

Summer Term 2024 | Issue 1

SEND NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Welcome to the Summer term addition of our new SEND newsletter.

This is a new additional termly parent communication feature and will include useful SEND information, handy links and key dates for your diary.

At Shrewsbury Academy we strive to develop our community links and improve communications.

As part of our ongoing commitment to improve standards, we would like to increase the involvement from parents around SEND and support in school. In the new academic year, we would like to seek your views on the formation of a 'parent forum' for SEN. If you would like to be a part of this, please get in touch.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new SEND Administrator—Sarah Castle, who now oversees parent communications in the department (email address below)

Information regarding our school Summer HAF program is on our website. I hope you all have a safe and restful break and look forward to welcoming our students back in the new academic year. Thank you for your continued support.

Laura Richmond- SENCO

Exciting News

The school regeneration project is well underway at Shrewsbury Academy including the refurbishment of the Sundorne Primary school located on site. The new SEND support Hub (The Haughmond Building) will be situated within this building and the plan is to relocate from the existing SEND support space into the new facility during the Summer term 2024. Students will have opportunities to see the new facility and visit the area once the refurbishment is completed in advance of the move. Within the new SEN Support Hub there is access to more space, including an outdoor garden, social space and sensory area.

More information to follow as the building work progresses.

"Nothing is impossible,
the word itself says
'I'm possible!'"
Audrey Hepburn

SHREWSBURY ACADEMY SEND

Laura Richmond—SENCO

Sarah Castle—SEN Administrator

Sarah Mazan—Deputy SENCO

Tonie Lysaght—SEN Hub Support Lead

Please contact us with any queries using the new SEN department email address below.

Key Contacts

SA: [Shrewsbury Academy SEND - Click Here](#)

Shropshire Local Offer: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/>

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 9th April '24:

Understanding Autism Webinar

[Understanding Autism - Click Here](#)

Monday 15th April '24:

Meet and Chat SEND –PACC (hosted by Early Help)

[Autism Acceptance Week - Click Here](#)

25th July-25th August '24

Action for Children short breaks and Summer club

[Shropshire Local Offer - Click Here](#)



Understanding Autism Webinar

FREE ENTRY

09:30am - 10:30am
Tuesday 9th April

Topics covered:

- What autism is and what it is not
- The characteristic features of autism
- How being autistic might impact a young person
- Signposting to useful resources

This webinar is open to any parent, carer or professional in the West Midlands.



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We know for some children, unstructured time can be difficult so here are some tips to help support your child over the summer.

- Make a plan - draw up a list of activities that everyone wants to do. Try to keep it simple and Local; a bus ride, a visit to the park, playing in the garden, making biscuits.
- Keep informed—check Shropshire council's website for ideas of what's going in your local area. Investigate local groups' websites for support: National Autistic Society or Mencap.
- Create a calendar - Create a weekly calendar that fits your family's lifestyle and routines so everyone can see what is coming up. You could set out a daily plan with tasks list and mealtimes if you think it may help your child.
- Ask for help - everybody needs support. Talk to family and friends to help plan ahead. Remember time for yourself - could grandparents babysit occasionally? Or maybe friends could organise a sleepover?
- You know your child best - Check facilities of attractions before you go and try to avoid trigger situations. Have a distraction ready or be prepared to call it a day and revert to something tried and tested that you know your child enjoys and feels safe.



Image from the Shropshire Local Offer website

HOLIDAY IDEAS

All In programme

[All in programme - Click here](#)

Shropshire Disability Network-

[Shropshire Disability Network - Click here](#)

Buddies SEND group

Further info on Shropshire family information directory

[Buddies Social Group](#)

Image from the Shropshire Local Offer website

Summer Holiday Fun and Food in Shropshire

Book Now!

Spaces are available on the Summer HAF programme.

From 25 July to 1 September 2023, eligible children and young people are invited to take part in a range of fun activities, happening at 57 holiday clubs from across the county.

To find out more please go to:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf



OUT OF SCHOOL CONTACT:

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0345 678 9021

[Compass-Children's Social Care](#)
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[PEG's](#)
Child to parent abuse support
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