

Friday 13 October  
2023

# October



*synonyms: flames*  
*similar words:*  
*combustion, energy, glow,*  
*heat, light, spark, sparkle*

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers to our Parent and Carer Open evening this week and Year 10 pupils enjoyed the opportunity to try out their customer service skills as we re-opened Café Hero, as well as sampling the cakes on offer, baked specially by our students! We look forward to this becoming a regular event in our school calendar and inviting more parents and carers in during the coming months.

We learnt about World Post Day on 9 October and thought about the ways that the postal service has evolved and changed over the years, as well as the importance of communication. Thetford class shared some interesting facts using a talk show format to make it fun and memorable with special guests Postman Pat and Jess the cat. Find out more on page 4.

Following preparation in assembly and tutorials, pupils managed the practice fire drill really well during National Fire Prevention Week, walking sensibly and safely to the field.

I hope you enjoy the many highlights this week, showing pupils engaged in learning and activities across the curriculum, in class and out and about. It has been super to see so many pupils awarded with certificates as well as 'Star Baker' weekly award during our Friday celebration assemblies this half term. The Credit Shop has re-opened this week so that pupils can spend what they earn on toys, books and games.

A reminder that school finishes for the half term break next week on Thursday 19 October. A shorter newsletter will be sent out.

Staff will be involved in SEAX training on Friday 20 October so this is a non-pupil day.

We will look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 30 October.

Mrs A Constantine



## FIRE

*Both hands held in front of body with palms facing each other. Fingers wiggle while hands move up and down alternately.*

## MEANING

the heat, light, and flames produced by burning.

Thank you for visiting school this week!

Classes worked hard in preparation for our special Harvest Assembly last week. They had clearly rehearsed and presented some poignant, informative and enjoyable pieces to the whole school. Maple class did a super job of presenting each group and we had some lovely messages from visitors from St Leonard's Church and Variety Children's Charity.



# Harvest Festival Assembly

*"Thanks again for inviting me along to share the harvest assembly. It's a real privilege to be with these amazing young people. I certainly learn more from them than they do from me. Take care and God bless,"* Reverend Maggie

*Copse pupils opened the Harvest Festival with their Rap, specially written for the occasion!*

*"Everyone was so very welcoming, the children were so well behaved, and I could really feel the support for all in the school. Those who braved getting up and doing a piece of performance to the whole school did so well, that's a big ask to stand up in front of so many people but they all did so well.*

*Please pass my thanks on to your staff as well, what a fabulous atmosphere you all create!"* Sarah, Variety



*Reverend Maggie from St Leonard's Church introduced the meaning of Harvest with the help of 'Hearty' from Variety Charity*



*Thetford class read out some facts about homelessness and young people using "The Streets of London" backdrop created by Graphics pupils*

*Primary classes performed "Beans"*



*Weald class tested our Harvest knowledge with a quiz*



*We found out about food around the world from Epping*



*Year 8 classes helped each other to read aloud with Orchard sharing the things they were thankful for and some Harvest poems*



*Spinney class finished with a filmed, fruity, samba finale!*

**Thank you**

*...to all who sent in dry goods for our Site Team group to take to the Food Bank- we know your generosity will be appreciated*

## HARVEST HIGHLIGHTS

Essex Food Bank info

*Rendlesham class made us aware of the important purpose of Food Banks*



# PARENT & CARER OPEN EVENING: Feedback

“It’s a great school...” “Thank you for all you do...”

staff throughout the whole school  
confidence new school managed better  
Time evening  
Thank  
Hoe and its so lovely  
Proud mum better  
Lovely school  
Happy and settled school work happy with his progress  
Lovely report better place progress



Thank you for taking time to come, and to those who left feedback, these are a few of the positive comments left as part of our evaluation. We will also take on board valuable suggestions for improvement.

Really nice to see staff and pupil work

Lovely report and very pleased pupil has settled in so well

Pupil’s positivity and self-esteem is amazing!

