

SEND

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Book your place on the big SEND Information Day

There's an opportunity to discuss and find out about SEND services and information in Somerset, as well as getting pampered at the same time!

Somerset Parent Carer Forum, the voluntary organisation run by parent carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities is organising the Big SEND Information Day on March 25 in Yeovil. It's for families, staff and supporters in Somerset.

There will be opportunities to talk to those who provide services, information stands, workshops and opportunities to sit and relax with pamper sessions and crafts.

There will also be opportunities to have 1-1 clinic sessions.

Workshops include a talk by SEND specialist Gareth D Morewood, the Director of Curriculum Support (SENCo) at Priestnall School in Stockport.

Booking details of the workshops, clinics and sessions will be available nearer the time – but make sure you save the date.

The event takes place at Westlands Entertainment Complex, Monday, 25 March 2019 12-15.00 and 16.00-18.30.

For more information on the Parent Carer Forum [visit here](#)



SEND duty line update

Due to current capacity issues within the SEND Team it is necessary with immediate effect to amend the opening times of the Duty Line. It will now operate Mon-Fri between 9.00am – 12.00 noon.

Schools and professionals are encouraged to contact their link via email or direct dial, this will ensure the Duty Line remains accessible to parents and carers. This is a short term measure which will remain under constant review.



Careers Week at Selworthy

It's National Careers Week 2019 (4-8 March) and there's loads going on at Selworthy School in Taunton.

On Monday there was a visit to newly-built facilities at the school and a chance to learn about the construction industry.

Pupils have also had visits from the Fire Service and Police to talk about their roles.

Tomorrow (Thursday 7 March) there's a visit from two ex-pupils who will talk about their roles in the hospitality trade and there will also be a Preparing for Adulthood workshop.

The Futures Fair is on Friday (8 March). Parents, carers and young people can explore stalls and talk to organisations providing services for students with SEND post-16 and 19.

Mental Health support

There's a Mental Health Support service on offer in Somerset.

The service is offered by Young Somerset (previously Somerset Rural Youth Project) offering support to young people aged 8 -19 with their mental health.

The support can be at home, school, in a GP surgery or at the organisation's Wellbeing Room.

You can get help with stress management, anxiety, OCD, low mood or panic.

To find out more click [on this link](#)

Pop-up shop project coming to Yeovil

Last year a sense-ational shop opened in Taunton—next month it's happening in Yeovil.

As before it will be run by young people and the stock will be created by pupils from special schools across the county.

It will include decorations, ornaments, jams and beautiful works of art.

The aim is for the shop to open on Tuesday, 2 April in the Quadem Centre.

The project is led by Special Educational Needs. Somerset Expertise (sen.se), with the support of charity Young Somerset. Sen.se is a



The team in Taunton last November partnership between special schools and specialist provision within Somerset.

The pop-up shop demonstrates the power of collaboration, enabling

partners to provide more opportunities for young people to gain valuable work experience and skills for life.

Read about Taunton's shop [here.](#)

