



Equity, Excellence, Evolution

*The Five Islands Academy is an all-age, multi-site, Church of England Academy,
serving the island communities of Bryher, St Agnes, St Martin's, St Mary's and Tresco.
It is part of the Leading Edge Academies Partnership.*

Tuesday 13th October 2025

Access Arrangements Testing

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, Vikki Rolls, the Executive SENDCo for Leading Edge Academies Partnership, will be visiting Five Islands Academy to carry out access arrangements assessments with some of our Year 10 and Year 11 students.

Vikki regularly visits the Academy throughout the year to complete these assessments and may have already worked with your child previously. The students selected for these assessments either have an identified learning need or have been flagged by one of their teachers as potentially using access arrangements as part of their usual way of working.

What are access arrangements?

Access arrangements are adjustments made during exams to ensure that all students have the opportunity to demonstrate their true abilities. These arrangements are regulated by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) and must meet strict eligibility criteria.

Examples of access arrangements include:

- 25% extra time
- Reader, reading pen, or computer reader
- Scribe or word processor (with grammar and spellcheck)
- Prompter
- Supervised rest breaks
- Modified exam papers

Once the assessments have been completed, we will contact you if your child qualifies for any access arrangements. Please note that only students identified through the process outlined above can be assessed, and JCQ does not accept parental referrals.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

Charlotte Jewell

All aboard! Navigating together

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