



Marlborough News

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The Marlborough
Science Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers

As we break for half term, I am very pleased to see a beautiful blue sky and there is a little bit of spring in the air; January is always a month I am glad to see the back of.

As always, it's been an action packed half term with much within this newsletter to reflect on, new initiatives, fabulous learning and great opportunities.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the 'toilets' situation and I can only thank you all for your communications either sharing the good news or the bad news. We do have a short-term plan; the short-term plan will be highlighted in a separate communication once I have raised it with Student Parliament and the long-term plan involves the installation of 20 single unisex cubicles around the school offering privacy and a much more humane provision for our young people of today.

As always at the end of a half term we bid farewell to staff; in this instance we thank Mrs Freeman for all she has done to support the school pastorally and with attendance; she is heading off to pastures new and we wish her much happiness.

Our two external Quality Assurance visits this half term have been resoundingly positive; both visitors commented on how delightful our students are, saw no poor behaviour and across the board saw fabulous teaching.

Miss Crook is working hard to ensure a strong and supportive package is in place to support Year 11 & 13 learners and after a period whereby a lot of staff and indeed students have fallen foul of Covid, I am hopeful that a longer half term than usual will allow some rest and healing.

So once again many thanks for all your continued support, I do hope for everyone the next few days sees some kindness, fun and good health.

Take care

Ms A Thomson
Headteacher

English Stars of the Month for January

The following students have been recognised by their English teacher for their hard work, consistent effort and pleasing work in January.

**Laila Khan 7MO, Summer Woodward 8AR, Kelsey Winsor 10RV,
Amy Bilson 12SL, Ben Matthews 11BA, Mollie Page 7FW, Jack Gowers
8VL, Lily Searl 9EM, Madison Mira 10AS, Sophie Silson 11LL, Honey
Smyth 13LT, Evie Summers 12SL, Billy Hicks 11BA, Isobel Garman 9EA,
Ella Holt 8SK, Ben Coleman 11FC, JJ Cole 11LB, Emma Pinchbeck 12SF,
Lauren Cropper 13PA, Mara Boghean 7JI,
Charlie Healy 7FW, Thomas Cripps 8DB,
Rhyen Sehjal 9TA, Emily Carter 10HA,
Grace Cleaton 11BA, Mio Evans 8EM,
Katie Storey-Brown 10RV,
Abbie Bierman 11KS, Clark Annadale 7FW,
Lindsay Hagger 8SK, Kristjian Pavov 9LW,
Jamie Wlorarczyk 10RV, Byron Chalk 11JG,
Arbel Lifshitz 7MO, Emiliano Capolaretto 7LO,
Bernard Hornsby 8AP, Gracii Collins 9EA, Evie Cussans 10CG,
Leo Turner 11JG**

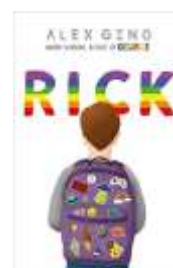
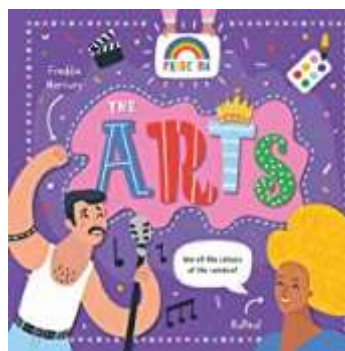
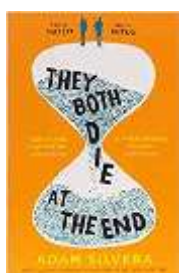


LGBT+ History Month

February is LGBT+ History month. This is a time for the LGBT+ community to raise awareness of their community, 'to claim the past, celebrate the present and create the future. As part of this month, throughout February, we at The Marlborough Science Academy are raising awareness and showcasing various LGBT+ individual representatives through assemblies, badges, posters and curriculum links and other activities.



[Here](#) is a link to some of the LGBT+ books available in the LRC



Art News

On Wednesday 24th November Year 12 and Year 13 art students visited The Curwen Print Study Centre in Cambridge, a professional print studio for practising artists using traditional printing techniques and presses. These are a few of the pieces created by our students that will form part of their A level portfolios.



