

RAMBERT SCHOOL

Information for Disabled Students

Rambert School welcomes applications from students with disabilities and we are committed to admitting and supporting students with a disability. We select applicants solely on their talent and potential to develop the skills required for a career in the profession. Before you apply, we warmly encourage you to visit the school to view classes and facilities and to discuss any possible requirements with the school, so that the appropriate support can be put into place.

Buildings

Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance is based in Clifton Lodge, St Margaret's Drive, with additional studios on the opposite side of the road.

The site has level access to the ground floor. There is an adapted toilet on the ground floor, and four further accessible toilets on the ground floor.

All the performances scheduled at Rambert School are accessible for wheelchair users. There are currently no signed performances, or hearing loops.

Student Productions / Off-site venues

Whilst most devising and rehearsing takes place at the Clifton Lodge site, some student production periods take place off-site at a variety of theatres. Access to these venues may vary, but where possible adjustments can be made to classes and performances held off-site.

The School has in the past used an offsite venue for some classes at Langdon Park, Teddington, which does have disabled access.

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Student Support

Rambert School is committed to supporting disabled students at all stages of the application process and within the course itself.

Admissions

All admission enquiries should be made in the first instance to:

admissions@rambertschool.org.uk

If you wish to discuss disability issues further during the application and audition stage, or request information on applying for the Disabled Students Allowance (available to all disabled UK students) you should contact the Head of Admissions, Registry & Student Support, judy.bowden@rambertschool.org.uk

Specific Support for Students with Learning Differences

All students starting at Rambert School will be offered an initial assessment for dyslexia and dyspraxia, to identify those who may require support to gain equal access to the curriculum. If you are dyslexic or have another specific learning difficulty, we strongly encourage you to let us know as soon as possible, so we can put support measures in place. We have a specialist dyslexia tutor who visits the school to offer one-to-one support to students.

Programme Content

The small and friendly nature of training at Rambert School means that a high level of support is available to all students and there is more individual contact with staff than you would find at a large university. However, it is often helpful for specific guidance to be given to staff, both faculty and visiting professional directors or choreographers, so we can establish what type of support is required and the way it should be provided.

Further information about the programme content or additional support needs can be referred to Head of Studies at Phaedra.petsilas@rambertschool.org.uk

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Disabled Student Allowance

If you are offered a place at Rambert School, we can help you apply for the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA), where appropriate and help you arrange any specialist support you may be entitled to. This can help cover the cost of specialist equipment necessary for your studies including software and study skills tuition. Unlike a student loan, DSA does not have to be repaid. Applications are made through your awarding body, for example Student Finance England. In order to apply for DSA the awarding body will require evidence of any impairment or disability.

In order to apply for a Disabled Students Allowance, students with a learning difference will require a recent diagnostic assessment (post 16) . Wherever possible this should be obtained from your school or college before leaving. If this is has not been possible, Rambert School can arrange a diagnostic assessment.

DSA can be applied for if you have a disability that affects your ability to study
<https://www.gov.uk/definition-of-disability-under-equality-act-2010>

Such as :

Specific learning difficulty , for example dyslexia or ADHD

Mental Health Condition, for example anxiety or depression

Physical disability, for example if you're visually impaired ,deaf or have a hearing impairment

Long term health condition, for example cancer, chronic heart disease or HIV

You must be a undergraduate or postgraduate student and qualify for student finance .
Overseas /EU students are not eligible for DSA

See more info here <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas>).