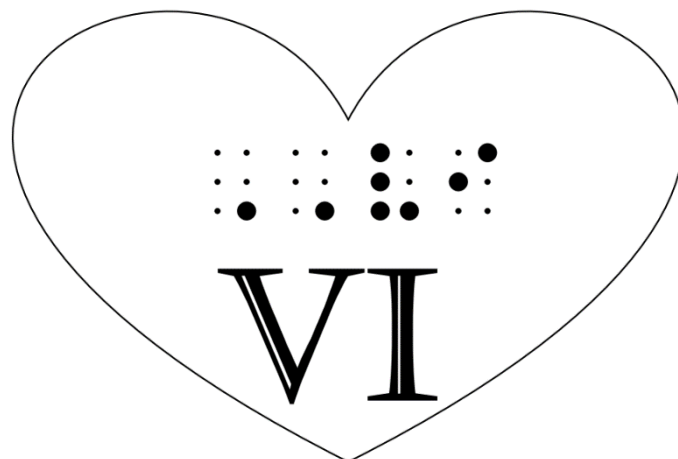


Rosshall Academy



Department of Visual Impairment



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Team

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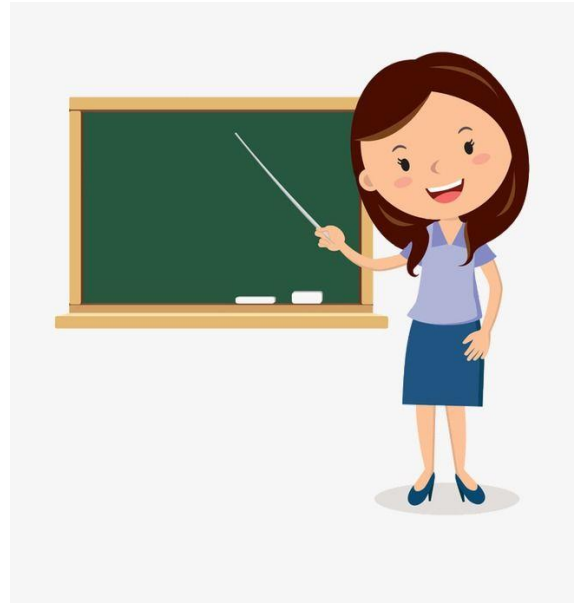
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Background

Rosshall Academy is a comprehensive High School in the southside of Glasgow with a roll of approx. 1200 pupils.

The VI Department is based in the school and supports a number of pupils who have visual impairments.

*“Visual impairment, also known as **vision impairment** or **vision loss**, is a decreased ability to see to a degree that causes problems not fixable by usual means, such as glasses.” (WHO)*

“You don’t need sight to have vision.”

(Visibility Scotland)

What we do

Our main goal is to support our young people in being fully integrated into the full life of the school and to be equipped with skills for the wider world.

Our young people have a range of visual impairments and our support is tailored to meet their individual needs.

Our specialist subject teachers provide curricular materials for all pupils who have visual impairments to ensure that they can have full access to the full curriculum.

As a department, we also strive to ensure that our young people learn life skills; allowing them to interact with their peers and learn to become confident and independent individuals.

Technology

iPad- used for text and diagrams can be enlarged on screen

BrailleNote Touch Plus-computer; prints work for teacher or embosses Braille for pupil. All braillists use this.

Polaris-opens PDF and Power Point presentations

Prodigy Connect 12-specialist Assistive Android tablet with for camera capture/ magnification/distance viewing



Facts

- In the UK, there are almost 2 million people living with sight loss. Of these, around 360,000 are registered as blind or partially sighted.
- Globally, the leading causes of vision impairment are: uncorrected refractive errors and cataracts.
- The majority of people with vision impairment and blindness are over the age of 50 years; however, vision loss can affect people of all ages.
- Some children are at higher risk of vision impairment, including premature and very low-weight birth babies, children from the most economically deprived backgrounds and children with learning disabilities.
- The majority of children who have vision impairment are educated in mainstream schools.



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Sports Disability Scotland: www.scottishdisabilitysport.com

ILF: ilf.scot/transition-fund

Haggeye: www.facebook.com/Haggeye

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