





SEND Family Newsletter March 2025

A newsletter for the families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Telford and Wrekin.

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Welcome

Welcome to our SEND Family Newsletter!

With the arrival of spring sunshine, we are delighted to welcome you to our latest newsletter updates. In this edition, you'll find:

 SEND Updates: Read about the latest Local Offer updates; Glossary of terms and New to SEND areas, SIS Team activities (sensory impairment service) and post 16 celebrations.

- **Spotlight on Health**: We introduce you to our BEEU Service Manager for the Neurodevelopmental Pathway, who shares insights about her role and provides links to useful information and support.
- In our Parent Carer Zone: Exciting news that Telford Autism Hub have extended their services to support families at the pre diagnosis stage. Tourette's action share update's on their support offer.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and helpful. Thank you for being a part of our community!

Warm regards,

Laura Goodfellow

Interim Service Delivery Manager for SEND



New on the SEND Local Offer

The Local Offer provides comprehensive information in a single location about the services and support available across education, health, and social care.

Following feedback from our parent carer groups, the Local Offer has undergone some exciting updates. These include the addition of a "New to SEND" section and an updated Glossary of Terms. We hope these enhancements will help users navigate the many acronyms used in SEND and guide them to discover relevant resources within the Local Offer or onwards to relevant external websites.

Our "New to SEND" page has been thoughtfully created for those who have recently discovered that they or their child has been diagnosed with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), or for anyone who feels unsure of where to start.

We value your feedback and would love to hear your thoughts. Please feel free to get in touch with us via our <u>feedback form</u>.

Visit Telford and Wrekin Local Offer

SEND NEWS Post 16 update



Telford College End of Year Music Gig

Level 2 Music learners (including those with EHCP's) open the Telford College end of year Music gig at the Rechabite Hall in Wellington.

L2 BTEC Music Students opened the end of year gig at the Rechabite Hall in Wellinton with a fantastic set performed in front of over two-hundred and fifty friends, family, and tutors present. Lead singer Keiran Hoath was supported by bandmates Marshall Randal and Aster Hanlon on keyboard in what proved to be a fantastic end to their first term achievements at Telford College.

From the start of the year all Creative students at Telford College have developed specific subject skills coupled with essential soft skills to allow them to express their creative talent and share it with others.

Learner Manager Creative & Media John Abbott shared "We are immensely proud of all our students across all subject areas of the department. Students join us from a wide variety of backgrounds and in some cases individual journeys have been tough, however through the opportunities and experiences their tutors offer them from the very first day of college, it is amazing to witness such talent grow and develop.







Sensory Impairment Service

Following the hugely Taiko Drumming Workshop at The Hive, we were very excited to be offered the opportunity of a Samba Drumming workshop at Shrewsbury Flax mill Maltings.

The day consisted of a guided tour for students and their families of the exhibition which tells the history of this incredible building, the first multi floored, iron-framed building in the world, the grandparent of all skyscrapers!

Children then took part in the workshop with the fabulous Beth and Jon. A great time was had by all! If you would like to read more about how Sensory Inclusion Service is supporting children throughout Shropshire, please take a look at our newsletters: SEND News - SEND - Local offer







Neurodevelopmental Pathway

Spotlight for BEEU Service Manager,

Introducing Amy Morris, BeeU Service Manager for the Neurodevelopmental Pathway.

Service Website:

BeeU:: Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

Read more here

Neurodiversity support

Healthier Together - What is Neurodiversity

Short Breaks update

News, Updates and Activities for Children with Disabilities and their Families in Telford

COMING SOON iCan2 Youth Club

Children's Services are commissioning a new youth club for ICAN2 members aged 11-17. This gives even more opportunities for young people to engage with their friends, in interesting activities for this age group. We are excited to see how this develops, as we work with our young people to design this new youth club offer.

See our most recent newsletter updates here

Parent Carer Support groups





Telford Children's Autism Hub

We are thrilled to announce that we have received extra funding, allowing the Hub to extend its services.

We are now able to provide valuable information, advice, and support to families who are at the <u>pre-diagnosis stage</u> and are on the pathway awaiting an Autism assessment.

Our Children's Autism Hub is open to all children and young people aged 0-18 years and their families, who have a diagnosis of Autism or are on the prediagnosis pathway for Autism. To access our Children's Autism Hub you need to be a resident of Telford and Wrekin.

For more information, please go to our website : About Children's Autism Hub | Telford Autism Hub

Read more on our pre-diagnosis offer

SEND Newsletter Information - Feb/Mar



Tourette's Action – local group for Telford & Wrekin

We offer peer support session for families living with Tourette's and/or Tics in Telford.

We are a friendly and welcoming group for families of children and young people living with Tourette's, offering mutual support, understanding and friendship.

Group Co-ordinator: Lisa Wilson

Please contact Lisa for details of next local group/meet up date.

tourettes.action.telford@outlook.com

Read More Here



SENDIASS

Who are we and what do we do?

We're here for you . . .

If you're a parent/carer of a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability.

If you're a young person with special educational needs or a disability 16-25.

If you have an issue or concern in the areas of education, health or social care.

If you live in Telford and Wrekin.

If you think your child has or may have a special educational need.

See our service leaflet here

SENDIASS Website

