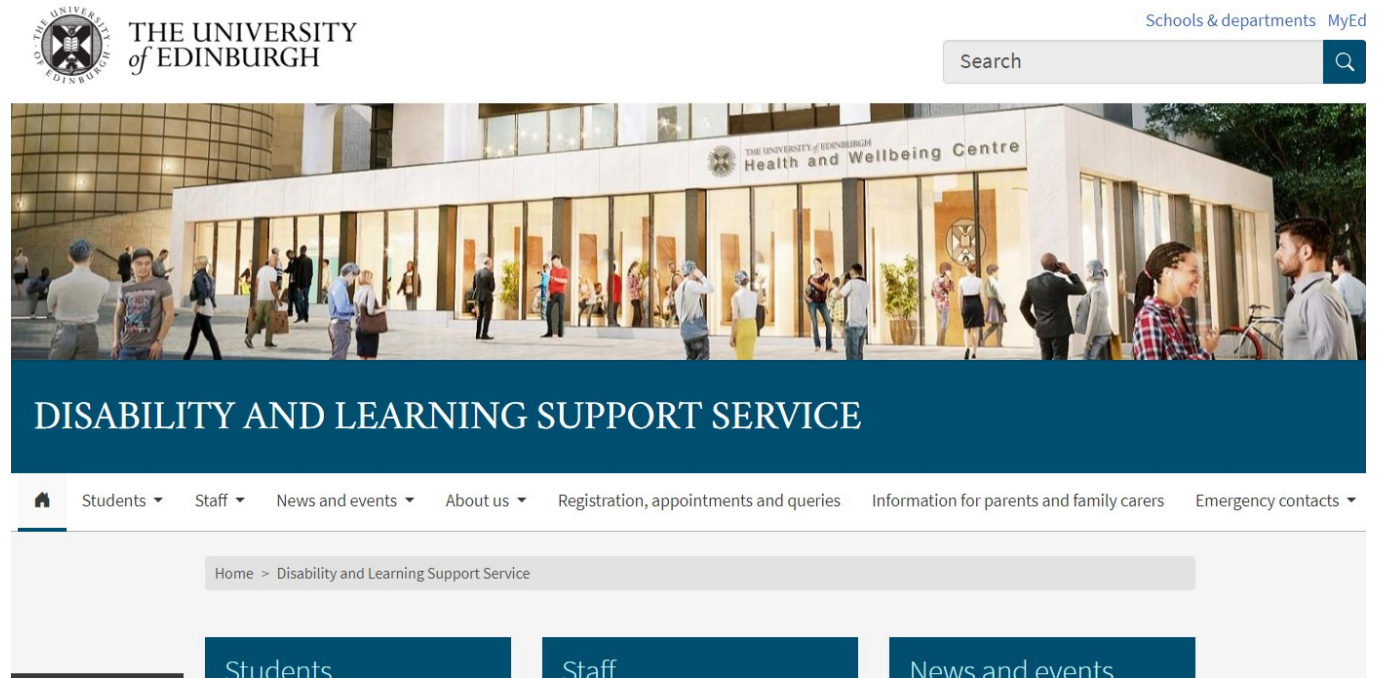


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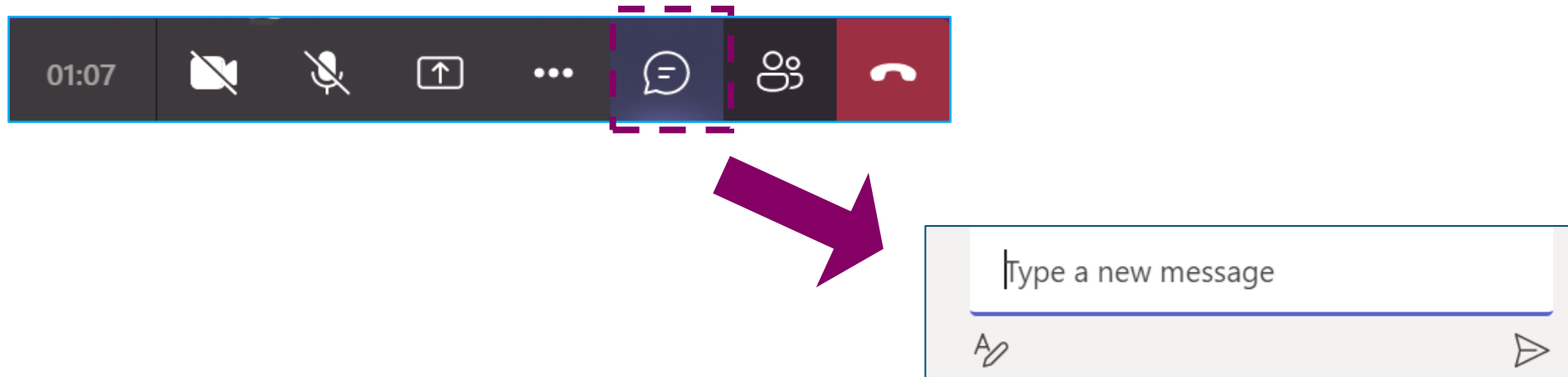
# Make contact early

