

Learning Support News

Keeping parents & carers up-to-date



WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

Mrs Hare (SENDCo), Mrs Roberson (Assistant SENDCo) and TAs.

We all know how busy life gets - and also how much there is to stay on top of, never more so when your child has Special Educational Needs. We wanted to make a useful document which gives reminders of upcoming events, information about support you may want to access, and any innovations happening in SEND you may want to know about. We won't overload your mailbox, and we hope that what we share is helpful for you.

The main information in this edition is about next steps - Post-16 choices for our KS4 students. Mrs Roberson has collected details about each option for Post-16 (including QR codes) so you have a handy digest of the options in the local area. We hope this will empower you to support your child through the next steps in their education journey. If your child is in KS3, this will hopefully be of interest too; the Year 9 Options are in full flow, and thinking about what's next can really help make those final decisions.

We hope you find this newsletter (and those that come in the future) a useful addition to your contact with school, and a helpful resource for supporting your child. If you need to get in touch, our email addresses are: SENCo@meole.co.uk and AssistSENCo@meole.co.uk.



Newsletter Highlights

Qualifications Breakdown

Local college options

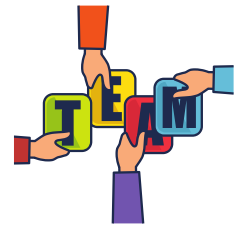
Intervention information

Support Information



Meole Brace School

Who's who in Learning Support?



MRS HARE IS THE SENDCO. SHE LOOKS AFTER REFERRALS, EHCPS, EDUKEY DAY-TO-DAY DECISIONS, AND LONG-TERM PLANNING.

MRS ROBERSON IS THE ASSISTANT SENDCO. SHE LOOKS AFTER EXAM CONCESSIONS & TESTING, & EDUKEY.

MRS THOMPSON IS THE LEAD TA IN CHARGE OF TIMETABLES & COLLEGE LIAISON.

MRS MCKAY IS THE LEAD TA IN CHARGE OF TRANSITION & YEAR 7, & ALSO DYSLEXIA SCREENING.

MRS POWELL IS THE LEAD TA IN CHARGE OF YEARS 8 & 9.

MRS DALGARNO & MRS BAKER ARE IN CHARGE OF READING & SPELLING TESTS.

MISS PARRY IS THE LEAD TA IN CHARGE OF YEARS 10 & 11, & RUNS NUMERACY INTERVENTIONS.

MISS JEWBURY IS IN CHARGE OF HOMEWORK CLUBS.

MISS DUNKLEY, MISS COWLEY, MISS FULWELL, MR GRAINGER & MISS PRICE WORK IN THE CLASSROOMS, SUPPORT SPELLING & READING INTERVENTIONS, & ARE KEY WORKERS FOR SEVERAL STUDENTS.

