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# INCLUSION NEWSLETTER

Stoke Newington School aims to understand and support the needs of all students. We know that everyone in our community is different and we work to support all our young people to achieve their best.

## WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

Hello!

Welcome to our second Newsletter. We hope this is a helpful way to share key information about school and our community as well as Hackney's Local Offer with families of young people with SEND.

If there are services or events you would like to signpost through the Newsletter, please contact Alex Bell (SENDCo).



## THIS TERM AT SNS

- Y10 are currently on Work Experience - staff have been checking-in with and visiting students, we hope this has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience for the year group.
- We have been focused on preparing Y11 and Y13 for national exams which have started for creative subjects. Y11s have navigated mocks with maturity and we'd like to praise them for this.
- We have welcomed an Art Therapist onto the team this past term which is an exciting addition to our support offer at SNS. Linda works with 2 young people each week in her sessions and this will increase to 4 next term.
- We say bye to Emma, one of our Speech & Language Therapists as she goes on maternity leave this week. We wish her rest and thank her for her support with our community this year.

## LOCAL OFFER

There are a large number of services and support available through Hackney Education, information on what is available to and for families can be found on the [Local Offer website](#).

# NEXT TERM

- Next term we will be focused on supporting our students through the exam season. Our exam timetable can be found [here](#) on our school website. There is helpful advice about exam anxiety and tips for managing exam stress on the Mind UK website which can be found by clicking [here](#).
- We start the process of supporting our incoming Y7s to transition from primary to secondary school - we will be holding a SEND Parent & Carer Forum for Y6 parents on 19th June and would welcome some of our current families being there to start to build connections with incoming families.
- Our Summer Community Evening takes place on 23rd May and our Summer Showcase will be on 5th July
- Y12 will have Work Experience from 15th - 19th July

## SPOTLIGHT ON ADHD

Next term we will be delivering whole school CPD to all staff focused on understanding ADHD and using Pupil Passports and one tool to know our ADHD community, and their strengths and support needs better.

We would value any experiences our families would like to share with staff through this session, which will take place in early May. If you have suggestions, please email Alex Bell (SENDCo) or Leila Alkunshalie (Deputy SENDCo).

## UPDATE ON AUTISM



Ahead of Autism Acceptance Week (2-8th April this year), we have Matthew from the Hackney Neighbourhoods Team coming to speak with some of our Y9 and Y10 students about his experience from an autistic strengths based perspective.



We'd like to share [this resource](#) with families - we have found it really helpful as a team. The Nest Approach aims to support autistic young people with meltdowns and was written by autistic adults, in equal partnership with autistic young people from the gaming community in response to autistic young people sharing the negative impacts of support that has been offered while they are experiencing meltdowns.

## FAMILY COLLABORATION

- We would like to set up a steering group with a small number of our SEND parents and carers. The aim of establishing a steering group is to have a focused space where we are working in partnership to review our policies, practices and procedures; co-produce our SEND Policy and SEND Information Report; and shaping our CPD.
- The steering group would meet once a half-term and will compliment our SEND Family Forum which will move to being termly.
- If you are interested in being part of this steering group, please email Alex Bell (SENDCo).