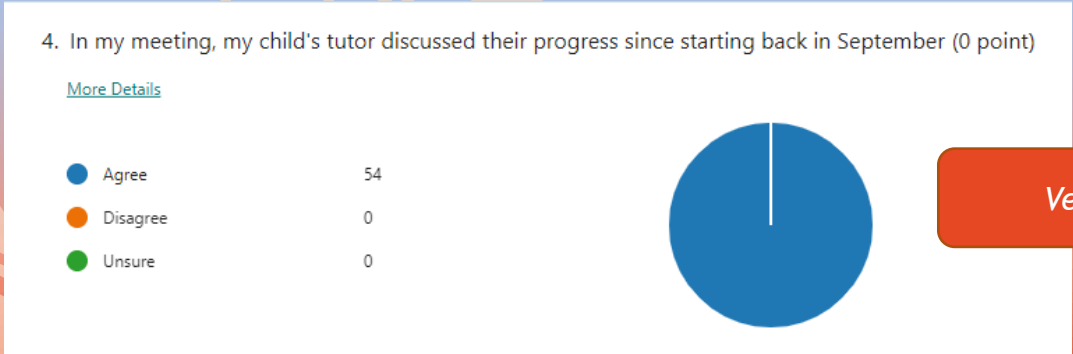
Pupil is doing amazing, so glad to be here

Really happy with how learning is going

Lovely organised evening. Pupil is loving her time at Kingswode Hoe and it’s so lovely to see her confidence grow. Thanks to all the staff throughout the whole school.

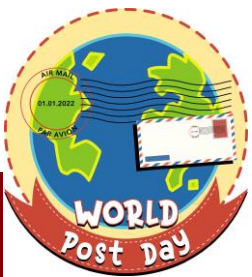
We are particularly pleased that all 54 parents and carers who completed feedback agreed that their child’s tutor discussed their progress at KHS since the start of term:

Lovely to see pupil’s work and hear about his progress



Very positive!





World Post Day, observed every year on October 9th, celebrates the essential role of postal services in connecting people, cultures, and ideas across the globe, fostering communication and understanding.

It commemorates the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874.

**Post connects people across the globe.**

Thetford invited some special guests to answer questions all about the post in their assembly... Postman Pat and Jess the Cat!



On May 1 1840, the world's first postage stamp was issued. It featured the profile of the young Queen Victoria and cost one penny. Soon, other countries followed the idea and by 1874, letters were being sent all over the world by nearly every country.

The Universal Postal Union was created in Bern, Switzerland and the first World Post Day took place in 1969.



First Class Letter  
Second Class Letter

New Stamp price

1.25p

0.75p

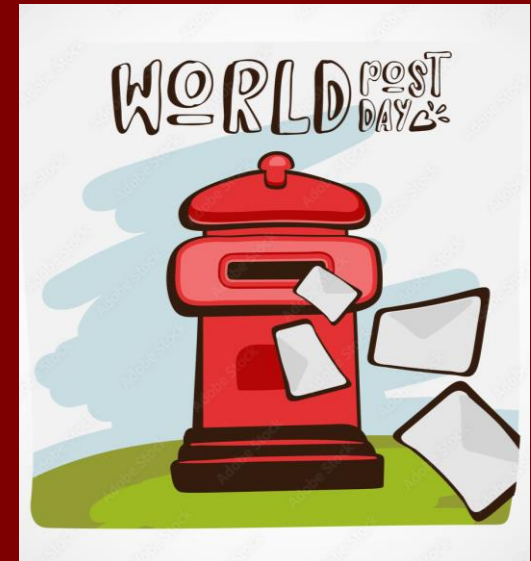
Receiving letters can bring a unique joy, as they hold the sender's personal touch and evoke a sense of anticipation and emotional warmth that digital communication often lacks.

Opening a letter can be a more personal experience than opening an email.

Postcards, birthdays cards and letters can be a nice surprise to receive in the post!



**WORLD POST OFFICE DAY**



# Highlights this week

Pupils in Cope class visited the Knife Angel this week. The Knife Angel is a travelling sculpture made of 100,000 knives that have been handed in or seized by the police. The statue was much bigger than we thought it would be and we were shocked by how many knives had been used to make it. Pupils also said that they felt very 'sad' about the knife crime that had resulted in people losing their lives.

Pupils asked the volunteers lots of interesting questions and were very sensible. While we were appreciating the statue, pupils sketched their own interpretations of the statue.