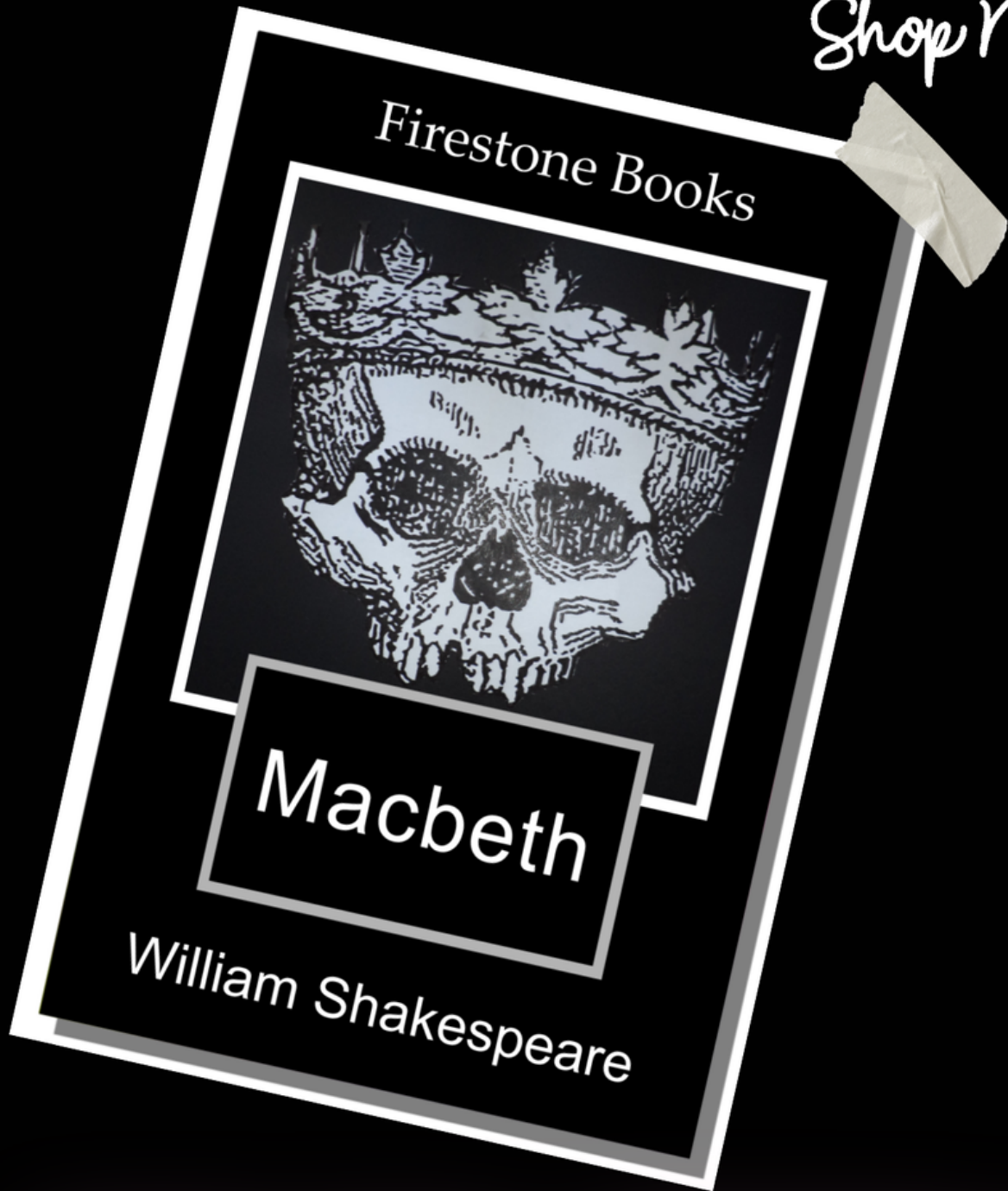
MRS HAZELL, MISS DAVIES & MISS BAKER ARE IN CHARGE OF SOCIAL STORIES.

MRS CHUMBLEY IS IN CHARGE OF SPELLING INTERVENTIONS.

MRS DUDDERIDGE IS OUR EAL EXPERT. SHE WORKS IN THE LITERACY HUB SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH THEIR ENGLISH.

AVAILABLE NOW

School
Shop Now



DYSLEXIA-FRIENDLY

£6.50

AVAILABLE NOW

School
Shop Now



DYSLEXIA-FRIENDLY

£6

AVAILABLE NOW

School

Shop Now



DYSLEXIA-FRIENDLY

£6



What qualifications are best for you?

<p>A Levels are the next step up to GCSEs. You choose to continue to study a small number of subjects in a classroom environment where you might complete coursework and sit exams over two years. They are not career based but you earn UCAS points which are recognised by universities to allow you to continue in education.</p> <p>Completing the exams at the end of year 1 gains you an AS Level.</p> <p>You can study A Levels in a school sixth form or a college.</p>	<p>BTECs are a mixture of subject and theory content with practical learning aimed at a particular sector or industry. You can study more than one BTEC, or study them along with A Levels or an apprenticeship.</p> <p>You can study a BTEC at a school sixth form or college.</p>
<p>T Levels are new! A 2-year qualification that is 80% classroom based and 20% work based placement (45 days) with an employer to give you the skills and knowledge that companies are looking for.</p> <p>These are free, as long as you start before you are 19 and you gain UCAS points recognised by universities if you wish to stay in education.</p>	<p>Apprenticeships are training whilst been paid to work. You gain technical knowledge and practical experience whilst earning a wage.</p> <p>Colleges and training providers run apprenticeships.</p>

