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SEND NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2020. I hope that the information provided is both informative and useful. Please make every effort to attend the forthcoming Coffee Morning as this is a great opportunity to meet and discuss current SEND news. Please be reassured that the Inclusion Team continue to work hard to ensure pupils feel happy, safe and supported in school. All staff receive regular Continual Professional Development on specific topics aimed at supporting children with additional needs. Staff have recently received training around 'Autism Awareness', Mental Health, Dyslexia and Speech, Language and Communication Needs. I will keep you updated on such news in future issues.

If there is anything that you feel would be useful to include in future editions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Mr A Rackham

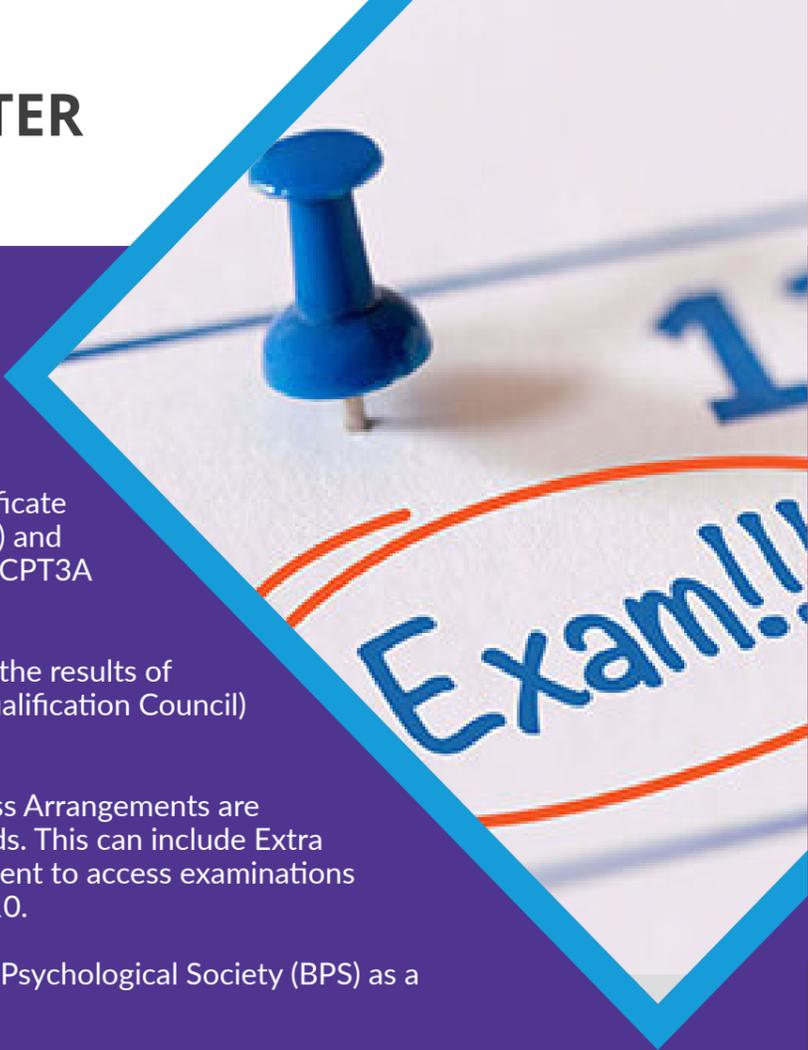
ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXAMINATIONS

We now have a fully trained in house Access Arrangements Assessor, Liz Butler. Her Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing (CCET) and Access Arrangements (AA) combines to be a CPT3A qualification.

This means she can administer and interpret the results of psychometric tests in line with JCQ (Joint Qualification Council) requirements.

Liz is able to advise which examination Access Arrangements are appropriate for students with additional needs. This can include Extra Time, a Scribe or a Reader to enable the student to access examinations fairly, as stated under the Equality Act of 2010.

Liz is also a registered member of the British Psychological Society (BPS) as a qualified Test User.