Miriam Iuga 12SL



Serena Chikhlia 13CJ



Megan Tonkin 13SR



Lily Oates 12JM



Jenna Hutton 13CJ



Kofi Kyei-Boadu 12SL



Amy Ben 12EW



Sophie Weatherill 12SF

The Science Section

Science Stars of the Month

The students below have been recognised by their teachers as standing out in Science lessons this month. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work, effort and attainment.

Bradley Masoero	11AK
Edith Sarrington	9EM
Oliver Farmer	9EM
Katie Albert	10HA
Claramae Collins	10AS
Gethin Goold	7LO



Science in the News

The James Webb Telescope

The James Webb Space Telescope is the largest, most powerful space telescope ever built. It was launched on Christmas Day and has been moving into position in a far orbit around the Earth.

It will allow scientists to look at what our universe was like about 200 million years after the Big Bang. The telescope will be able to capture images of some of the first galaxies ever formed. It will also be able to observe objects in our solar system from Mars and look inside dust clouds to see where new stars and planets are forming and examine the atmospheres of planets orbiting other stars.



Look forward to seeing some amazing images of the Universe in the next few months.

You can follow it at <https://www.jwst.nasa.gov/index.html>

The Science Section continued

Scientist of the Month

Sara Josephine Baker (1873-1945)

Doctor Jo, as she was known, was the first director of New York's Bureau of Child Hygiene and a pioneer in public-health. At the beginning of the 20th century, New York City was in a health crisis, caused primarily by the poverty and unsafe conditions of the tenement slums. It is estimated that [4500 people were dying every week](#) from preventable illnesses such as dysentery, typhoid and diphtheria.

Some of the most infamous pandemics of the time were the Typhoid outbreaks of 1906, which were traced back to one Irish cook, often referred to as Typhoid Mary. While she displayed no symptoms herself, Mary was spreading Typhoid through food she was preparing for others. Dr Baker was

dispatched to explain the dangers to the cook and, eventually, arranged for her to be quarantined as a carrier of the bacteria *Salmonella Typhi*.

Throughout her career, Baker pioneered programs which focused on disease prevention and education. She was passionate about developing the public understanding of science and promoting safe childcare practices.

<https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/stories/lgbt-people-stem> - last accessed 4th Feb 2022



Stationery Shop

Did you know that stationery equipment can be bought from the Finance Department?

Biro—black/blue	10p
Compass	25p
Colouring pencils (pack of 12)	£1.50
Eraser	10p
Glue stick	48p
Handwriting pen (Black)	25p
Scientific Calculators (Casio)	£9.75



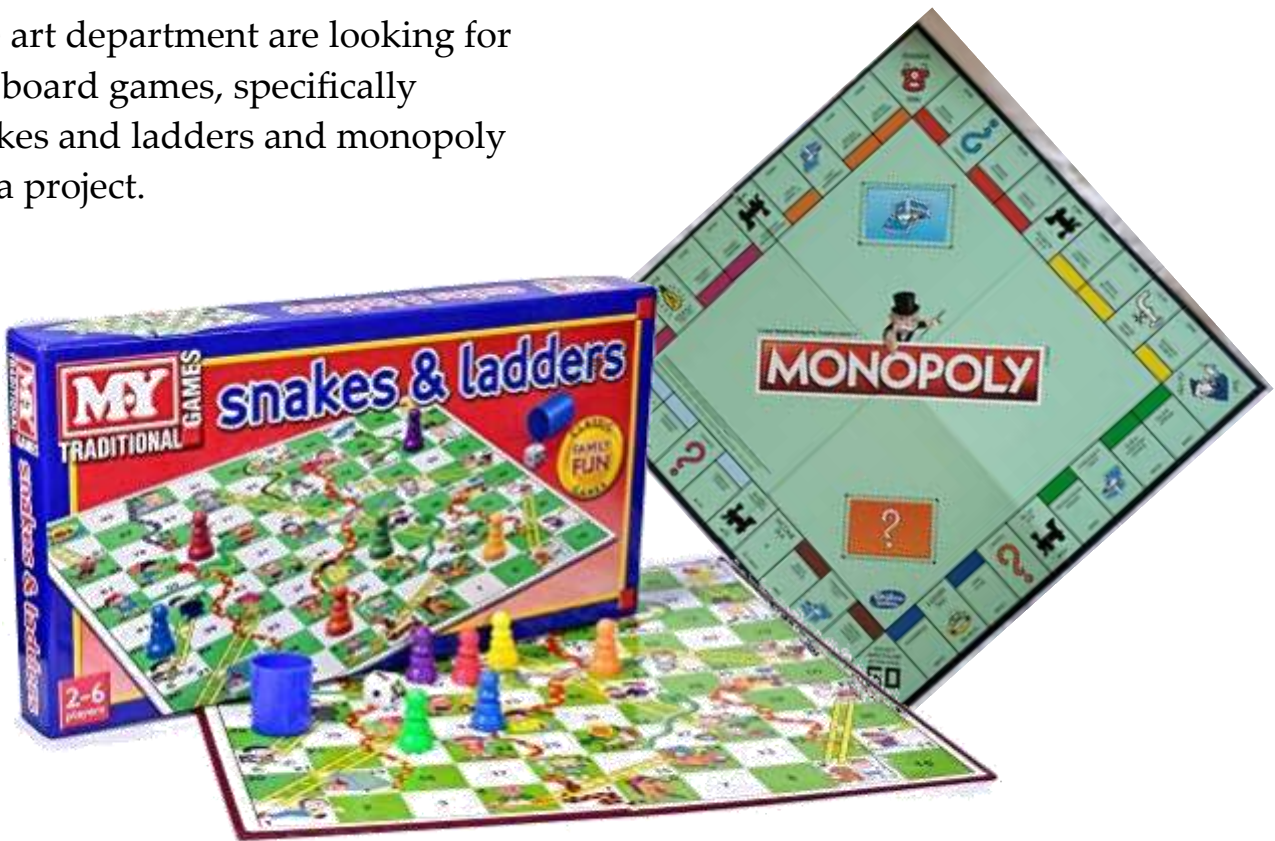
Set square	10p
Pencil	10p
Pencil case	85p
Pencil Sharpener	20p
Protractors (Semi circular)	10p
Ruler (15cm)	10p
Ruler (30cm)	15p