SEND OPTIONS FOR POST-16

Mrs Roberson

Within Shropshire there are many 6th forms, colleges and training providers who adapt their courses to students with a variety of special educational needs. All post-16 settings will accept students with EHCPs, as long as they are confident that they can meet the needs of the student.

Students leaving Meole Brace School often look at the well-known and trusted Shrewsbury College Groups, which will give them a variety of options to allow them to move onto higher education or the workplace, although there are other settings within Shropshire that are worth exploring.

Local College Options

Please scan the QR codes for more information.

MARCHES SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM, OSWESTRY



THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM, WEM



SHREWSBURY COLLEGES GROUP, SHREWSBURY



HEREFORDSHIRE AND LUDLOW COLLEGE



NORTH SHROPSHIRE COLLEGE



TELFORD COLLEGE



Local Training Options

Please scan the QR codes for more information.

COUNTY TRAINING (APPRENTICESHIPS)



JUNIPER TRAINING (APPRENTICESHIPS)



NOVATRaining (APPRENTICESHIPS)



SBC TRAINING (APPRENTICESHIPS)



DERWEN COLLEGE



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?



ASPIRATIONS
TALKS - SIGN UP
ON **SCHOOLSBUDDY**
FOR A TALK FROM
A REAL PERSON
ABOUT THEIR REAL
JOB.

READING, WRITING,
SPELLING & MATHS
SUPPORT - IF YOU'VE
GOT A PLACE, MAKE
SURE YOU GO! IT'S
HELPFUL FOR YOUR
FUTURE.

AFTER SCHOOL
CLUBS - YOU CAN
FIND THESE ON
SCHOOLSBUDDY.
TURN YOUR HOBBY
INTO SOMETHING
MORE!

SPECTRA SUPPORT
- REMEMBER TO GO
TO YOUR GROUP
SESSION TO GET
EXTRA HELP!

HOMEWORK CLUB -
WE'RE HERE IN
TUTOR TIME &
AFTER SCHOOL TO
HELP YOU
SUCCEED!

WELLBEING
WORKSHOPS -
LOOK OUT FOR THE
TIMETABLE AND
SIGN UP WITH
YOUR TUTOR!

WE RUN LOTS OF INTERVENTIONS IN LEARNING SUPPORT. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW IF YOUR CHILD HAS A PLACE ON ANY GROUPS, AND ANY HELP TO REMIND THEM TO ATTEND IS ALWAYS Hugely APPRECIATED. WE MONITOR OUR SUPPORT CAREFULLY TO MAKE SURE IT'S EFFECTIVE AND WE'RE WORKING HARD TO MAKE MORE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM.

Extra Support.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

ourplace

NHS

WWW.INOURPLACE.CO.UK

FREE Online course for parents
'UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING'

ONLINE LEARNING
(AVAILABLE 24/7)

WORK THROUGH THE CONTENT
ANONYMOUSLY AT YOUR OWN PACE

COMPLETE PART 1

COMPLETE 'UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD' OR
'UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS'
(SOLD SEPARATELY*)

COMPLETE PART 2

*PREPAID FOR RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR AN ACCESS CODE

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

inourplace

NHS

Online course
Understanding your relationships

Relationships can be difficult, complicated, fun, satisfying, exciting, annoying, bring out the best in us, bring out the worst in us. We are often in one, but we don't often spend much time on them. So here's the chance!

FREE with an access code!
Worth £48 per couple

Do you live in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin?

