Comprehensive Guide to DSA Funded Assistive Technology for Students

Please note:
This guide includes a list of assistive technology apps/tools that are often recommended to support students. It is not an exhaustive list, and it doesn't suggest these are the only suitable or effective tools available. The best choice of technology will always depend on each student's needs, preferences and circumstances.

Application	Primary Function	Best for	Platform	DSA Guidance and Training links
ABBYY FineReader PDF	Literacy Support	Converting notes handouts papers to editable text. Aids dyslexia and visual impairment via text to speech.	Windows, macOS	https://aventido.com/client/abbyy
Aspire	Task & Wellbeing Management	Organisation, task management, mental health strategies. Aids focus, memory and time management.	Web, iOS, Android	https://aspirestrategies.co.uk/ https://aspirestrategies.co.uk/assessors/overview/dsa
AutoCorrect *included with Read&Write and ClaroRead (DSA)	Literacy Support	Note-taking, assignments and professional documents. Fixes spelling as you type. Supports dyslexia, ADHD and anxiety.	Windows, macOS	https://academy.texthelp.com/autocorrect-dsa/
Ayoa	Mind Mapping & Task Management	Brainstorming, structuring ideas, project planning. Aids creativity, memory, collaboration, especially for neurodivergent learners.	Web, iOS, Android	https://www.ayoa.com/ https://www.ayoa.com/assessors/
Booost	Task & Wellbeing Management	Overcoming procrastination, managing workload, reducing anxiety. Offers study advice, wellbeing strategies and calendar integration.	Web, iOS, Android	https://www.booosteducation.com/ https://www.booosteducation.com/solutions/dsa/booost

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Brain in Hand	Wellbeing Management	Managing anxiety, overwhelm, and daily routines. Aids independence, problem-solving, and remembering tasks, often used by neurodivergent individuals.	Web, iOS, Android	https://braininhand.co.uk/ https://braininhand.co.uk/assessors/higher-education/
Caption.ed	Note-taking & Live Captioning	Capturing spoken content from lectures, videos, meetings. Aids hearing impairment, note-taking, and reviewing information by providing searchable transcripts.	Windows, macOS, Web	https://carescribe.io/ https://caption-ed.com/disabled-student-allowance/
ClaroRead	Literacy Support	Reading text aloud, proofreading, dyslexia support. Aids comprehension, writing, and accessibility of digital and scanned documents.	Windows, macOS, Web	https://academy.texthelp.com/claroread-dsa/
C-Pen Reader 2	Literacy Support	Reading text aloud, defining words and supporting independent reading and literacy	Hardware device	https://cpen.com/
Digital Voice Recorder	Note-taking	Simple, reliable audio capture during lectures	Portable hardware device	https://explore.omsystem.com/gb/en/audio
Dragon Pro Individual	Speech-to-Text & Voice Control	Creating documents, emails, navigating computer via voice. Aids those with typing difficulties, dyslexia, or physical disabilities.	Windows, Dragon Anywhere on iOS & Android	https://www.nuance.com/en-gb/dragon.html
Equatio	Literacy Support (Maths)	Creating mathematical, chemical and scientific expressions digitally. Aids STEM students, those with dyscalculia or handwriting difficulties.	Windows, macOS, Web, iOS, Android	https://academy.texthelp.com/equatio-dsa/

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Essay Writer	Literacy Support	Essay planning and structure support	Windows, macOS, Web	https://www.essaywritersoftware.com/dsa-justifications/
FindMyFlow	Study Skills & AT Integration	Building effective study habits and applying assistive technology to tasks like essays, revision and research.	Web	https://findmyflow.co.uk/
Genio Notes (Glean)	Note-taking	Capturing lectures via audio, live captions, text notes. Aids organisation, review and retention through AI outlines, quizzes and structured learning process. Helps with dyslexia, ADHD and other learning differences.	Web, Windows, macOS, iOS, Android	https://genio.co/ https://genio.co/resources/product-and-feature-guides/skills-portal
Genio Presents	Learning & Wellbeing	Overcoming presentation anxiety, structuring talks, remembering key points. Supports those with dyslexia, ADHD or general public speaking fears.	Web, Windows, macOS, iOS, Android	https://genio.co/present https://genio.co/resources/product-and-feature-guides/genio-present-skills-portal
Global Tasks	Task & Project Management	Organising workload, reducing stress, prioritising tasks. Helps neurodivergent learners with focus, working memory and breaking down projects.	Web, Windows, macOS, iOS, Android	https://academy.texthelp.com/global-tasks-dsa/
Inspiration	Mind Mapping & Planning	Brainstorming, structuring ideas, creating outlines and presentations. Aids critical thinking, memory, and helps nonlinear thinkers organise written work.	Windows, macOS, iOS	https://www.inspiration-at.com/ https://www.inspiration-at.com/assessor-toolkit/
ivvi Notes	Mind Mapping & Note-taking	Neurodivergent learners, visual thinkers. Captures audio, transcribes, creates real-time editable mind maps. Aids focus, memory, information retention.	Web	https://www.ivvi.app/ https://www.ivvi.app/assessor

