

Rebecca Thompson MEd BA(Hons) PGCE

Professional Memberships and Qualifications

SpLD Assessment Standards Committee [SASC] Authorised CPD Provider

Holder of British Dyslexia Association SpLD Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) - 23/APC11187

Approved teacher of Dyscalculia (ATD) 20/ APD04002

Associate member of British Dyslexia Association (AMBDA) – 14/AMB1001

Associate member of British Dyslexia Association (AMBDA – Dyscalculia) – 21/AMD10210

Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing (CCET)

Holder of Enhanced DBS check (formerly CRB)

MEd – Equality and Diversity- Open University

Postgraduate certificate of Education (PGCE) – University of Birmingham

BA (Hons) – University of Manchester

Career History

Current roles

January 2026 - current	Course content author and level 7 course tutor: level 7 SpLD in maths/ Dyscalculia: Module 3- report writing (SpLD Solutions- Judy Hornigold)
	Internal Quality Assurer (IQA- PAPAA)
November 2022 – current	- Monitoring, planning and evaluating of the whole qualification process to ensure quality assurance; - Monitoring of assessor's work and marking in regards to accuracy, consistency, validity, reliability, fairness and sufficiency of evidence.
July 2026- current	SASC approved recorded webinar, written and presented: Using the new report format, in conjunction with Communicate-ed (5 hours)
August 2025	SASC approved live training:, written and presented Building assessment confidence in report writing for SpLD in maths (Authorised CPD provider)
September 2024- September 2025	SASC approved on demand webinar, written and presented Branching out into EAA: A guide for level 7/ APC holders (via PRAXIS)
June 2025-June 2026	SASC approved on demand webinar, written and presented: Using the SASC 2025 new report format for SpLDs in maths (via Dyscalculia Network)
September 2023- current	Course trainer for JCQ update training (both in person and virtual) in conjunction with Communicate-ed
September 2023 – March 2025	Member of STEC committee on the “New definition of dyscalculia”
August 2023 – July 2026	Session Lecturer – Canterbury Christchurch University

March 2023 – April 2024	SASC approved on demand webinar “Dyscalculia : co-occurring conditions” (via PATOSS).
July 2020 – current	SASC approved mentoring scheme: APC report writing (Authorised CPD provider) .This is for 5 hours and 1 hour courses.
November 2019 – current	Member of the APC reviewing team (BDA)
2017 – current	Associate Assessor for British Dyslexia Association
2016 – current	Director – Education Access Limited
2015 – current	Senior Assessor for Postgraduate Award of Proficiency in Assessment for Access Arrangements (PAPAA) for Communicate-ed

Roles	
March 2026	Speaker at the BDA conference: Diagnostic report writing for SpLDs in maths: "Using background information to guide test selection and inform the Diagnostic Decision."
December 2025	Article for Winter 2025 PATOSS bulletin:, Volume 38: "Writing reports when working with the 2025 SASC definition of Specific Learning Difficulties in maths, including dyscalculia"
August 2025	SASC approved live training: Building assessment confidence in report writing for SpLD in maths (Authorised CPD provider)
September 2025- September 2025	SASC approved on demand webinar: Branching out into EAA: A guide for level 7/ APC holders (via PRAXIS)
June 2025-June 2026	SASC approved on demand webinar: Using the SASC 2025 new report format for SpLDs in maths (via Dyscalculia Network)
September 2023- current	Course trainer for JCQ update training (both in person and virtual) in conjunction with Communicate-ed
June 2023	Keynote speaker at "Positive Dyslexia" in association with Edge Hill University: Dyscalculia Conference
March 2023	SASC approved course provider: Using the Woodcock Johnson IV (Cognition) in maths assessments
June 2022 – June 2023	SASC approved course provider: Feifer Assessment of Maths (FAM) Course
May 2022 – Oct 2023	SASC approved: Using the SASC criteria for writing reports for dyscalculia (via BDA)
2016 – March 2020	Assessment, Tuition and Marking and Delivery Services as Independent Contractor to OCR (part time) • Support students throughout course to enable them to achieve their Level 5 or Level 7 Specific Learning Difficulties qualification. • Assess all assignments, including written and video recording submissions, against specified criteria.
2014 – 2016	Specialist Teacher for Solihull Inclusion Service (Communication and Learning Difficulties Team)
2011 – 2014	Specialist Teacher for Worcester Support Service:
2009 – 2011	Pupil Referral Unit, Solihull
2002 – 2009	Alderbrook School: Additional Resource Centre for pupils with MLD and SLCN (secondary)
1996-2002	Whitesmore School: class teacher and assistant SENCo (secondary)

