

# Inclusion Department Newsletter

## Spring 2023

### *A note from the SENDCos*

As we start the Summer term, our focus is around supporting students with external exams and in-class assessments. Year 11 have recently had mock exams and teacher feedback will provide students with next steps in preparation for GCSEs. We are also starting to plan transition, ensuring those students who may be leaving us are fully supported for the next chapter in their lives as well as looking forward to welcoming a new cohort of young people who will just be starting their journey with us in September. Since the last newsletter, we have held two well-attended Nibble & Natter events and it has been fantastic to build and strengthen our relationships with parents/carers and external agencies. I am delighted to introduce Charlotte Saunders, who joins the team as our second SENDCo. This key appointment increases our capacity as a team and ensures that we can support students and their additional needs, even more so than we were doing previously. We also welcome Ms Barnes to the team who is starting with us as our Health Care Assistant.



I am thrilled to be the newest member of the Inclusion team at Outwood Grange Academy. As an additional SENDCo within the department I will strive for the best outcomes for all students and continue driving forwards the promotion of positivity and inclusivity for all. I am very much looking forward to getting to know our many amazing students and parents/carers.

### *Updates and latest news*

Some of our students were selected to attend a special trip to Ninja Warrior UK where they put their athletic abilities to the test and worked together to strengthen their teamwork and communication skills. Students returned with a sense of accomplishment (and exhaustion!). A huge thanks to Mr McClure in PE who organised and ran the trip for our students. We know many are already looking forward to the upcoming Go Ape trip in the summer.



Students loved spending the afternoon enjoying the attendance and year 11 mock celebrations last half term. There was a dance mat, gaming truck and human football topped up with popcorn and candyfloss. The next attendance event will happen at the end of the Summer term!

## APRIL WAS Autism Awareness Month

April celebrates Autism awareness month. To raise awareness in school, all students across the Academy took part in a tutor session to develop their knowledge and understanding.

Information on how to further support young people Autism for parents/carers can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/autism/autism-and-everyday-life/help-for-families/>

## Parent/carers voice

We value the relationships we have with parents/carers and want to make sure we are always doing our best. For our students. Please support us by completing this short survey.



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## Advice and support

### Wakefield Parent Carer Forum

<https://www.wakefieldparentcarers.co.uk/>

Wakefield Early Support Advice Information and Liaison Service (WESAIL)

<https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/wakefield-early-support-advice-information-and-liaison-service-wesail>

Wakefield Awareness Support Project (WASP)

<https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/wakefield-awareness-support-project-wasp>

Wakefield Families Together

<https://www.wakefieldfamiliesaltogether.co.uk>

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Services (SENDIASS)

[www.kids.org.uk/sendias](http://www.kids.org.uk/sendias)

## SENART and the Local Offer

The Special Educational Needs Assessment and Review Team are key in supporting parents/carers and students with an EHCP or those families who may wish to or have already requested a EHC needs assessment.

Should you need to contact them, please find their details below:

[senart@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:senart@wakefield.gov.uk)  
01924 302465

The Local Offer outlines what support and services are available from the Local Authority for you, your family and your child or children.

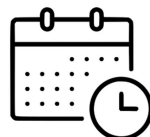
<https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/>

By following the 'Education' tab, it also provides a list of all mainstream, resourced provision and specialist settings within the local authority.

You can also sign up to the Wakefield Local Offer newsletter - <https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/s4s/WhereLive/Council?pagelid=4063>

## Upcoming dates for the diary

- 18th April - Parents' Evening (all year groups)
- 27th April - Year 10 Careers Fair
- 15th May - first GCSE exam
- 14th June - Additional year 6 SEND transition day
- 21st June - Additional year 6 SEND transition day
- 21st June - last GCSE exam
- 23rd June - Additional year 6 SEND transition day
- 26th June - Year 10 mocks start
- 29th June - Year 11 prom
- 21st July - End of term attendance celebration
- 21st July - Academy closes for Summer
- 17th August - A-level results day
- 24th August - GCSE results day



## Keep in touch

### Inclusion

Dan Evans - SENDCo  
Charlotte Saunders - SENDCo  
Nicola Seaman - Inclusion Officer  
Tom Marriss - SEND Officer  
Tracy Parsley - Inclusion Admin

### Learning Managers

Ryan Seaman - Lead LM  
Rachel Armitage - Year 7  
Rebecca Kara - Year 8  
Katie Kilner - Year 9  
Makenzie Smart - Year 10  
Jess Power - Year 11  
Joss McVittie - Post 16

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If your child has an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) your key contact is Mr Marriss. If you have a child with other additional educational needs/access arrangements your key contact is Mrs Seaman.

