

Youth Matters

Newsletter

December 2021



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FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



Welcome!

Welcome to the December Edition of our Youth Matters Newsletter.

Our newsletter features lots of useful news and information about our service, SEND and You, which is for all young people.

The newsletter is a place for young people to have their voice heard! If you've ever:

- struggled at school
- have special educational needs
- or if there is something you want to shout about
- please get in touch and let us know, as YOUR story may inspire someone else!

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What do we do?

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Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Information & Advice Support Service for Young People

- Are you a young person under 25?
- Are you worried or anxious about school, college or your education?
- Do you feel like you need some extra support at school?
- Do you have an EHCP or an annual review and want to know more about it?
- Have you been excluded or are you at risk of exclusion and want to know more about your rights?
- Do you want advice on planning your progression through school into work, college, living independently or social care?

We can support with:

- your education and training rights
- support in school or college
- exclusions, tribunals & mediation
- special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)
- having your views heard

Our service is * Free * Confidential * Impartial

For more information on how we can help you, visit our website:
www.sendandyou.org.uk



Scan the QR
code to request
an appointment
with a trained
advisor

Contact Us



Phone - 0117 989 7725
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Exclusions

Exclusion is the procedure of a pupil being sent home from school for disciplinary reasons. An exclusion can be temporary or permanent and a pupil is not allowed in school while they are excluded.

RULES: Schools must have a behaviour policy setting out the school rules and the consequences if rules are broken. Exclusion may be for a series of incidents or for more serious “one off” incidents. There are set government guidelines that must be followed. government statutory guidance on exclusions. Exclusions must be lawful, reasonable and fair.

DECISIONS: Only the head teacher or an acting head can make the decision to exclude a pupil. Before making the decision, the head teacher should consider the views of those involved and where possible the pupil should be given a chance to present their case. If disruptive behaviour is related to a pupil’s SEN or disability, the school should first take action to identify and address the underlying cause of the behaviour. For example, the school could increase SEN support; seek specialist advice from services; request an EHC needs assessment; or arrange an emergency review of an EHC plan.

In some cases, excluding a pupil for behaviour related to their disability could be discriminatory. This might be, for example, if a pupil’s impacts on the education or safety of others. Exclusion should be a last resort.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Parents and pupils must be told immediately about the exclusion.

The written information must include:

- The reason for the exclusion.
- The length of the exclusion.
- Information about how to challenge the exclusion.
- Arrangements for alternative provision, if relevant.

SUPPORT: If you worry that you are at risk of exclusion or have a friend with SEND who needs advice, call the SEND and You advice line on 0117 989 7725 or follow the useful links below:

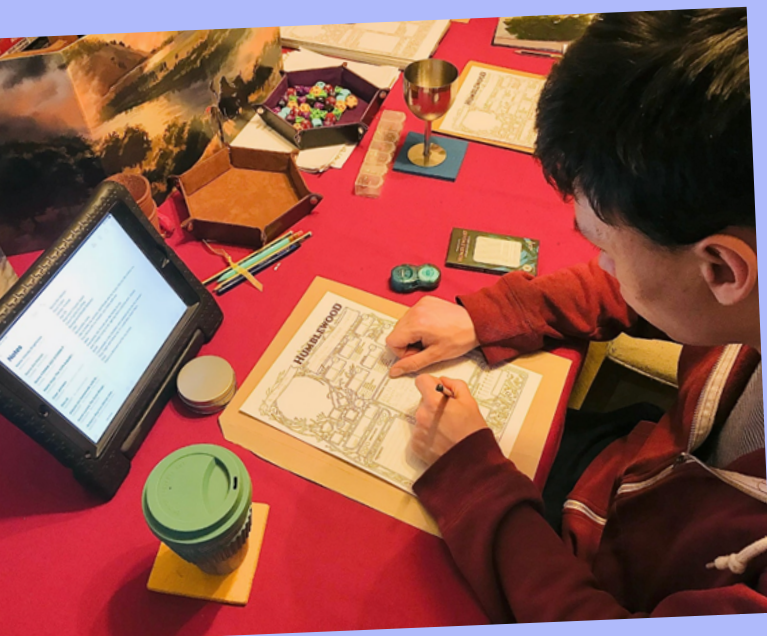
[contact.org.uk](https://www.contact.org.uk)