Training

June 2026	SASC conference
March 2026	BDA Conference: Cognition in the classroom
December 2025	PATOSS: Diagnosing Dyslexia in the Home Educated Child
November 2025	Positive Dyslexia- Liverpool Conference
June 2025	European Dyslexia Association: A question of definition and assessment in practice (2 day conference)
June 2025	PRAXIS: New report format
June 2025	PATOSS: New report format
June 2025	SASC conference
January 2025	Using the Intelligence and Development Scales (IDS-2) for SpLD Assessments and Reports Sarah Sainty, Assessment Consultant for Hogrefe
November, 2024	Positive dyslexia: Liverpool Dyslexia Conference
October 2024	European Dyslexia Association: 6 th All European Conference: Dyslexia and Dyscalculia Across the Lifespan
July 2024	PRAXIS, in conjunction with Dr Sharon Mc Murray: Understanding the role of orthographic processing
May 2024	Communicate -ed training: Detailed Assessment of Speed of Handwriting, 2 nd edition (DASH 2)
May 2024	SASC conference
May 2024	DITTAS training: Test of Orthographic Competence (TOC 2)
April, 2024	PATOSS conference 2024
March 2024	Dyscalculia Network educators day
January, 2024	Understanding statistics in diagnostic assessment, P Jarrett (PATOSS)
November, 2023	Positive dyslexia: Liverpool Dyslexia Conference
November, 2023	Using the Woodcock Johnson IV batteries (WJIV Cog, WJIV ACH and WJIV OL) for Adult Assessment (PATOSS) Presented by Rachel Simpson

November, 2023	Maths anxiety day- Educator conference (Dyscalculia Network)
September 2023	Examination Access Arrangements- update (Communicate- Ed)
September, 2023	Communicate -ed: Using the JCQ forms for access arrangements 2023-24
May 2023	BDA Dyscalculia Virtual Conference- The importance of using visual materials in maths learning.
April 2023	PATOSS 2023 Virtual Annual Conference: Bringing Current Research into Practice.
March 2023	Dyscalculia day- Educator Conference (Dyscalculia Network)
February 2023	Dyscalculia network: Visualisation in maths (Judy Hornigold)
February 2023	Dyscalculia network: Recognising and supporting cognitive barriers to maths learning in HE (Pete Jarrett)
February 2023	Dyscalculia network: The Language of Maths (Prof. Mahesh Sharma)
February 2023	Dyscalculia network: Adult assessment workshop (Pete Jarrett)
November 2022	BDA dyscalculia and literacy conference- Focus on your Learner: Strengths and Challenges.
September 2022	Examination Access Arrangements- update (Communicate- Ed)
June 2022	Recommendations for maths assessments (PATOSS)
June 2022	SASC conference
March 2022	PATOSS virtual conference (PATOSS)
January 2022	How English Words Really Work: An Introduction to Morphology (PATOSS)
November 2021	Dyspraxia/ DCD in the pre and post 16 years
October 2021	Dyscalculia Virtual Conference (BDA)
October 2021	Pete Jarrett- What is dyscalculia? (SEND learning group)
October 2021	Dyscalculia, Maths difficulties and SPLDs (Praxis and Judy Hornigold)

September 2021	JCQ Access Arrangements Update/ Refresher for General Qualifications (Communicate-ed)
July 2021	WRIT tables for the bewildered (PRAXIS)
June 2021	SASC 2021 conference
March 2021	PATOSS virtual conference
March 2021	Remote assessment for SPLD assessors (PRAXIS)
January 2021	JCQ Exam Access Arrangements – Assessing for Mathematical Fluency (PATOSS and Pete Jarrett)
January 2021	Dyscalculia: Interventions and recommendations (PRAXIS and Judy Hornigold)
August 2020	'What makes an effective assessment for at post-16 DSA' (BDA)
August 2020	'Avoiding common mistakes when report writing' (PATOSS)
August 2020	'Carrying out an assessment with a pre-16 learner who has complex needs.' (BDA)
July 2020	'The Role of the TOMAL2 in Diagnostic assessment: A Guide for SpLD Specialists.' (PRAXIS- Sally Ann Morrison)
July 2020	'The Role of the CTOPP2 in Diagnostic assessment: A Guide for SpLD Specialists.' (PRAXIS)
July 2020	'Sight Word Spelling' webinar (DITTAS Dyslexia Services)
June 2020	Dyscalculia and Maths Difficulties Virtual Conference (BDA)
June 2020	Suitable Tests for the Investigation of Suspected Dyscalculia (SASC)
June 2020	Pre and Post 16 New Test Lists (SASC)
April 2020	Approved Teacher of Dyscalculia (ATD- 20/APD04002) (BDA)
April 2020	To Understand the uses of the SDMT To Know how to administer and score the SDMT To Communicate this information to others (DITTAS Dyslexia Services)
April 2020	New Diagnostic Reading Analysis (Edition 3) and Access Reading Test 3 Live Webinar, (Lia Castiglione, Communicate-ed)
April 2020	'APC renewal: A guide to CPD requirements' (PRAXIS- Sally Ann Morrison)

