



St. John's to exhibit at The Autism Show

St. John's will have a stand at The Autism Show in London on 24th & 25th June. This is the first national event dedicated to autism for parents, carers, professionals and individuals on the spectrum.

The event is taking place at ExCel in London's Docklands and will be open between 9.00 - 5.00 each day. Highlights include:

1-2-1 Clinics hosted by specialist professionals including Speech and Language Therapists, Educational Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Behaviour Analysts and Legal Advisors

Over 50 suppliers of products and services including learning tools, visual aids, sensory equipment, specialist furniture, residential care and education, specialist schools and colleges, (that's us!) and holiday providers

An in depth CPD certified conference programme including sessions on Transitions in Education, The

Transition to Adolescence, Skills and Strategies when Dealing with Challenging Behaviour, Navigating the Statementing Process, Working with Autism and Autism in Higher Education

Practical based seminars offering a range of ideas and strategies which can be immediately implemented at home or in the work place

Insightful presentations from individuals on the autism spectrum

The Autism Show has also been specifically designed around the needs of visitors on the autism spectrum with fast track entry, extra wide aisles, high ceilings, dimmed lighting, clear signage, a sensory room and quiet room created by Mike Ayres Design.

Find out more at www.autismshow.co.uk



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See us at
the autism show
24-25 June 2011
ExCeL, London

in partnership with
 The Hesley Group
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in association with The National Autistic Society

Graduation and End of Year Party

All learners, staff and parents & carers are warmly invited to our Presentations and Graduation Event which will be held at the Brighthelm Centre (North Road, Brighton) on Thursday 7th July.

The leavers' presentations will take place from 3.30 - 5.30 with a buffet and disco for everyone from 5.30 - 10.00 pm.

We will be writing to you all in early June with details and how to confirm your attendance for this special end of year event.

The Brighthelm Centre is located in the very centre of Brighton, 100 metres from the train station, bus routes and various car parks (Churchill Square being the best value).



Music Gig

Our annual music gig will be taking place on the afternoon of Thursday 14 July at the Hanbury Ballroom in Kemp Town (almost opposite our Café in the Crypt).

Once again we will be writing to you to give you the opportunity to obtain tickets. If you have attended our previous gigs at either The Latest Bar or Concorde 2 you will know what a fantastic event this is.

Come along and enjoy the musical performances of our learners when they perform their musical choices and compositions.



Were you there? What a "do"!

A final word from Susie P



Friday the 8th April 2011 Susie Parker's retirement party at The Rock in Kemp Town.

When you read this I will be well and truly retired,

thank goodness I hear you say.

For those not lucky enough to be there on that amazing night I wish to say thank you for thirty fantastic years at

St. John's. Thank you to the team Lizzie, Dale and Danny who ensured the evening was fun. To family



and friends old and new, to the amazing Funky Monkeyz who entertained us!

To the learners who came along raising funds for the Charity night, socialising & making speeches. To Janet for 2 amazing cakes if you need a cake for a do see "Janet does cakes". Thank you all for a wonderful send off

And to Trevor for the fabulous food.

Good luck St. John's you are at the start of a very exciting future.

Thanks to some heavy pressure selling from our learners, the raffle raised £542 for equipment in the new common room for learners at Brighton.



St. John's Alumni Achieves D of E Gold

Congratulations to Dan Highfield on achieving his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

Dan (back row, second from left) attended St James's Palace for the presentation.

Much of his Award was completed whilst at the College prior to his leaving in July 2009.

Well done Dan!



Writing Social Stories - Sue Peters (St. John's Training Manager)



Marie Gilfillan, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant in Brighton, recently attended a training course run by Brighton and Hove Council and came back raving about a session on the course about Writing Social Stories, run by Tom

Evans from Southdown Housing Association. Writing Social Stories was originally used to help children with autistic spectrum disorders, to understand the behaviour of others and to reinforce

appropriate social behaviour. It has now been extended for use with adults with autism and aspergers.

As well as being used to help them understand social behaviour and the behaviour of others, they can also be used as a manual or guide for particular situations or to record when things have gone particularly well. All social stories need to be personalised to the particular individual and the particular situation.

We have arranged for Tom to come into St. John's to run the training which is taking place over two sessions.

Community Five-A-Side Tournament

Two College teams took part in Brighton & Hove Albion's football in the community five-a-side tournament in Burgess Hill on 4th April.

Although we were unable to win a trophy this time, the players represented the College with distinction and contributed to another highly successful event. Two of our players were chosen for special awards for their sportsmanship and congratulations go to Sudarshan Gurung and Johnny Fleet.

The teams are keen to purchase new strips so if anyone who might be able to put us in touch with potential sponsors,

do please contact Edward Romain, our Marketing and Fundraising Officer at fundraising@st-johns.co.uk or telephone on 01273 244000.



Catering Students Educational Visit To Normandy

Three of our current learners and two ex-learners joined with City College on a two week residential in France as part of their Catering Course. Their base was the Eco Chateau in Normandy and the trip was funded by the Leonardo Project and managed in conjunction with Care Co-ops.



cal markets) and cooking a three course meal for 26 people was successfully completed!

Time was available for some relaxation including picnics, boules, croquet and feeding horses. Dining out in restaurants also meant others cooked and served them for a change!

A great time was had by all and the experience of challenging tasks and team work were skills that will be of great benefit in the future.

Among the many visits were a trip to a goat farm to see



the cheese being made, a biscuit factory, a cider farm and to see how calvados is made.

Two days were spent at Granville Catering College and working with a French chef and French students, three course meals were prepared for the public.

As part of their assessment, the planning, shopping (in lo-



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Term 2011

Return Date	to	Collection Date
Tuesday 26 th April		Friday 27 th May
	Summer Half Term 30 th May-3 rd June	
Monday 6 th June		Thursday 21 st July

Autumn Term 2011

Return Date	to	Collection Date
Monday 5 th September		Friday 21 st October
	Autumn Half Term: 24 th October – 28 th October	
Monday 31 st October		Wednesday 14 th December

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th September

(Induction days for new learners only)

Wednesday 7th September—Start Of Term

(For all learners)

To get your copy of College Life.

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