"It was a wonderful experience" -Smriti

# TESCO

*Every little helps*

Pupils worked hard at Tesco helping with stock rotation, de-carding and stocking up the shelves.





# Out and about

A group of pupils took part in their first football tournament at Shorefields School. The Alex Ball football tournament was played between four teams. Kingswode Hoe managed to win their first game 7-2, drew their second game 0-0 and drew their last game 1-1. Although they didn't lose a game, they ended up coming in second place by just one point! All the pupils were superbly behaved and did themselves, and Kingswode Hoe School, proud.



Oak had a fabulous morning down in the woods. They enjoyed being creative using paint, sticks and googly eyes to make their own creations. Conker hedgehogs and leaf robins were also created. They had fun playing parachute, ball games and chilling in the hammocks.

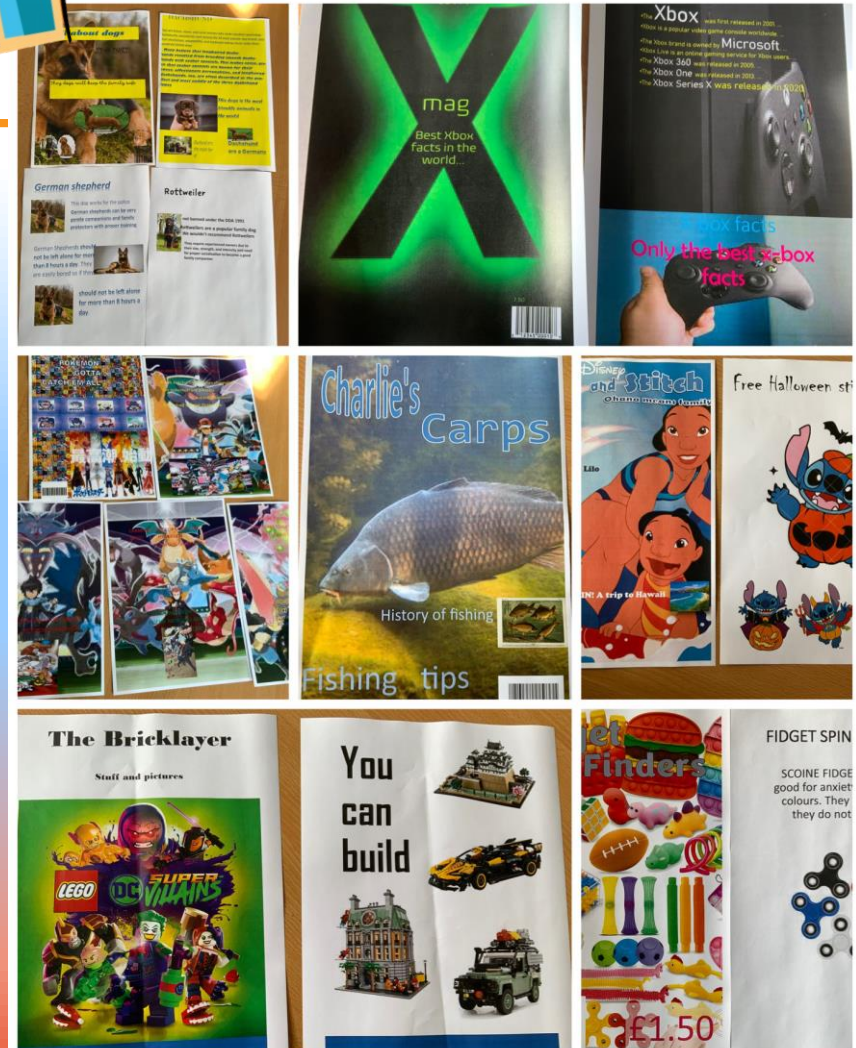


# CREATIVITY

Pupils in Y9 have been learning about how magazines are created during their Media lessons. They have investigated several magazines and used analysis skills to determine what makes a successful front cover. Pupils have designed and made their own covers to put into practice everything they have learned.



Classes across the school have been making leaf prints that will be turned into professionally printed Christmas cards. These will be available to order soon- look out for more details!