Get started with 3 basic steps:

1. Visit www.inourplace.co.uk
2. Enter access code*: **DARWIN18**
3. Begin learning

*Sign In or Registration required

Features:

- 11 Modules
- 15-20 mins (per Module)
- Integrated Notebook
- Quizzes
- Certificate

www.inourplace.co.uk

Available 24/7. Anytime. Anywhere.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

ONLINE ANTENATAL course

FREE across Shropshire and Telford

Written by Registered Midwives
& NHS professionals

Part of the Solihull Approach series
9 Modules, lifetime access
Available 24/7



Understanding Pregnancy, Labour, Birth and Your Baby

For everyone around the baby:
Mums, Dads,
Grandparents,
friends and relations...

Go to
www.inourplace.co.uk
Apply this 'Access Code' to
get access for FREE
DARWIN18
For technical support contact
solihull-approach-parenting@heartofengland.nhs.uk
or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

ONLINE POSTNATAL course

FREE across Shropshire and Telford

Written by Psychologists,
Psychotherapists, Health Visitors
& NHS professionals

Part of the Solihull Approach series
9 Modules, lifetime access
Available 24/7



Understanding Your Baby

For everyone around the baby:
supporting you and
the new arrival
(0-12 months)

Go to
www.inourplace.co.uk
Apply this 'Access Code' to
get access for FREE
DARWIN18
For technical support contact
solihull-approach-parenting@heartofengland.nhs.uk
or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

ONLINE course FOR PARENTS

FREE across Shropshire and Telford

Written by Psychologists,
Psychotherapists, Health Visitors
& NHS professionals

Part of the Solihull Approach series
11 Modules, lifetime access
Available 24/7



Understanding Your Teen

For everyone around the child:
Mum, Dad,
Grandparents,
friends and relations...

Go to
www.inourplace.co.uk
Apply this 'Access Code' to
get access for FREE
DARWIN18
For technical support contact
solihull-approach-parenting@heartofengland.nhs.uk
or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

Online course for teenagers

'Understanding your brain (for teenagers only)'

- Have you noticed changes in your behaviour?
- Do you sleep more than you used to?
- Want to know why teenagers are more open-minded?



Your brain is changing!
Find out more!

Visit:
www.inourplace.co.uk
and
DARWIN18
to get free and
unlimited access

For technical support contact:
solihull-approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk
or call 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

ONLINE course FOR PARENTS

FREE across Shropshire and Telford

Written by Psychologists,
Psychotherapists, Health Visitors
& NHS professionals

Part of the Solihull Approach series
11 Modules, lifetime access
Available 24/7



Understanding Your Child

For everyone around the child:
Mum, Dad,
Grandparents,
friends and relations...

Go to
www.inourplace.co.uk
Apply this 'Access Code' to
get access for FREE
DARWIN18
For technical support contact
solihull-approach-parenting@heartofengland.nhs.uk
or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm



ourplace

ONLINE course for residents of SHROPSHIRE

Register Online and gain FREE (prepaid) access*

*where eligible

Part of the Solihull Approach series
14 Modules
Available 24/7



Go to:
www.inourplace.co.uk
and enter the access code
DARWIN18

To return to the course(s), go to
www.inourplace.co.uk and sign in
For technical support contact:
solihull-approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk
or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

For everyone around the child:
Mum, Dad, grandparents,
friends and relations

For technical support contact:
solihull-approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk
or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Relationships can be difficult, complicated, fun, satisfying, exciting, annoying, bring out the best in us, bring out the worst in us. We are often in one, but we don't often spend much time on them. So here's the chance

- Do you feel your relationship needs some attention?
- Do you feel you are drifting a bit lately or things have been difficult?
- Would you like to meet with other parents and carers?
- Are you looking for a way forward?

Why not join us for our 4 week workshop with one 2 hours session each week.

WORKING ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP

There are 2 different workshops on offer this Spring:

- Starts Wednesday 25th January for 4 weeks, 12.30-2.30pm in Shrewsbury
- Starts Wednesday 8th March for 4 weeks, 12.30-2.30pm in Shrewsbury

To book a place on the workshop or for further information, including the venue please contact the Parenting Team by emailing parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950







Shropshire IASS

Information Advice & Support Service

Free

Confidential and impartial information, advice and support for children, young people (0 to 25) and their parents and carers about

special educational needs and disabilities

(SEND), including related health and social care issues.