Request for Donations

Do you have any old board games looking for a new home?

The art department are looking for old board games, specifically snakes and ladders and monopoly for a project.



Can you help?

St. Peter's Church London Colney are planning an Easter and Spring Cascade.... we are asking for people to make knitted, felt or crocheted flowers, bees,



butterflies etc which can be delivered to the Church by Thursday 3rd March - a box will be left outside the Church door during the day. Knitting and felt kits are available from the Co-op funeral directors in London Colney High Street and the corner of White Horse Lane at £2 each but your own unique design would be amazing. These will then be sewn onto fruit netting donated by Ayletts Garden centre and hung from the front of the Church by the Fire Brigade in time for Easter.

I will arrange some publicity and any participating Schools, groups etc will be mentioned.

When the netting comes down people can choose a flower in memory of a loved one for a suggested donation of £5 each which will be given to them for a keepsake.

If you require more information call Jo Ivory on 01727 568552





The Marlborough
Science Academy
'shaping futures'

The Marlborough Science Academy

invites you to attend our

Apprenticeship, Careers &

Higher Education Fair

Wednesday 2nd March 2022

5.00pm – 8.00pm

Da Vinci Hall & LRC

*This is an opportunity to find out more about
apprenticeships and what training providers and
companies have on offer.*



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Email: admin@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.themarboroughscienceacademy.co.uk

Fair Exhibitors

Amthal

Army Outreach

Falmouth University

Health and Care Academy

NHS

Herts Fire and Rescue

MBDA

Oaklands College

Oxford Brookes University

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

Services for Young People

Specsavers

The Waterman Group

Visit the stands and explore the opportunities available.

We look forward to seeing you.

The Marlborough Science Academy production of Matilda



ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Book by
Dennis Kelly

Music and Lyrics by
Tim Minchin

22nd - 25th March 2022
7pm in Da Vinci Hall

Tickets available on gateway

£5 students and concessions

£8 Adults

£20 family (2x adult and 2 children OR 1x adult and 3 children)

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe)

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe www.mtishows.co.uk

LRC News

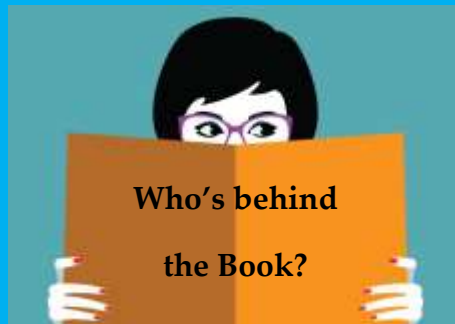
Book Week—Monday 28th February—Friday 4th March

Our annual Book Week is fast approaching! There will be lots of events and competitions running all week in the LRC including:

Literary Pairs Game



Who's behind
the Book?



