

SEND

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Preparing for adulthood and meaningful work

Selworthy Special School has shown a real commitment to preparing students for adulthood. Since early 2018 the school has been developing its careers strategy and expanding links with industry.

This has involved taking on board recent government policies and initiatives developing an offer that provides the best possible outcomes for students. The strategy has been written so that it's accessible to parents, employers and students.

In 2018 the Sell Worthy Gifts enterprise was founded, which is going from strength to strength. Sell Worthy Gifts sell a range of quality products, cards and crafts. It supports the school's careers and vocational learning programme helping students prepare for the world of work through meaningful work experience. Some of these products have been sold in the SEN.seSATIONAL! pop-up shops in Taunton and Yeovil.

During their recent Futures Week, students took part in a wide range of careers-related learning that helped raise aspirations including visits from the local fire and police service, inspirational speaks and a Futures Fair.



Schools pack updated

This term the Schools Inclusion Pack has been updated to include two documents.

Firstly, the Role of the Class teacher in supporting SEND and secondly, the first of the SMILE documents (supporting me in learning and education) with a focus on transition and changes.

The SMILE document has been co-produced by the Unstoppables, Somerset Parent Carer Forum, Education, Health and Social Care and offers support for young people and those working with them to ensure all work together to provide appropriate care and support for transitions and changes.

All the Schools Inclusion Pack documents, including the recent updates are available via [Professional Choices](#) in the SEND section.

[For information on Selworthy careers development visit here.](#)



Our superpowers can help overcome the barriers

The Unstoppables forum is a group of young people with special educational needs and or disabilities who meet every month to have their voice heard and help to make changes in Somerset.

In a recent meeting, The Unstoppables took part in a superhero themed session.

In small teams they talked about how their additional needs can challenge them and created a barrier wall after sharing their personal experiences as a group.



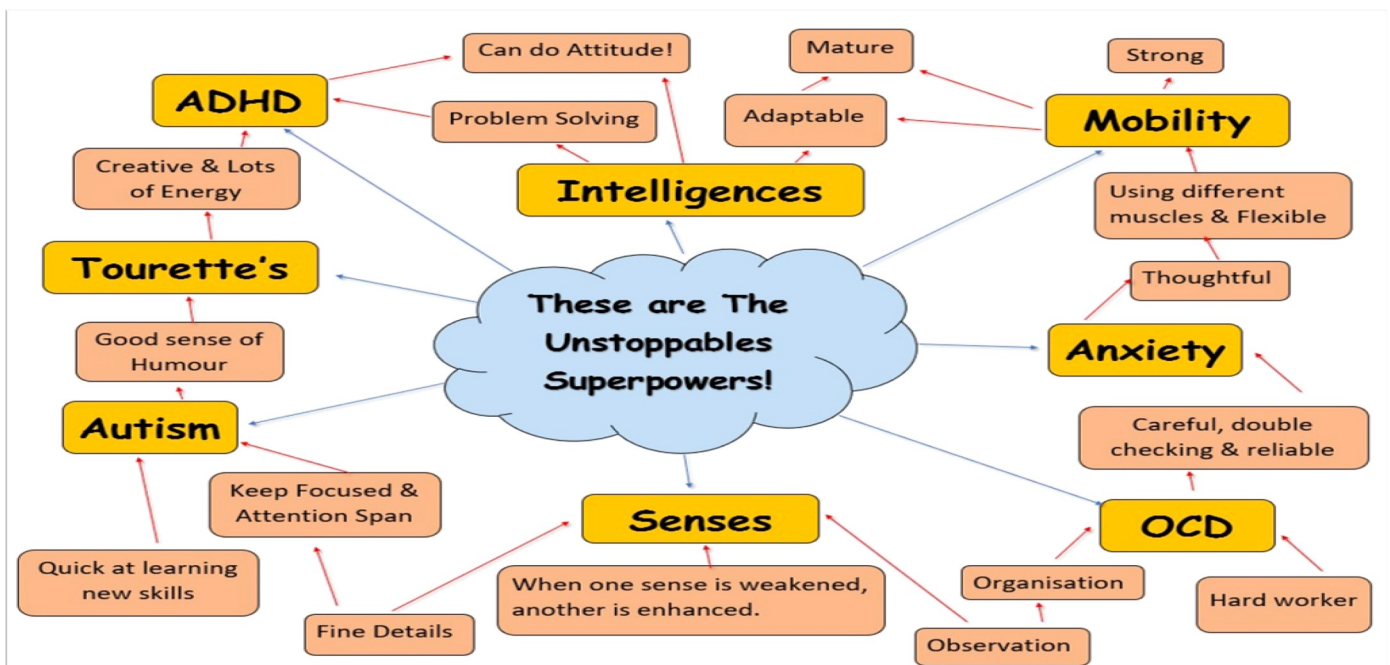
They then went on to talk about their superpowers and how their challenges can also give them superhero strengths.

We felt that lots of these challenges might be the same for other children and young people, so we will be working on how to overcome some of these throughout the year. Do you

have any superpowers you want to share with us? Get in touch with the team!

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Brean Play putting on SEND evening

There's a session on offer for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities at Brean Play on Sunday 28 April.

There will be exclusive use of the facility from 4.45pm to 6.30pm, all ages of children catered for and young adults are welcome.

There's also a disco between 5-5.30pm and there will be a quiet room. If it's successful this could be a monthly event. It's £5.50 for adults—carers free. Email play@brean.com

