

SEND Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 (23-24)



Welcome

Welcome to the first Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) newsletter of the academic year.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep in touch with families of our young people with SEND, to keep you informed of updates, to share key information and signpost further support.

We hope you find the newsletter helpful. As always, we would be interested to hear your ideas for the school and families to work together moving forwards.

The new academic year is now well underway. We are incredibly proud of how all of our students have returned to school following the summer holiday and how resilient they have been adapting to their new school year. Our new students have settled incredibly well and many of them had a blast at Ridge camp!

I am beyond proud of the efforts of our students involved in the school show; the talent of our students never fails to amaze me!

Here's to the next half term of learning and memory making!



Dates for your diary

- October 2023 – ADHD Awareness Month
- Thursday 9th November 2023 – Year 10 Parents Evening
- w/c 13.11.23 Year 11 Mock Weeks (x2 weeks)
- Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - Post 16 Market Place Event for Pupils with SEND at Dudley College (information shared via email)
- Friday 1st December – Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- Friday 15th December 2023 (9.30am) - Coffee and Cake Afternoon for parents of pupils with SEND

Meet the SEND Team:

Miss Jenna Rose (SENDCO)

Contact via 01384 818445 or

jrose@ridgewood.dudley.sch.uk

As SENDCO, I am contactable should you have any concerns, questions, or anything you would like to share. Please do not hesitate to contact me – should I need to contact you back; I will do so as soon as possible.

Year 7 TAs	Mrs Birch and Ms Needham
Year 8 TAs	Mrs Dunn and Mrs Smart
Year 9 TAs	Mrs Jenkins and Miss Hawkins
Year 10 TA	Mrs Bridgewater
Year 11 TAs	Miss Humphrey and Mrs Hollowood

Student Successes

In our Learning support Base, I would like to create a 'shout about success' display.

We think our pupils are all fabulous and we know that both in and out of school they do wonderful things that go unnoticed. We want to hear about these.

Parents, please could you email Miss Rose (on the email address above) with anything that you feel needs a shout out. This could be something huge, like completing a challenge or attending a football match, or something small such as completing all homework or cooking dinner for the family.

Help us to praise your child's achievements!





Coffee and Cake

Last year we started to host a termly Coffee and Cake session. This informal event is designed for parents of Children with SEND to work collaboratively with us in school reviewing our SEND provision and to act as an opportunity to meet other parents who may have similar worries or questions. This year, I will be inviting external agencies to join us and provide an overview of their services.

Our next session is scheduled for **Friday 15th December at 9.30am.**

It would be wonderful if you could join us.



Did you know?

On the SEN page of our website there is a wealth of information detailing what support looks like at Ridgewood? Why not have a look:

<https://www.ridgewood.dudley.sch.uk/send-information>

In addition to our website, you may also find Dudley's Local Offer useful.

Dudley's Local Offer is a one stop resource of information and services available to children and young people (aged 0-25) with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), their parents, carers and families. Dudley's Local offer has been re-developed to make it easier for young people, with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to access information and support services in the borough.

This can be accessed on: <https://dudleyci.co.uk/send-information>



Students in KS4 and their families may wish to attend the following event as they start to consider what post 16 education will look like for them...

- Are you a Young Person with SEND and considering education, training or employment?
- Are you in need of more information on how you will be supported as a Young Person with SEND?
- Are you a Parent supporting your child with SEND in Year 9 upwards to find out about the support they will receive with their Post-16 choice?
Yes then HOLD THE DATE!

**Wednesday 22nd November 2023
Dudley SENDIASS will be hosting
The 'All About You' SEND Post-16 market place event
at Dudley College, The Broadway, DY1 4AS
Sessions will run throughout the day
from 9.30am until 3.00pm**

Young people and parents will be able to speak to professionals from a wide range of education settings, training providers, health and social care services and agencies who work with Young People and learn how they can support and engage Young People with SEND Post-16.

To book a ticket go to [Eventbrite](#)

Eventbrite and the [Dudley SENDIASS Service Website](#) will have regular updates of settings, services and organisations attending.

Dudley SENDIASS Service offers information, advice and support on all matters relating to SEN and disabilities including health and social care to parents and carers of children with SEND and Young People with SEND up to 25 years old.

www.dudleysendiass.org.uk

