

Special Education Needs & Disability

Spring 2021 – NEWSLETTER



MARICOURT
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Dear parents/carers,

We have had a busy term within the SEND department, working alongside many external agencies such as CAMHS, Advanced Solutions and Autism Initiatives, as well as support from our Higher Education partners at Edgehill, who are providing the Mandarin workshops at KS3 and will soon provide some bespoke stress busting ideas to Y11 to help relieve exam stress.

We celebrated Neurodiversity week from March 21st which saw Form teachers explore and develop understanding around neuro diverse conditions, in order to change the narrative and promote success stories.

Our parent and carer voice completed last term was very positive and we have taken on board the recommendations shared. Next term I hope to continue working closer with families and plan in further parent coffee mornings (supported when possible by external agencies) as well as our parent SEND forum. If you would like to be part of this please email me.

I'd like to add that both myself cowansj@maricourt.net and my admin assistant Mrs Byrne byrnec@maricourt.net are available for any concerns/worries you or your child has.

Finally, myself and the SEND team would like to wish you all a lovely Easter holiday.

Many Thanks,

Jo Cowans (SENDCo)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tue 19th April – Back to School
- Tue 19th April – ADHD & Autism Managing eating habits
- 29th April – Witherslack – Supporting Your Child's Sensory Needs
- 30th April – Witherslack – SENSational: The Special Educational Needs Podcast
- 2nd May – Bank Holiday
- 3rd May – Witherslack – Neurodiversity: The Early Years
- 4th May – A guide to medication
- 18th May – Witherslack – Supporting parents and carers workshop – Autism – The Gender Gap
- 24th June – ADHD Foundation Conference 2022 – St George's Hall, Liverpool
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Support for parents of children with SEND



Maricourt has been working in partnership with Autism Initiatives from January and Tanya has been offering bespoke support to students with communication and interaction difficulties. Tanya also offered an autism awareness workshop for parents focusing on Autism and Adolescence

For more information about what services Autism Initiatives offer, please click on the link <https://autisminitiatives.org/>





Witherslack Group are the leading provider of schools and children's homes for children with special educational needs.

They provide inspirational education and care to children and young people, resulting in life-changing experiences and countless stories of success.

18 May 2022 - Supporting parents & carers workshop - Autism: The Gender Gap

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



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL & MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Help & Support for Parents/Carers

At Maricourt CHS we take a very proactive approach to supporting the mental health and wellbeing, of all our students. Parents and young people can also make referrals through a single- entry form.

1. CAMHS - <https://www.liverpoolcamhs.com/referral-form/>
2. Venus/Star Centre - (based on Linacre Lane Bootle), have virtual drop ins at present. The Star Centre is aimed just at young people and is attached to the Venus Centre.
3. Parenting 2000 - is an organisation based in Liverpool, that provides emotional and practical support and guidance for children, young people and their families. <https://parenting2000.org.uk/>
4. The Mental Health and Wellbeing area of our website also has a directory of useful links and resources. <https://www.maricourt.net/wellbeing/mental-health-and-we/>



ADDvanced Solutions
Community Network
Supporting you to find the answers

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network encourages, equips and empowers children, young people and their families living with neurodevelopmental conditions, specific learning difficulties and associated mental health needs.

Regardless of where you live, you can access our **community network groups** that raise awareness; develop skills; share learning experiences; and build confidence.

<https://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk/home.html>

The government produced the long awaited green paper on SEND reform this week [Summary of the SEND review: right support, right place, right time - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/summary-of-the-send-review-right-support-right-place-right-time)

The recommendations are being digested by schools and experts as well as parents. A 13-week consultation period will now take place. If you would like to share your views please go to [SEND Review – Find out more and submit your response to the consultation \(campaign.gov.uk\)](https://www.campaign.gov.uk/consultation/13-week-consultation-on-the-send-review) Parents and Carers can get more information and other resources within...