Potato or Paper Roll book character competition



Student Book Cover Design Competition

Your
design
here



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner



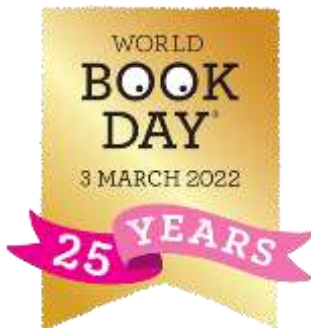
...so lots of opportunities for all students and staff to get involved. Staff will also be displaying posters to share what they are reading.

Staff House Book Cover Competition



LRC News

Book Week—Monday 28th February—Friday 4th March



There will also be a second hand book sale running at lunchtimes in the LRC. Any donations for this will be gratefully received.



All Year 7 students will receive one of the special £1 World Book Day books.

All Year 8 and 9 students will receive a £1 book token.



The week will finish with a visit from performance poet Adisa the Verbalizer for Year 7 students.

Click on the image to see Adisa's performance of his poem Pablo Fanque which tells the story of the first Black British circus owner whose popular show ran for over 30 years in Victorian Britain.



LRC News

Accelerated Reader

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are enrolled in a reading scheme called Accelerated Reader. Students take a comprehension test to assess their reading ability and this helps to guide them to select appropriate reading material. When students finish a book on the scheme they can take a short online quiz to check their understanding of what they have read. Students earn house points for each quiz that they pass.



Students can take Accelerated Reader book quizzes at home Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 6pm. The link for Renaissance Learning, who host the quizzes, is in the useful links section of the school website. Students should know their username and password but if they have forgotten they can contact me on s.nixon@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

The top ten readers so far this year are:

1. Bernard Hornsby 8AP—3,580,755 words read
2. Marielle Pollard 8RT—1,899,590 words read
3. Jacob Jennings 8AP—1,880,622 words read
4. Toby Davies 9KA—1,793,501 words read
5. Sarah Kaya 8AP—1,729,283 words read
6. Lewis Cleaton 9EM—1,722,142 words read
7. Oliver Tomlins 8VL—1,469,267 words read
8. Arbel Lifshitz 7MO—1,433,256 words read
9. Harrison Blackford 9EM—1,319,033 words read
10. Beatrice Blackford 7JI - 1,242,094 words read

This Week's Quote of the Week

" One love, one heart, one destiny!"

(Bob Marley)

Word of the Week

daft: adjective – crazy, silly, absurd and foolish

Value of the Week

Compassion

Careers Information

VIRTUAL EMPLOYER ENCOUNTERS

Webinars for students



In order to facilitate some meaningful encounters with employers during the pandemic Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership are running a series of live webinars for students covering a range of careers and industries.

The webinars take place on Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm. To access the webinar students will be asked to register via GotoWebinar – the process will be managed by Hertfordshire LEP.

All webinars are recorded and made available to view [here](#). You do not need to register to watch the recordings.

Our focus this newsletter is on careers in medicine. Click on the image right to see the webinar.

Subjects have included:

A Business Apprenticeship

Physiotherapy

Engineering

Life Sciences/Pharmaceuticals

Construction

Film & Media Production

Nursing

Sports Coaching

Bricklaying



CAREERS IN MEDICINE

Hear from an NHS Junior Doctor from Lister Hospital, Stevenage discussing careers in medicine and his journey from GCSEs, A Levels, medical school and more!

More details can be found on the HOP (Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal) website below <https://www.hopinto.co.uk/explore-careers/webinars/virtual-employer-encounters/>

Careers News

UCFB Visit

Year 12 students were given an opportunity to visit UCFB — University Campus of Football Business at Wembley Stadium and experience a taster seminar session. UCFB delivers degree courses in sports business, media and broadcasting. This proved to be a very informative and successful visit.



Mrs Rutherford



Job Opportunity



The Marlborough Science Academy is seeking to appoint Exam Invigilators to assist the school Exams Officer in the supervision and invigilation of all examinations. You will predominantly be supporting/invigilating on a 1 to 1 or small group basis but occasionally may be asked to invigilate in a larger venue. The main exam periods that you will be required are October, November, March, May and June and you will need to be available from 8:30am for morning exams and from 12.45pm for afternoon exams, some of which may not finish until 4:30pm. Other ad hoc sessions may be available during the academic year. Full training will be provided.

