

IAS Newsletter - July 2025

Good afternoon,

We hope you are well and keeping cool in the super sunny weather. A busy few weeks ahead before the end of the academic year here at IAS HQ. We'll be out and about at the Parallel Festival of Inclusivity on 6th July and interviewing for our new part time adviser soon after that, as well as answering your queries and questions. Millie is putting together our coffee morning schedules for the next academic year - if there's something you want covered either as an online or in person session please do let us know. We want to provide you with informative useful sessions, drop us a line with your suggestions at ias@rbwm.gov.uk

Best wishes, Donna, Jean, Kate & Millie

Parallel Festival of Inclusivity

If you are heading to Parallel Festival of Inclusivity on Sunday 6th July - do come and say hello to the IAS team - Millie, Donna and Kate will be there representing the service and answering any questions you may have.

You can find out more about the event by clicking on this video, or via **Parallel Windsor Website**.









Book your free place here:









Mencap chill out club

Maidenhead Mencap hosts a youth club called 'Chill Out Club' for young people with a learning disability aged 15 to 24. The sessions offer a place to have fun, play games and make friends. There were 14 attendees at the last meeting. The club is free for those who join Mencap, and it runs every Thursday between 7pm to 9pm during term time. It is located at Highview, 6 North Road, Maidenhead, SL6 1PL.

If your young person is interested in joining, please call Linda Francis on 07783 626357 or email: **lindamencap23@gmail.com**.



Thames Valley Adventure playground will be running sessions over the schools holidays you can find out more, including booking information via https://www.tvap.co.uk/

Norden Farm Beach is back!

One of Norden Farm's most popular attractions is back! Free for children and families to play on in the daytime and for adults to relax on in the evening.

Daytime events include family films, summer activity camps, beach craft workshops and a free chill out sensory space in the Gallery.

Evening events include live music, comedy gigs and arts workshops.

Open all day | Free entry - find out more https://norden.farm/events/themaidenhead-beach-at-norden-farm-88



Short break and respite feedback

If you are receiving a short break or respite, AfC would love to hear your feedback. Your input is crucial in ensuring they are meeting the needs of children and young adults with disabilities across the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and help them to improve the support they provide. Short break and respite survey.

Please send any questions or further comments please email: cypds@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Take part in research

Is your child between the ages of 11-21 and has experienced a brain injury? Please consider taking part in this study. More information:

https://cccusocialsciences.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9NR5M6xd7z9AlEy

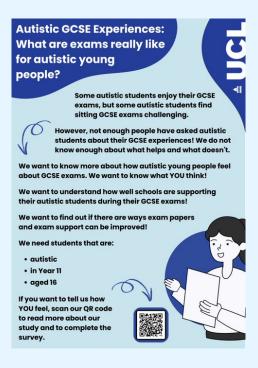


Take part in research

Researchers at University College London are looking into autistic teenagers' experiences of GCSE exams and support available in school.

They are asking autistic Year 11 students, with or without a formal diagnosis, who are aged 16 or over and have been taking GCSE exams this year to complete an online survey, which takes about 20 minutes.

- Click the link or scan the QR code for more detailshttps://tinyurl.com/yj3vabhs
If you have any questions about the study, email Aaron Giuliano at qtnzadm@ucl.ac.uk



Local Offer

The Local offer has a whole host of information and event listings on it including activitives for children and young people. Follow the link below for more information.

Football classes from September

Maidenhead United FC, with the support of the local charity Stand Out For Autism, provides an autism-friendly Sunday morning football club for children aged 5 to 14.

The club is open to autistic children and any siblings and friends who would like to join in.

Sessions, which take place from 9am to 10am at Dedworth Middle School, in Windsor, are designed to ensure children can enjoy playing football and develop their skills, with support from qualified coaches. Places cost £5 per session.

The club also runs pan-disability football sessions in Maidenhead on Monday evenings from 7pm to 8pm for young people and adults, with places costing £7 per session

- Click the link for more details

https://www.maidenheadunitedfc.org/football-for-all/

Please note that the sessions will pause for a break during the school holiday period.





Maidenhead Forest Fun is Looking for volunteers

Our forest fun sessions are held twice a month at Braywick Nature Centre on Saturday mornings 08.00-12.00.

These sessions are great fun and bring lots of benefits to our children and young people being in the great outdoors.

We would like our volunteers to:

- Love and feel connected
- Adventurous
- Understand the benefits of children and young people being outside
- · Comfortable with risky play

Training provided/DBS required/chance to be trained to deliver Forest Fun sessions.

If you feel you have what it takes, please email

be-pct.socialprescribing@nhs.net



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