01743 280019

✉ iass@cabshropshire.org.uk

 [/IASSShropshire](https://www.facebook.com/IASSShropshire)

🖱 www.cabshropshire.org.uk

"I can't thank
my advisor
enough for the
**support, guidance,
understanding,
reassurance and
encouragement**
she has given me."

Social Prescribing client



What can I expect?

Your advisor will contact you to introduce themselves and book your first appointment. Your first appointment will be up to 45 minutes long.

Your advisor will listen and provide help based on what matters to you.

Your advisor can support you for 3-6 months and help you to make positive changes to improve your health and wellbeing.

How can I access Social Prescribing?

Social Prescribing is available to those aged 18 years and older across the whole of Shropshire.

You can refer yourself to Social Prescribing by calling **0345 678 9028** Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm and selecting the self-referral to Social Prescribing option.

Or you can email
healthylives@shropshire.gov.uk
with the subject
"Social Prescribing self-referral".

Alternatively, you can ask for a referral at your GP practice.

Social Prescribing

"A very inspiring programme"

Walking groups



Befriending



Housing advice



Fitness classes



Social activities



NHS



Shropshire
Council

Shropshire
together



What is Social Prescribing?

Social Prescribing is a free and confidential service to help you improve your health and wellbeing. With the support of a trained advisor, you will be able to access further support and community groups in your area, such as:



Walking groups



Befriending



Housing advice



Fitness classes



Social activities



Employment support

"I find Social Prescribing a breath of fresh air and I'm so glad that my medical practice put me in touch with this process. My advisor is a cheerful, compassionate, helpful person to deal with; she has advised me on many things throughout the past few weeks, listened and talked through my anxieties with me."

Social Prescribing client



Who is it for?

Social Prescribing can help if you:

- Feel lonely or isolated
- Are caring for someone
- Are feeling low, stressed or down
- You want to lose weight or quit smoking
- Want to get more active
- Need help accessing housing or financial advice
- Want to get involved with your local community
- Want to improve your management of a new or long term condition

"I felt listened to and heard. I felt valued and respected. I never felt pressured"



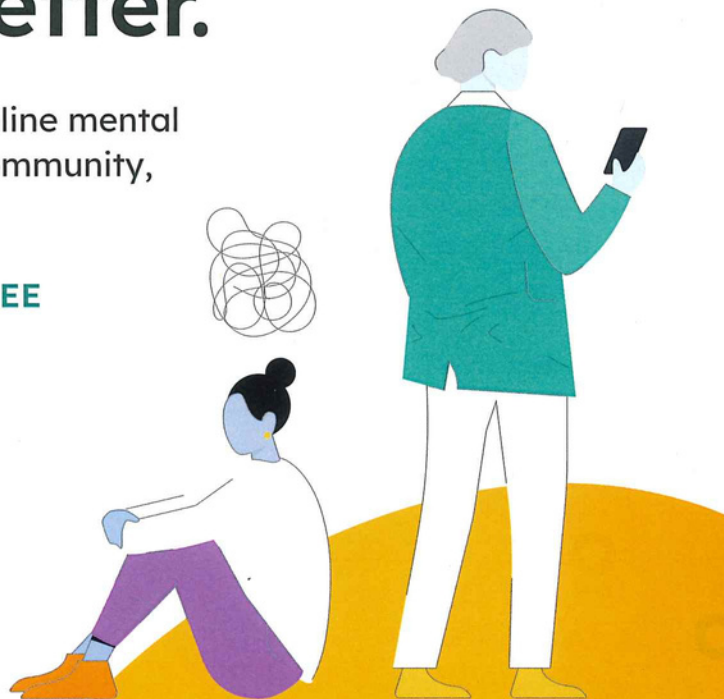
SCAN TO JOIN FOR
FREE TODAY

Get support. Take control. Feel better.

A confidential, online mental
health support community,
available 24/7.

Join today for **FREE**

16+



Sign up today with
your postal code

Visit **togetherall.com**