This is an exciting opportunity to join our team at this popular 11-18 secondary school. Candidates need to enjoy working with young people, be well organised and have good communication and inter-personal skills. Previous experience would be an advantage but not essential as training will be provided.

Hourly Rate £9.77 (Including holiday pay)

Closing date for applications Monday 21st February at 9.00am

To learn more about what it is like to work at our school please see our recruitment film at <http://www.themarboroughscienceacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Job+Opportunities&pid=77#>

If you would like to visit our school please contact Ann Tyson HR administrator on 01727 731395 a.tyson@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

The school supports and promotes the safeguarding of children and is an equal opportunities employer.

References will be sought prior to interview. This vacancy will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and successful candidates will be required to provide evidence of the right to work in the UK.

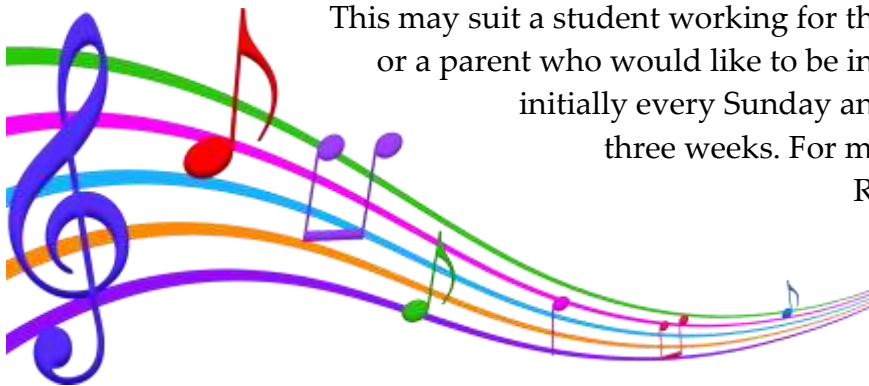
Community News

Can you help?

St. Peter's Church London Colney requires a reliable person, student or parent to help with Sunday morning service music from 9.30 to 11am approximately.

This may suit a student working for their Duke of Edinburgh award, or a parent who would like to be involved. Training will be given initially every Sunday and thereafter once every two or three weeks. For more information please contact

Revd Pat Jones on 01727 370569



 **St Peter's Church**
London Colney



Free Playing Out Information Sessions



Make your street a place to play and meet

Weds 23rd February 8pm or Mon 28th February 11am

on Zoom

Book via <https://playingoutstainfo.eventbrite.co.uk>

Find out how to apply to close your street to through traffic for play and community building up to 8 times a year at one of these free, informal sessions with the Playing Out St Albans District team.

www.sustainablestalbans.org/playingout | playingout@sustainablestalbans.org



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**Alban Federation**
School-based training. Inspiring teachers

WANT TO BECOME A TEACHER? THEN WE WANT TO MEET YOU!

Interested in becoming a teacher in St Albans, Harpenden and the surrounding area? To find out more about the School Direct route come along to our virtual information event.



Wednesday 23rd March
Online Webinar (register for the link)
5.30pm -6.45pm



01727 799560 Ext 4217



afgtpenquiries@sandringham.herts.sch.uk
www.albanfederation.com



Register <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/243724706157>



"The School Direct route provides you with a huge amount of time in the classroom, working with an experienced mentor who nurtures you into becoming a confident teacher."

Primary Trainee 2019/20

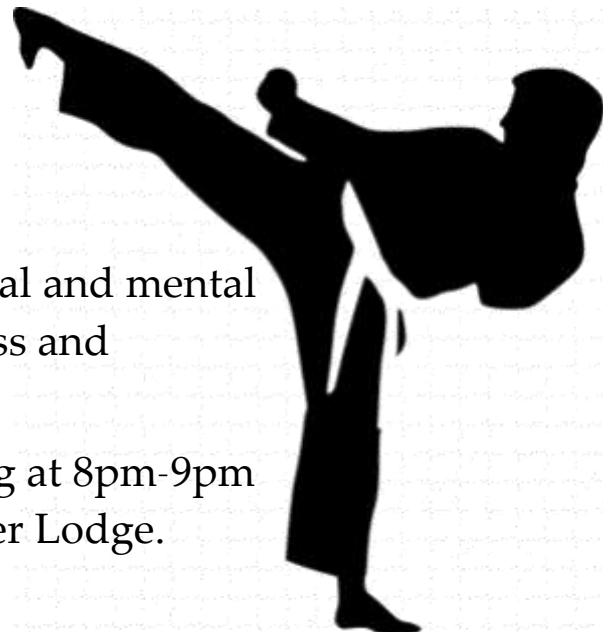
Martial Arts for Teenagers!