- [Disability and Learning Support Service | Disability and Learning Support Service](#)



# Asking questions (Microsoft Teams)

- Type your question into the Chat Area





<https://virtualvisits.ed.ac.uk/pg>

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- Water Bodies:** The Firth of Forth at the top, the River Forth flowing through the city, and the Pentlands to the south.
- Major Roads:** The A1 (Leith Road), A7 (Queensferry Road), A10 (Princes Street), and A16 (City Bypass).
- Landmarks and Parks:** Edinburgh Castle, the Scottish Parliament, the Royal Mile, the Arthur's Seat, Holyrood Park, Kings Buildings, Blackford Hill, Easter Bush, and Portobello.
- Other Features:** The South Queensferry, the Leith Harbour, the City Bypass, and the City Centre.



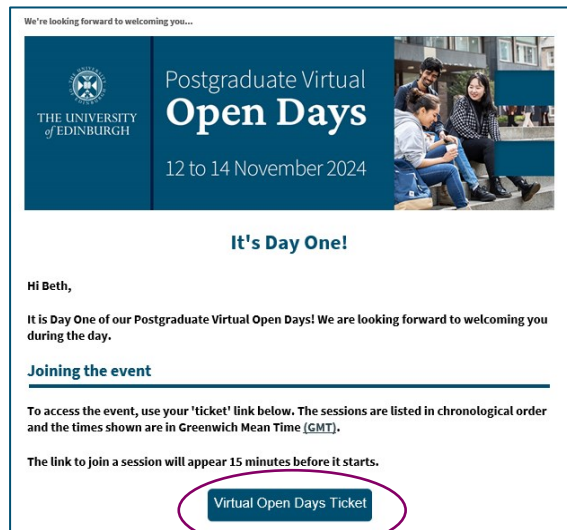
# Contact details for follow-up questions

- We apologise if we did not get through all of your questions in the time allotted for this session. If you have further questions that have not been answered, please email: [futurestudents@ed.ac.uk](mailto:futurestudents@ed.ac.uk)
- If you would like to get in touch with the **Disability & Learning Support Service** you can call us on **0131 650 6828** or email [disability.service@ed.ac.uk](mailto:disability.service@ed.ac.uk) or you can walk in Monday –Friday at Health & Wellbeing Centre, Bristo Square, Edinburgh.
- [Disability and Learning Support Service | Disability and Learning Support Service](#)

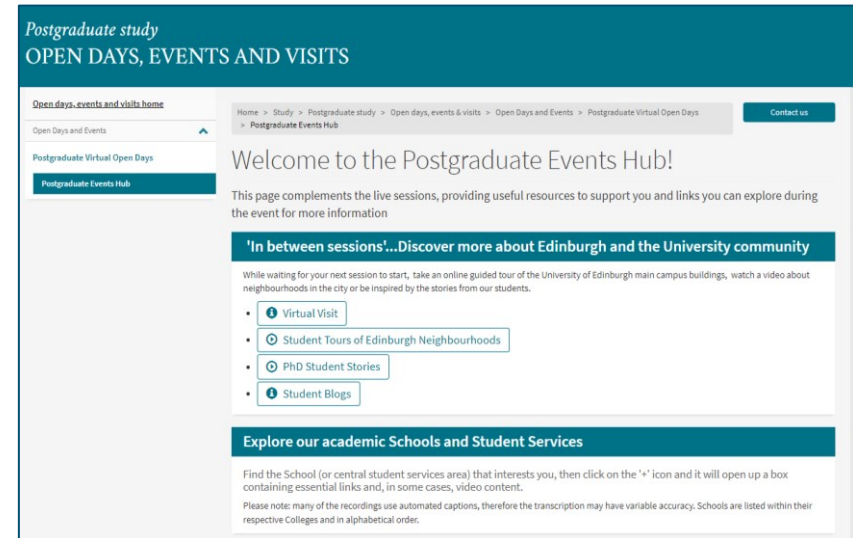


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# Thank you

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