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iView Learning	Study Skills & AT Integration	Short tutorials and guides for assistive technology and study tools.	Web, iOS, Android	https://aventido.com/client/iview-learning
Lernabl	Learning & Wellbeing	Neurodivergent learners, exam anxiety, memory retention, focus challenges. Offers tailored study methods, planner, mock exams.	Web	https://aventido.com/client/lernabl
Lightkey Pro AT *also available - Lightkey Medical edition*	Literacy support	Reducing typing effort, improving accuracy, speeding up written work. Aids dyslexia, dexterity issues, visual impairment, anxiety via intelligent word prediction, real-time corrections and read-aloud features.	MS Office, Chrome & Edge integration	https://aventido.com/client/lightkey
Luna	Learning & Wellbeing	Neurodivergent learners, exam prep, active recall, spaced repetition. Creates flashcards from notes, provides smart revision schedules, reduces revision anxiety.	Web, iOS, Android	https://www.booosteducation.com/ https://www.booosteducation.com/solutions/dsa/luna
Magnification (ZoomText/Dolphin Supernova)	VI Solution	Screen magnification and speech for visual impairments	Windows	https://www.freedomscientific.com/products/software/zoomtext/ https://yourdolphin.com/
Medincle	Literacy support	Augments word processors, browsers, dictation, note taking and mind mapping tools so it understands and can spellcheck, dictate and word predict complex course specific jargon	Web, Windows, macOS, iOS, Android	https://www.medincle.com/ https://www.medincle.com/dsa-assessor-toolkit

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MeisterTask	Mind Mapping & Planning	Organising assignments, tracking group projects, managing deadlines. Aids accountability, time management and visual progress tracking, especially for collaborative work.	Web, Windows, macOS, iOS, Android	https://aventido.com/client/meistertask
MindMeister	Mind Mapping & Planning	Brainstorming, organising ideas, structuring essays, revision. Aids visual learners, neurodivergent thinkers to connect concepts, improve memory and collaborate on projects.	Web, Windows, macOS, iOS, Android	https://www.mindmeister.com/ https://aventido.com/client/mindmeister
MindView	Mind Mapping & Planning	Brainstorming, structuring essays, project management. Aids neurodivergent learners, visual thinkers, with features like text-to-speech, Dragon integration and various export options.	Windows, macOS, Web	https://www.matchware.com/assistive-technology-software MindView Justification Brochure
NTEHub	Note-taking	Recording lectures with synchronised notes	Web	https://remtek.systems/en/news/nte-hub
Orbit Note *included with Read&Write and ClaroRead (DSA)	Literacy Support	Making PDFs interactive, accessible, collaborative. Aids reading with text-to-speech, highlighting, annotating and voice comments. Useful for all learners especially those with literacy or visual impairments.	Windows, macOS, Web	https://academy.texthelp.com/equatio-dsa/
Phonak Roger Pen	HI Solution	Enhancing speech clarity in lectures for hearing impairments	Hardware device	https://www.barrybennett.co.uk/assessors/products/hearing-assistance.php

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Present Pal	Learning & Wellbeing	Overcoming presentation anxiety, structuring talks, remembering key points. Aids those with dyslexia, ADHD or general public speaking fears via interactive digital flashcards and rehearsal tools.	Web, iOS, Android	https://presentpal.co.uk/ https://presentpal.co.uk/dsa
ProStudy	Research & Organisation Management	Collecting, organising, and referencing academic research. Aids focus, working memory and planning by providing structured, colour-coded project management. Generates bibliographies.	Web	https://www.pro-study.co.uk/
Read&Write	Literacy Support	Reading text aloud, writing assistance, proofreading. Aids dyslexia, visual impairment, English as a second language and general academic confidence through features like text-to-speech, word prediction and grammar check.	Windows, macOS, Web, iOS, Android	https://academy.texthelp.com/read-and-write-dsa/
ReaderSpeak Text Aid	Literacy Support	Reading digital and scanned texts aloud, writing assistance, exam support. Aids dyslexia, visual impairment, concentration issues, and general comprehension through text-to-speech, highlighting, word prediction and dictation.	Web	https://www.readspeaker.com/solutions/text-to-speech-online/readspeaker-textaid/
reMarkable	Note-taking	Distraction-free note-taking, reading and organising documents.	Hardware	https://remarkable.com/
Scanmarker Pro	Literacy Support	Instantly reading, translating and digitising printed text.	Hardware device	https://aventido.com/client/scanmarker

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Scholarcy	Literacy Support, AI Research Summarisation & Organisation	Processing long academic texts quickly, identifying key information, creating summary flashcards. Aids reading comprehension, research organisation and reducing procrastination, especially for neurodivergent learners.	Web	https://www.everway.com/en-gb/govt-grant-schemes/scholarcy/
Screen Readers (JAWS or Dolphin Supernova)	VI Solution	Access for users with severe visual impairments or blindness.	Windows	https://yourdolphin.com/ https://www.freedomscientific.com/products/software/jaws/ https://www.freedomscientific.com/products/software/fusion/
Sensory Readable	Literacy Support	Reading text aloud, proofreading, dyslexia support. Aids comprehension, writing, and accessibility of digital and scanned documents.	Windows, MacOS	https://sensoryreadable.com/
Study Key	Learning & Wellbeing	Creating a personal toolkit of study tips, setting goals, tracking progress, and sharing updates.	iOS, Android	https://aventido.com/client/study-key
Tailo	Literacy support, AI-Powered Academic Reading & Comprehension	Neurodivergent learners, managing dense academic texts, reducing overwhelm. Offers summaries, explanations, text-to-speech and an AI tutor for interactive learning.	Web	https://tailoapp.com/ https://tailoapp.com/dsa/
TalkType	Speech-to-Text	Fast, accurate dictation for assignments, emails, notes. Aids typing difficulties, dyslexia, physical disabilities by converting speech to text.	Windows, macOS	https://carescribe.io/ https://talk-type.com/assessor-toolkit/

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Writing Helper	Literacy Support	Organising, structuring written assignments (essays, reports, dissertations). Aids focus, academic coherence and proper referencing.	Windows, macOS, Web	https://academy.texthelp.com/writing-helper-dsa/

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