Tang Soo Do classes run by
Master Meakins 7th Dan black belt
and ex pupil of the school.

Come along to improve your physical and mental wellbeing by building up your fitness and confidence.

Class details: Every Monday evening at 8pm-9pm
on Court 1, Main Hall at Westminster Lodge.

Price £7



Parent and Carer Support TALKING ASD & ADHD Workshops ADDED SPRING 2022 DATES DUE TO DEMAND

For parents and carers of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

ANXIETY and STRESS

We will help you to learn about:

- The difference between stress and anxiety.
- Understanding anxiety related conditions amongst young people with ASD and/or ADHD.
- How to spot the non-verbal signs of stress.
- Common triggers amongst neurodiverse children.
- What an anxious child needs to feel safe and how to provide this.
- Strategies to engage an anxious or stressed child.
- The early warning signs of mental health problems.
- Where to access further help and support, locally and nationally.

RESPONDING TO ANGER

We will help you to learn about:

- The difference between healthy & unhealthy anger.
- The pattern that anger takes and how to spot the non-verbal signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them.
- How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping ourselves, our child and siblings safe.
- Where to access further help and support, both locally and nationally.



Sessions will be run over Zoom so you will need access to a device such as a phone, tablet or computer with a speaker or headphones. We will help you get set up if you haven't used Zoom before. No special skills are needed.



**Wednesday 16th March
12.30 – 2.30pm**

**Workshop 496 Pre-booking
essential via Eventbrite Link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-and-adhd-anxiety-and-stress-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-224518449727>



**Monday 7th March
7.30-9.30pm**

**Workshop 494 Pre-booking
essential via Eventbrite Link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-and-adhdresponding-to-anger-for-parentscarers-in-herts-494-registration-223523293187>

**Monday 28th March
12.30 – 2.20pm**

**Workshop 495 Pre-booking
essential via Eventbrite Link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-and-adhdresponding-to-anger-for-parentscarers-in-herts-495-registration-224514828897>

info@supportinglinks.co.uk
www.supportinglinks.co.uk

Follow on:



Families Feeling Safe

Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

**ONLINE course
starting
February 2022**

**A FREE course for Dads,
Step-Dads and Male Carers**



**Tuesday evenings Online
7.30pm - 9.00pm**

22 Feb, 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 March 2022

Sessions will run on Zoom



Please like us on Facebook for further updates @familiesfeelingsafe

Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life? This course can help you to

- Understand the links between Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on your own and your child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe and have problem-solving skills for life

"I wish I had done the course sooner"

Places are funded by HCC for families in Hertfordshire and there are eligibility criteria.

For eligibility and to book your FREE place please

Email: enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk

Tel: 07748 332606



Families Feeling Safe Protective Behaviours Services has been funded through HCC to provide Families Feeling Safe programmes across Hertfordshire. We deliver Protective Behaviours training for professionals and provide programmes and workshops to children and their families. www.familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk E-mail: enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk

Family Support



Time to Talk about Pre-Teens and Teens

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated in the wake of Covid-19? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Or do you have a FFA/CIN/CP? Join our free online group for valuable advice and help on how to support and manage their behaviour.

When: Wednesday 23 February to 30 March

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

OR

When: Wednesday 23 February to 30 March

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700 or 8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

We build better family lives together

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Term Dates

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022 to Thursday 31st March 2022

Half term

Monday 14th February 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022

School closure in lieu of extra Spring Bank Holiday—Monday 21st February 2022

Inset Day - Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Wednesday 20th July 2022

Half term

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Bank Holidays - Monday 2nd May 2022

Thursday 2nd June 2022

Friday 3rd June 2022

Autumn Term 2022

Inset Day—Thursday 1st September

Friday 2nd September

Monday 5th September 2022—Tuesday 20th December 2022

Half term

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

If you have any questions and are not sure who to ask
please click here for the [general enquiry form](#)



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