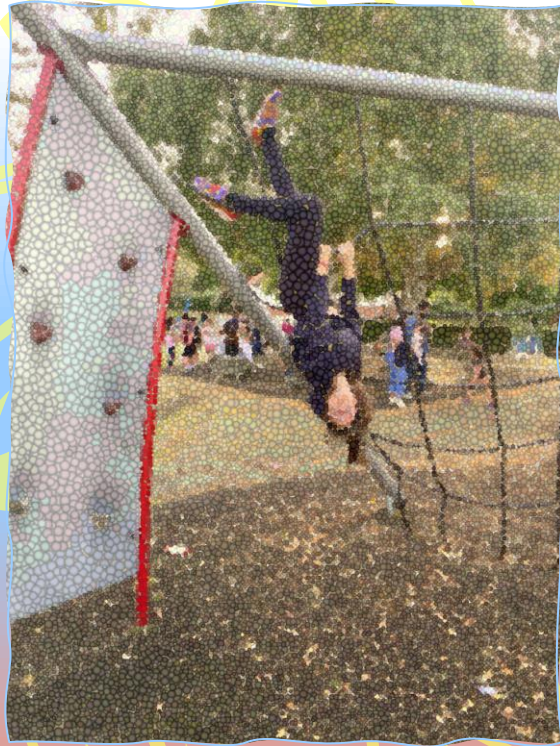


# E4L Home Learning

Rowan ran an amazing junior park run with a personal best of 9 minutes 53 seconds, 15 seconds faster than before, finishing in sixth place...  
What an achievement!



George went pumpkin picking at the weekend.



Jess cooked herself a lasagne for dinner.



Ruby T enjoyed practising her gymnastic skills at the park. She also loved her first trip abroad to France.





# Wishing staff well

At half term, we will be wishing staff well who are moving on.



Congratulations and good luck to Miss Davey who will be taking on the role of Language and Communication partner with Essex County Council. Having been at our school since 2008, she has worked with such a range of pupils who will miss her greatly.

goodbye  
and  
Good luck!



Mrs Deal will be taking care of Spinney class until Christmas before Miss Eldret joins our team in January 2024



Since joining Kingswode Hoe School in 1986, Mrs Robinson has worked as a dedicated and highly regarded Learning Support Assistant with so many different pupils over the years.

Her passion for outdoor pursuits, walking and PE has always shone through. She will be greatly missed. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Robinson for her significant length of service as our longest standing member of staff and wish her every happiness in her next chapter as she retires after over 37 years!

## DIARY DATES



Friday 20 October- SEAX INSET Day  
**No pupils in school**

Half term break- Friday 20 October - Friday 27 October **inclusive**

Monday 30 October  
Pupils return to school

**Non-Pupil/EHCP Day\*- more info to follow**  
Thursday 16 November

Many thanks to Mr Baille who has been working as our site assistant this year and developed our nature garden with pupils.



# KINGSWODE HOE

LUNCH MENU Week 1  
16 October 2023

**Key to allergens**

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| Milk      | M  |
| Fish      | F  |
| Soya      | So |
| Gluten    | G  |
| Sulphites | S  |
| Celery    | C  |
| Egg       | E  |
| Mustard   | Mu |

**Monday**

Macaroni Cheese G M Mu  
Vegan Sausage Rolls G  
Sweetcorn & Peas  
Salad  
Yogurts M & Fluffy Jelly M

**Tuesday**

Chicken Tortilla Wrap G  
& Sweet Chili Sauce  
Cheese & Onion Quiche  
M E G Mu  
Coleslaw Mu E  
Salad  
Flapjack

**Wednesday**

Meatballs & Spaghetti G S M  
Vegetarian Sausage Bake G S  
Mixed Vegetables  
Salad  
Banoffee Pie G M

**Thursday**

Roast Gammon  
Yorkshire Pudding G E M  
Vegetable Parcels G M  
Carrots, Green Beans  
Cauliflower Cheese M Mu  
Roast Potatoes  
Scones & Cream G M



Fruit & Yogurt available daily  
Baguettes available Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