STEP UP TO APPRENTICESHIPS

As part of National Apprenticeship Week 2020, we are hosting a workshop for parents and young people with SEND to discover more about Apprenticeships, the support available and how to access them.

Come and hear from young people, parents and Training Providers!

Thursday 6th February 2020 | Doors open: 4:30pm

10 Woodcock Street, Aston, Birmingham B7 4BL

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW ON EVENTBRITE
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-step-up-to-apprenticeships-tickets-899490771>



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As part of National Apprenticeship Week 2020, The Birmingham & Solihull Training Provider Network and Birmingham City Council are inviting parents and young people with SEND to discover more about Apprenticeships, the support available and how to access them.

Information will also be provided about ways to get into Apprenticeships through Traineeships and Study Programmes. There will be talks and displays from local training providers. This is a great opportunity for parents and young people to find out more about the hundreds of vacancies that are available in Birmingham.

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SEND Coffee Morning Tuesday 11th February 2020

Parents and carers of students with SEND are invited to join us for a return visit from MENCAP. Many parents found the presentation at the last coffee morning very helpful. It covered tips and information about how parents can care for themselves whilst supporting their children. There will also be an opportunity to find out about MENCAP's parent support workshops. Invites will be sent out shortly with more details.

Reading Volunteers

A big thank you to our new reading volunteers. Following a recent recruitment drive we now have three volunteers coming into school to read books with students.

Each volunteer has a number of children they meet with on a one to one basis. This provides students with a valuable opportunity to broaden their experience of books and improve their reading fluency.

One student commented "It's a lovely intervention when you get to choose your own book and read alongside an adult".

Birmingham Carers Hub/Forward Carers

Forward Carers is a not-for-profit organisation based in the West Midlands. They are an award winning social enterprise that prides itself on making a real difference to the lives of carers.

For more information see:
<https://forwardcarers.org.uk/local-services/birmingham>

SPARC – Specialist Adult Autism Assessment and Resource Centre

Autism is a life-long condition which affects about 1 in 100 children and adults. It is a spectrum condition meaning that it affects people differently and to varying degrees. Children and adults of all intellectual abilities, race and class can have autism.

Obtaining a diagnosis, identifying current needs and then providing specialist support can greatly improve the quality of life of people with autism.

SPARC is an innovative autism resource centre bringing together leading clinicians and the regional charity Autism West Midlands. Its main focus is diagnostic assessment – that is, to see whether a person has autism or Asperger syndrome or not.

SPARC can accept referrals from any of the 14 local authorities within the West Midlands but the referral has to be agreed by the GP and the funding has to be agreed by the local commissioner.

For more information see:
<https://www.sparcautism.org.uk/>



NEW!

Children's Occupational Therapy advice line

Launches: 9th September 2019

An Occupational Therapist will be able to offer practical therapy advice, strategies and support to schools, parents/carers and other professionals in relation to a child's/young person's functional and independence skills.

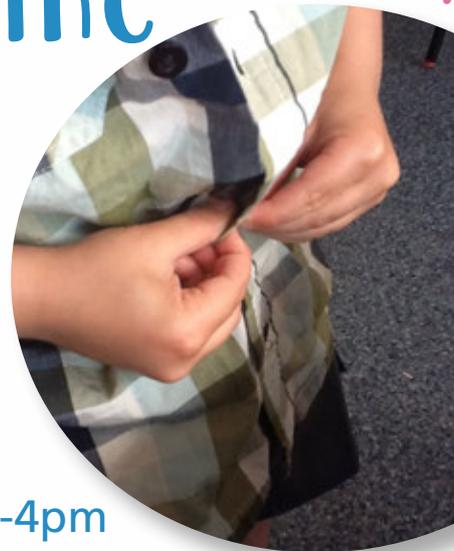
The phone line will be open Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

The child or young person must be:

Aged 0-18 years (up to 19 only if in full-time special school education)

Registered with a Birmingham GP

Phone number: 0121 683 2325



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