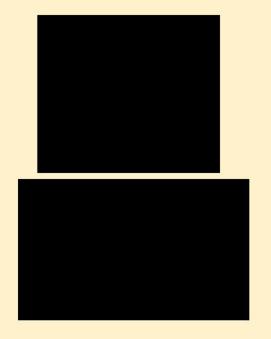
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This response was submitted to the <u>Children</u>, Young People and <u>Education Committee</u> for the inquiry: <u>Do disabled children and young people have</u> equal access to education and childcare?

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Ymateb gan: Cyngor ysgol Response from: School council



# Equal Access for Young People with Additional Learning Needs.

By the School Council



### D&T





We feel our school lacks the resources and space that you get in mainstream schools in order to take part in DT lessons.

We do not have proper big power tools such as drills and saws that everyone in mainstream gets to use. We don't even have enough hand tools such as clamps for bench hooks or hand drills.

And we don't have the space to store this stuff even if we got it.

We feel this is unfair because pupils in mainstream schools get the opportunity to learn how to use all of this equipment to design and create their own products.

#### Science

We have gas taps that are turned off. None of us have ever had the opportunity to use bunsen burners and burn magnesium, or hold fire like we feel they get to do in mainstream schools or experiment with chemicals.

Again we don't think we'd even have the space to store all this equipment even if we could get it.

Could those that are able have more opportunities to access mainstream inclusion sessions to take part in Science?

#### PE

At school we are encouraged to participate in sports but we feel that our facilities are limited to basketball and some ball games.

In mainstream we feel pupils would be offered rugby lessons, and would benefit from facilities such as running tracks. Why can't we access these facilities?

We feel we lose out because we don't have access to facilities like this in school.

It is not fair that most pupils get to benefit from high quality facilities but that we miss out. How can we access these facilities?

#### Qualifications

Some pupils in our school are capable of getting GCSE's but these are not offered in school.

We feel this isn't fair.

We get opportunities to complete qualifications in school but when we move onto college, courses are limited at an accessible level.

## People's opinions

People might think we can not do as much as people can do in mainstream schools like as we have Additional Learning Needs but we can do so much more than some may think!

Leaders in school are working hard to make sure we get opportunities by forming better links with the college.

Leaders have good working links with the PRU and the Local Authority

Thank you for listening to us