[The National Autistic Society School Exclusions Service](https://www.autism.org.uk/school-exclusions)



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Young Person of the Month



Who are you and what do you have to do with SAY SENDIAS service?

Hi everyone. I am Pierre Human and I'm 20. I'm a volunteer for SAY and made a video telling young people with learning disabilities to use SAY service. I have autism and need support every day.

Tell us about your hobbies and what you like about this

I like table top role-playing games. It is theatre of the mind, team work and

it's a bit of escapism from the real world. You use your imagination and creativity is a part of this. It sounds rather complicated to explain if you don't know about it. There are different genres like, Star Wars, fantasy or science-fantasy. There are different dice systems but I like 3D6 (three-dice-six) system because it will be very simple to use. It's also good for starters and anyone new.

Do you do this on your own or in a group?

You need to have a group of five people. One is the dungeon-master or game-master. The other four are the adventurer group or party.

What kind of things can you do from joining an adventurer party or group?

You have pre-made character sheets or you can make your own. This is the bit I really like to do. I love creating a character creating something new, their appearance, back (background) story and going into the details.



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In a fantasy world you could be a rogue or a bard, a fighter, paladin (or knight), cleric (the healer of the group), sorcerer, druid or the wizard. You can do combat, speak and use diplomacy in that world. There may be puzzles the party has to work together to do or fight through everything and not speak. Or, you could be passive and just do role-play scenarios where you don't fight and have random encounters with non-player characters and just explore the world.



Tell me about the things you can learn when you are part of a party like this
You will learn social skills and boost your confidence if you have learning difficulties. I can open myself up to socialise and learn about others. I find this a challenge so it is good for me. We laugh a lot about great or silly moments in the adventure.

One time I made a joke playing character and played silly jokes on other characters. It means it's not serious. We laughed a lot. Later on you get to connect with your character.

Do you have table top roleplaying games you can recommend for first time players? And the more experienced?

I think Tiny Dungeon may be good to start with. If you are experienced with this then try Dungeon and Dragons the Fifth Edition.



Events



Join the City Farm on Thursday 25th November & Thursday 9th December 5 – 7pm for festive evenings at the farm. There'll be carols in the courtyard on the 25th Nov and on On 9th December Break Out Voices will be performing a Christmas sing-along spectacular. Sing along or soak up the atmosphere while enjoying a treat or two from the café.



Creative Youth Network invite you to join them for another year of stalls, live music, children's activities, tombola and to experience Santa's grotto. There's something for the whole family! Enjoy the fresh food, get your Christmas pressies early and locally sourced and get your festive cheer on in this twinkling setting.

Event details:

Where: The Kingswood Estate, Britannia Road, BS15 8DB

When: 2nd December, 12-4pm

Want to take part? Get in touch at info@creativeyouthnetwork.org or call 0117 947 7948.



December 12th 2020 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - FREE Online event
Jump into the Christmas spirit! Learn how to design your own laser-cut Christmas decorations and remix a Christmas tune. Join the Jump Studios team from Knowle West Media Centre for a day of festive creativity. There are two different sessions to get involved in, and both are designed for young people aged 10-16.
For more information: <https://kwmc.org.uk/events/jumpintochristmas>



1625IP Bristol have many FREE events including Winter Social (Bump Roller Disco) at Millennium Square on December 9th and Social Action and Independent People Ambassador Workshops at Trinity Arts Centre (Part 1 starts December 14th) Follow this link for more information <https://www.1625ip.co.uk/#whats-on>