**Coming up...**

**Themes this half term:**

| Week beginning | Theme- linked to six outcomes/world events                      |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                | Health, lifestyle & wellbeing: Important figures- Mother Teresa |
|                | Identity & self-expression: Reading challenge & Roald Dahl Day  |
|                | Accreditation: Essex Year of Numbers                            |
|                | Resilience & Independence: Important figures- Gandhi            |
|                | Community & Wider World: Harvest & the homeless                 |
|                | Employability: World Post Day & KHS Shop                        |
| 16/10/23       | Goals and achievements this half term: Sharing assembly         |

Kingswode Hoe School  
*What we plant today, we grow tomorrow*



# ACL FAMILY LEARNING

**FREE FAMILY  
EVENT**

**SENDSATIONAL**



ACL Clacton  
25th October



ACL Colchester  
26th October



This Half term come and join in a fun Sensory Story and activity session at our Centres in Colchester and Clacton. Enjoy a shared sensory story and some sensational sensory activities

03330 321 017  
[aclessex.com/community-family-learnin](http://aclessex.com/community-family-learnin)

ACL



# ACL FAMILY LEARNING

**SEND  
PUBERTY & HYGIENE**

**ONLINE COURSE STARTING  
31ST OCTOBER**

**FREE**



**A 2 WEEK COURSE ALL  
ABOUT TACKLING  
PUBERTY AND HYGIENE  
FOR SEND TEENS.**

**BOOK NOW**



ACL



Essex County Council

## Autumn & Winter Workshops 2023

**24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - £25**  
**SPOOKY ANIMATION 7+**  
10AM - 12PM

Create creepy sets and characters, then bring your spooky story to life through stop motion animation.

**24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - £5**  
**AUTISM FRIENDLY SPOOKY ANIMATION 9+ 2PM - 4PM**

Our halloween themed stop motion animation in a relaxed, autism friendly setting.

**25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - £25**  
**SPOOKY VIDEO GAME MAKING 7+**  
10AM - 12PM

Build your own video game with Scratch – the fun entry-level game design software.

**25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - £25**  
**GIRLS ONLY VIDEO GAME MAKING 9+**  
2PM - 4PM

Design, code, test and play test your very own 2D game.

**26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - £40**  
**GORY MAKEUP WORKSHOP 9+**  
10AM - 2PM

Learn how to transform yourself into a macabre monster or a ghastly ghoul with special effects makeup.

**21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER - £25**  
**CHRISTMAS ANIMATION 7+**  
10AM - 12PM

Make your own festive stop motion animation, create miniature sets and modeling clay characters.

**21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER - £5**  
**AUTISM FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS ANIMATION 9+ 2PM - 4PM**

Make a fun festive stop motion animation in a relaxed, autism friendly setting.

**After School Digital Art Club 11+**  
Get creative with art and technology at Digital Club  
Tuesdays, 4pm - 5.30pm  
see website for more details

To book visit [www.signals.org.uk](http://www.signals.org.uk)

Some reduced cost places are available for those who would find it difficult to pay, please call on 01206 560255 or email [info@signals.org.uk](mailto:info@signals.org.uk) for more details.



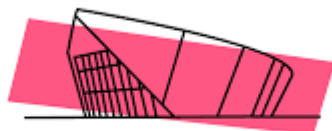
## Creative Digital Holiday Workshops

Video game making, animation and more  
For ages 7 - 18, Colchester city centre  
Autism friendly workshops available



Supported using public funding by  
**ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND**

Signals, Victoria Chambers, St Runwald Street, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1HF



Firstsite

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# Firstsite Holiday Fun

Oct Half-term 2023

Tuesday to Saturday from  
Tue 24 Oct - Sat 28 Oct 2023

Colchester

FREE

### Make

Free drop-in  
creative art  
activities  
10am-2:30pm

### Move

Free fun movement  
activities  
10:45am – 11:45am  
12:00pm – 1:00pm

### Canteen

Free freshly-made  
hot meals for  
all the family  
11:45am & 1pm



Our Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays, including those that qualify for benefits-based free school meals.