April 2020	'The Role of the WRIT- A guide for SpLD assessors' (PRAXIS- Sally Ann Morrison)
March 2020	Level 5: Certificate in Dyscalculia and Maths Learning Difficulties
January 2020	The uses of the WIAT III UK-T How to administer the WIAT III UK-T How to communicate the findings from the WIAT III UK-T (Communicate-ed)
November 2019	BDA Training to be an APC assessor
October 2019	Diagnostic Assessment of Pre and Post 16 students: Tests, Interpretation and report writing (Communicate -ed)
September 2019	Update for Access Arrangements for general qualifications (Communicate-ed)
July 2019	New Report Formats for Disability Students Allowance/ SASC guidance (BDA)
June 2019	Maths and Dyscalculia Conference (BDA)
June 2019	SASC Conference- new report formats, dyscalculia guidance and visual difficulties (SpLD Assessment Standards Committee)
March 2019	Using Cuisenaire Rods for teaching maths (Judy Hornigold)
March 2019	Good practice in dyslexia and dyscalculia- BDA Conference
September 2018	Dyscalculia definitions (Steve Chinn and Judy Hornigold)
September 2018	Update for Access Arrangements for general qualifications (Communicate-ed)
June 2018	The diagnostic assessment of dyscalculia- advice for assessors (BDA- Pete Jarrett)
June 2018	Dyscalculia: Moving forward (BDA- Judy Hornigold)
March 2018	Dyslexia and Maths: From the 1 st International Conference to 2018 (BDA)
October 2017	Practical strategies for reading, writing, ICT (BDA)
September 2017	Update for Access Arrangements for general qualifications (Communicate-ed)
May 2017	Diagnostic assessment: Renewing Your Assessment Practising Certificate (PATOSS)

February 2017	Assessing Adult Students for the Disabled Student's Allowance (Communicate-ed)
January 2017	Workplace Assessors Programme- Promoting Awareness of Dyslexia, leading to OCN Level 4 Award (BDA)
September 2016	Small byte CPD: Symbol Digits Modalities Test and Wechsler Individual Achievement Test II-UKT (Communicate-ed)
April 2016	Assessing for Access Arrangements: Collating and Interpreting Evidence Comprehensive Test of Phonological Processing 2 Detailed Assessment of Speed of Handwriting (Communicate-ed)
September 2015	Update for Access Arrangements for general qualifications (Communicate-ed)
July 2015	Small byte CPD: WRIT (Communicate-ed)
May 2015	Small byte CPD: Collating and interpreting evidence (Communicate-ed)
February 2015	TOMAL 2 (PATOSS)
November 2014	Qualified for APC (14/APC1101) British Dyslexia Association
October 2014	Qualified for AMBDA (14/AIM1001) British Dyslexia Association
September 2014	Update/Refresher for Access Arrangements for General Qualifications (Communicate-ed)
March 2014	Whole team assessment day – Writing reports/ PATOSS recommendations
February 2014	Professional development at work – CTOPP 2
December 2013	TOMAL 2- key features for specialist teachers and assessors
15th October 2013	What's new in Access Arrangements: Extra time, transitional agreements and more.
September 2013	Professional development at work – TOMAL 2
July 2013	Professional development at work – Test of Visual Perceptual Skills
April - June 2013	DCD/Dyspraxia 6 online webinars - Prof. Amanda Kirby (PATOSS)
11 March 2013	Update for Access Arrangements (Communicate-ed)

January to February 2013	Examination Access Arrangements for Specialist Assessors 6 week on-line course, Dyslexia Action
November 2012 to date	Member of British Psychological Society
September 2012	Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing Real Training, accredited by the British Psychological Society, 3 days
2008	Masters in Special Educational Needs (Equality and Diversity) Open University
2003	Postgraduate level 7 diploma – E801 (assessing difficulties in literacy development, specialist dyslexia qualification): what is literacy, dyslexia – explanations and responses and assessing and teaching students who experience difficulties in literacy development. Open University
1995-1996	PGCE, University of Birmingham
1992-1995	BA (Hons) 2:1 - Theology University of Manchester