



Welcome

Since starting PCS in September I have been fortunate enough to see all the wonderful provisions in place for students. It has been lovely to visit the students in their classrooms and see the work that they are completing and also the high levels of engagement from our students.

We expanded the SEND provisions and appointed an Assistant SENDCo, Charlotte Dowling, who will be working closely with our students and yourselves. We have also redesigned our SEND area to offer more spaces for young people to work and be supported and plan to make further changes to this area to support even further.

It is with great sadness to say goodbye to Mrs Budd, who lots of you will know well. Mrs Budd has worked at PCS for 20 years and has made an extraordinary difference to the experience of our young people here. I'm sure that you will all join us in wishing Mrs Budd all the best of luck for the future.

Mrs Budd has asked us to share the following message:
"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all the young people over the years and it has certainly been a pleasure getting to support them in their education journey. I will certainly miss all the students past and present at PCS and generally wish them all the best"

Ms Goodyear, our Head of Access is moving on from us here at PCS. I'm sure you'll agree that Ms Goodyear has made a huge impact on our students during her time with us and we will all be very sorry to see



her go and we wish her every success in the future.

Ms Goodyear passed on the following message:

"It has been a pleasure to teach all the young people here at PCS as well as supporting them in the number of roles I have held at PCS. I wish them all the best for their futures and hope they achieve everything they set out to do"

I had the opportunity and pleasure to showcase our provisions to other members of our trust and it was lovely to see all students accessing and working well within their lessons and making good progress.

New this year we have introduced SEND surgeries* where it is an opportunity to come and discuss your child's provision with myself or Mrs Dowling. It's been lovely to meet you and get to know you all and I want to thank you for your support.

If you would like to book an appointment please contact:
emma.lane@swale.at

or call the main line **01273 581100**
or **01273 575804**.

***Please note that the surgeries will be moving to Tuesdays after school from the new year.**

In term 2 we have had the opportunity to begin our reading intervention and it has been great to see the students engaging with the reading programme.

The students have been participating regularly and its lovely to see their enthusiasm and interest in reading grow over the weeks.

The students are reading books from the Rapid Reader range and we hope this is the beginning of a new journey for us to help our young people build their confidence and ability to read.





Advice & Guidance

Post 16 information

Year 11 students are now having to make difficult decisions regarding their next steps. We all know this is a scary time and all members of staff are available to help and support. ESCC have also offered advice and support to help navigate the next steps.



How to apply for Post 16 education
Post 16 application support



Local offer advice and support for
College and Adult Life
Local Offer guidance



Careers advice and guidance
Careers East Sussex

Support Info

ESCC have released some support information for parents to help you navigate additional support that could be available to you. Please click the links to take you to the correct internet site.

CLASS+ is a designated support for parents and carers with children on the Autism spectrum **CLASS+**



Spectrum Autism Support offers

advice and takes referrals from parents/carers to support young people with independence and building confidence and life skills.
Spectrum

ADHD



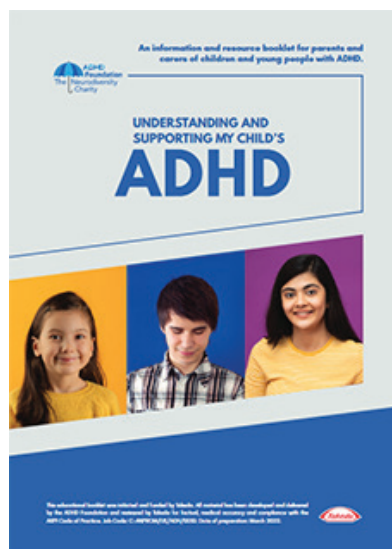
Video for students
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gStp0aqDyL4>

More information
<https://adhd.foundation.org.uk/children/>

Support information
<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/resources/>



Parent booklet
https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/WEBSITE_ParentCarer-Booklet.pdf



Family Mental Health Support - Holding Space offer advice and support for families to help navigate difficulties. **Holding Space**



Amaze website provides lots of information and support to help you understand how to support your child through multiple different situations **Amaze**



App for mental wellbeing AUSTIC friendly - mountain molehill available in both google play store and Apple App store free of charge.
Autistica website link



If you have concerns for the wellbeing and safety of a child please follow the link to safeguarding if reporting safeguarding - **PCS school website** link which details all the information you require.

I wish you all a lovely christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Regards

Mrs Ashley Curcio