- Advance booking is essential
- Activities most suitable for 4 - 11 years, but all ages welcome
- Caregivers are required to stay on site throughout the activities
- Menu and list of activities available at [www.firstsite.uk](http://www.firstsite.uk)

Activities take place at: Firstsite, Lewis Gardens, High st, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1JH

Delivered in partnership with:



This project has been funded by the North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance and Wellbeing Alliance and the Neighbourhood programme. Funding is administered through One Colchester

## How to book

Early bird tickets available from  
9 am on Mon 9 Oct.

More tickets will be released three  
days in advance of each session.

Limited spaces available, offered  
on a first come, first served basis.

If you can no longer attend your  
booking, please let us know as  
soon as possible by calling  
01206 713700.

If you cancel 24 hours before the  
event your space can be made  
available for another family.

Thank you!



Scan Me

Scan the QR code  
to book our Holiday  
Fun activities

Book online at  
[www.firstsite.uk](http://www.firstsite.uk)  
or call  
01206 713700

To find out about  
our Covid-19 safety  
measures, please  
email [info@firstsite.uk](mailto:info@firstsite.uk)  
or call  
01206 713 700



# Firstsite



Following a visit from Sarah Phillips, Challenge Events and Community Fundraising Officer to our Harvest Festival, we are looking forward to work with Variety as they celebrate 75 years of being there to support those children that need them!



Every child deserves a chance.

We provide practical help that makes an immediate difference to disabled and disadvantaged children and young people.



#### SUNSHINE COACHES

The Sunshine Coach Programme was created in 1962 to provide specially adapted, accessible transport for children and young people who have additional needs or are growing up in economically deprived areas.

In 2021 we delivered our 5735th Sunshine Coach, making it possible for children to get out and about so that they can learn practical life skills and enjoy trips out to places they otherwise couldn't get to.



#### WHEELCHAIRS

In 2022, we provided 51 wheelchairs and accessories. Having the right wheelchair can make all the difference when it comes to being more independent, improving medical outcomes and boosting confidence.

In 2022, Variety provided grants for:

- 17 Sports wheelchairs
- 9 Powered wheelchairs
- 6 All Terrain wheelchairs
- 18 Manual wheelchairs
- 1 Standing wheelchair



#### EQUIPMENT GRANTS

Through our Equipment Grants Programme, we have helped more than 1,400 families and organisations across the country.

Our equipment grants include funding for sports, sensory and play equipment. We also fund hoists and orthopaedic furniture for children at home.

In 2021, we supplied 107 equipment grants.



#### VARIETY GREAT DAYS OUT

For disadvantaged children, a day out can become a cherished memory. Each year we take thousands of children to all sorts of venues.

In 2021, Variety partnered with 84 schools, youth and community organisations to take 10,533 children on a Variety Great Day Out.



Without Variety, I don't know where we would be. There is no way that I could've raised enough money myself to fund either of Andrew's wheelchairs. They've made an incredible difference to Andrew in so many ways.

Linda -  
Andrews Mum

To find out more about the work we do at Variety and to visit the website:



Variety provides practical support that makes an immediate difference to disabled and disadvantaged youngsters, allowing them to live their best lives and reach their full potential.

**5,745 Sunshine Coaches** have been funded across the UK since Variety began

**Two million children** have been on Great Days Out with Variety.

**£750,000** has been spent on wheelchair grants since 2019



## HOLIDAY CLUB OCTOBER HALF TERM



Essex  
**ACTIVE** atq

**Location: St James Primary School, Colchester**  
**Time: 10am - 2pm**

**FREE** for qualifying families running 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - 26<sup>th</sup> Oct, for ages 4 -11.

**\*Spaces\*** also available for low income families or families that would benefit from this additional support.

For more details or to **BOOK NOW:**  
<https://ymca-essex-holidayclubs.pembee.app/>

There is a range of fully funded (Free) CACHE accredited Level 2 qualifications available to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing careers.

**Free courses for  
parents & carers**

**AIM  
GROUP**

### Courses Available:

- Understanding Autism
- Neuroscience In The Early Years (0-7)
- Understanding Children and Young Peoples' Mental Health
- Distressed Behaviour In Children
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Team Leading
- Counselling
- Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties (ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia and Dyscalculia)

More information here: [The aim group course information](#)

Follow this link for more information: [The aim group course booking form](#)