



Neurodiversity at Headington

Neurodiversity refers to the idea that we all experience the world in our unique way and interact with the world in different ways. The concept of neurological differences often refers to Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Specific Learning Difficulties (such as Dyslexia and Dyspraxia). The idea of neurodiversity encourages us to think about differences in our brains and not to view them as deficits.

At Headington School, we prefer to think about these difficulties as differences. We strive to make adjustments in the classroom to help students learn in the way most suited to their individual learning profile. We also help pupils to understand their learning profile and develop self-help strategies, and compassion and understanding for other people's differences.

In order to develop an awareness of neurodiversity amongst the school community, Headington School will be celebrating Neurodiversity Week in the following ways:

Senior School - from 13th - 19th March through posters around the school and short videos and discussions during Form Time.

Prep School - from 2nd - 5th May through Key Stage assemblies, posters around the school, and discussion during form time.

There is a range of helpful information available for parents on the Neurodiversity website. This includes opportunities to sign up for plenary discussions, listen to expert views and download information about various neurodiversities. This is accessible here:

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/introduction>"