

# DISABILITY CASE STUDIES FOR STUDY SUPPORT

**It is so important  
that you talk to us**

**WE CAN HELP!**

**'JAKE' - Information Technology**

**Very Severe Dyslexia**

**Achievement:** Foundation Business (Merit)  
Intermediate ICT (Merit)  
BTEC ND in ICT (Merit Merit Distinction)

Jake came to Priestley from a local school. He was a very bright student with very severe dyslexia to the extent that he had difficulty in reading text. Jake had a passion for IT, but did not have the GCSEs for a Level 2 course in IT. To familiarise him with the college, taster visits were organised before he started. He embarked on a Foundation Business course, with full-time in-class support to help him in reading text and with assignments. He was also given the loan of a reading pen to help his independence, and encouraged to use TextHelp software, which reads out text. Jake clearly enjoyed his course, overcoming his difficulties and working determinedly to achieve success.

**Testimonial: 'Having support enables me to express myself more quickly and clearly.'**

**Jake is currently applying for a post in ICT**

Contact Marigold Roy or Judith Grant if you feel you need help:  
Student services are always willing to help point you in the right direction