

Autumn
term

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 first Newsletter. We hope this will be 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



- This term we have welcomed our new Y7 cohort into school! We are proud of how well they have settled into and adapted to secondary school life and would like to thank our Y7 families for support with this transition.
- Our Y9 students are responding well to their options choices and have settled into being members of Upper School.
- We have welcomed two new members of staff into our Inclusion Team - Ahmed and Arnas who have joined our Y8 and Y7 teams respectively.
- At the end of this term we bid a warm farewell to two long-standing members of the department, Amita and Alan who are retiring after many years as LSAs at SNS.
- Our staff and students have been working hard in preparation for our production of Annie! The Performing Arts Team have worked hard to make the musical as inclusive as possible, from the auditions through to the final shows with a large number of our SEND young people in lead cast roles and in the crew.

NEXT TERM

- On 15th January we have our 6th Form Open Evening where students will have the opportunity to learn more about what SNS offers at KS5
- On 17th January we have Progress Review Day - our students with EHCPs and their families will meet with Key Workers from the Inclusion Team to talk through progress this year.
- The GCSE options process starts in the Spring Term with more communication to follow in January.
- POST 16 applications will be completed through the Spring Term - options and information about Post 16 settings is available on the [Hackney Local Offer website](#)
- Y10 Work Experience is from Monday 18th March - Thursday 28th March. Our Careers Manager can talk through any questions you have and can be contacted on: sai.war@sns.hackney.sch.uk

THE 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](#). This Newsletter, we wanted to spotlight the [Family Coach Service](#) who work under the Educational Psychology Service within Hackney's Integrated SEND Services to provide coaching opportunities for families of SEN. They are a needs-based service which means families do not need an official diagnosis or EHC Plan to access our services.

SPOTLIGHT ON AUTISM

Our CPD focus for this term has been building better relationships with our autistic young people, through the lens of our Pupil Passports. Families have shared resources with us to help inform our sessions for staff; we wanted to share some of the resources with you as we found them informative and helpful.



[reframing Autism](#) - a lived experience resource run by autistic people for autistic people



1800 Seconds on Autism - a BBC Sounds podcast about thinking differently, with autistic hosts Robyn Steward, Jamie Knight and guests.

FAMILY COLLABORATION

- We really value input and feedback from our parents and carers and appreciate you attending our SEND Parent/ Carer Forum - the date for the first one of the Spring Term will be confirmed in January.
- As parents and carers, you will know and understand our young people in ways we won't be able to and so your input and collaboration in co-producing Pupil Passports is invaluable and feedback / suggestions are welcome.
- We are also mindful it can be difficult to capture our young people's voice in their experience of school - feedback around what is going well and what would make their time with us better is welcome and can be shared with Form Tutors and Key Workers.
- If there are concerns around pastoral issues including detentions, please contact Form Tutors and Heads of Year who can discuss and work to resolve any issues.

