

# **SUMMERS ARRIVED**

It's hard to believe that we are in the last term of the 2023-24 academic year! This summer newsletter celebrates the personal achievements of our children and young people through the inspiring story of a former Brent student training to participate in the Paralympics, and the successful **Deaf and Hearing Impairment Conference which highlighted** the voices of young people successfully transitioning into young adults.

This newsletter also provides information on a range of support services to children, young people, parents and carers and schools available through the Inclusion Support Team and the Local Offer, the Early Years Inclusion Support Team, Brent Parent Carer Forum, Family Wellbeing Centres and Rise Partnership Trust.

Lastly, we've listed below events and activities on offer for children and young people with SEND across the borough during the summer holiday period that we are sure they will enjoy!

Wishing you all a good summer holiday break when it comes – I hope the sun keeps shining! Best wishes, Shirley.

Shirley Parks Director, Education, Partnerships and Strategy



## LOCAL OFFER UPDATES

Brent's Local Offer <u>www.brent.</u> <u>gov.uk/localoffer</u> provides information and advice for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0-25 and their families in one place. It sets out what support is available for 0-25 year olds with SEND including activities, information that explains local provision and where to go for independent advice.

Information on the Local Offer is continually updated to ensure the information is accessible, up to date and relevant. We are currently working in partnership with key partners from the health sector and social care as well as Brent Parent Carer Forum in order to review and update the Health and Wellbeing and Social Care sections on the Local Offer.

We are also in the process of reviewing the navigation and flow of information on the Local Offer page. If you want to be part of this work, then please contact Admin at Brent Parent Carer Forum **admin@brentpcf. org** to join the workstream and testing groups.

#### SEND TRAINING OFFER TO SCHOOLS

The Inclusion Service offers a range of training for schools in relation to supporting children and young people with SEND at a universal/whole school level. This includes INSET training around the graduated approach/ordinarily available offer and high-quality teaching. Other courses and support include SENCO Induction, Early Care Teacher SEND Training, SEND Governance training and the SENCO Forum and Sex and Relationships Education/ Relationship, Sex and Health



Education network meetings.

In addition to this, we commission training in core areas – for example, Makaton and SCERTS on a needs led basis for our Schools and settings. Further information on how to register and book SEND specific training will be shared with schools and is available on Best Brent.

## EARLY YEARS INCLUSION SUPPORT TEAM

The Early Years Inclusion Support Team are working with Early Years Providers to promote neurodiversity affirming approaches to language and practice. The team are currently undertaking training with Early Education, and as a result, have developed the Brent EY 'Vision of Affirmation', which links well with Brent's ongoing 'Vision of Celebration' that looks at young children's emerging needs from a strengths-based viewpoint. We have already started sharing this learning with settings across the borough via the Early Years SENCO Forum and have received extremely positive feedback from the

providers and SENCOs. As always in the Summer Term, supported transition is our top priority. The transition documents have been refreshed in collaboration with Brent Parent Carer Forum and SENCOs. These documents have now been updated and disseminated for use. Please do not hesitate to contact the EY Inclusion Support Team at any point if you would like any support or have any questions on supported transition this year. We are encouraging settings to contact schools at the earliest point and many EY SENCOs are already busy completing the transition documents.

Finally, we are delighted that EY SENCOs had been invited to join the school SENCOs at the last forum meeting in June for part of the session to encourage further networking and information sharing. This was also aimed at supporting settings and schools located close to each other across the borough to connect.

For further information please contact Hatty Besley at Hatty.Besley@brent.gov.uk or give her a call on 020 8937 5828.

## **DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRMENT** CONFERENCE 1 MAY 2024

During the Deaf Awareness Week, from 29 April to 3 May, Brent Deaf and Hearing Support Service (BDHSS) organised a Deaf awareness conference on 1 May, jointly with Harrow.

It was a very special event which brought together parents and carers, leading experts, educators and young deaf people together to explore the unique challenges faced by deaf students and their families, as well as, their achievements from childhood to adulthood.

The conference opened with Leanne Chorekdjian-Jojaghaian, Lead Qualified Teacher of the Deaf at Kingsbury Green Primary School, presenting Deaf Role Models and Literature, focusing on the importance for children and their families to engage and enjoy literature with D/deaf characters.

This was followed by presentations from the National Deaf Children Society (NDCS); a very dedicated charity for families and professionals alike, which highlighted all the support available to D/deaf children and young people and their families. They shared resources and events where our deaf children and young people can get together to explore their deaf identity and have fun doing so including many exciting activities, from outdoor climbing, canoeing, and orienteering to arts & craft as well as drama. Subsequently, both the Brent and Harrow Audiology and Speech and Language professionals introduced their services and gave invaluable strategies aimed at developing speech and language for pre-school, primary and secondary school-aged children and young people.

Another important theme covered during the conference was self-advocacy, which encourages D/deaf children and young people to take active roles in representing and communicating their own needs and rights.

The highlight of the conference was giving young people, parents and carers the opportunity to share their experiences of dealing with D/ deafness from the uncertainty of the first diagnosis to their positive acceptance and successful journeys. They were all appreciative of the dedicated and specialist support they had received throughout the years from their Advisory Teachers of the Deaf, audiologists and Speech and Language Therapists, who empowered them, ensuring there were no barriers to their

achievements and the realisation of their dreams. It was very inspirational to see our deaf young people transitioning so successfully into adulthood and becoming accomplished professionals and university students, achieving as well as their hearing peers.

In summary, it was a real celebration and a chance to recognise the achievements of our children and young people and underscore the essential role of dedicated support services, such as BDHSS, in their success. The conference showcased the importance of community and specialist support in breaking down barriers and fostering achievement for D/deaf people, a journey that all involved continue to make

on a day to day basis, beyond the public face of conferences like this one. We thank all who took part and look forward to organising another one next year!



#### UPDATES FROM BRENT VISION IMPAIRMENT SERVICE

Gemma is an ex-Brent student who was supported by the Brent Vision Impairment Service and after completing her degree in Child Development and Playwork, she now works at Moorfields Eye Hospital. Over the past few months, she has been involved in the Vision Impairment Para Triathlon. After she attended a 'find your Paralympic potential day' back in November 2023, she tried all different sports and met the British Triathlon team.

Gemma was then invited to an athlete search day in Loughborough, with the British triathlon team and was accepted into phase 2 of their potential athlete search. She then took part in her first race back in March 2024 which was a Duathlon (run, bike, run) and met an amazing guide and secured in second place!

Following this she was invited to a training camp weekend in Loughborough, where she learnt different oultonpark.co.uk OultonPark OultonPark oultonPark

techniques while training with other athletes with a vision impairment, as well as athletes with physical disabilities at the academy.

After the weekend she was then asked to join Team GB's professional pathway Academy for the next 6 months to try the sport out and to see if this is what she wants to do. She is now on the first part of the pathway with the end goal to train and eventually participate in the next 4-8 years, be it the LA 2028 or Brisbane 2032 Paralympic Games. Good luck Gemma!

# UNLOCK OPPORTUNITIES WITH SOCIAL CARE AND FURTHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS!

Are you a parent or carer of someone with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND), or an individual with SEND looking for support? We have great news for you! Social Care and Further Education Pathways offers a complimentary, voluntary service designed to help SEND individuals thrive and achieve meaningful employment.

#### **Our Commitment**

Our mission is to support and empower SEND individuals across the seven boroughs of the West London Alliance: Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, and Hounslow. We are dedicated to enhancing well-being and opening doors to new opportunities.

#### Eligibility

To join our program, you need to:

- Be 18 years or older with SEND or a social care need
- Live in one of the West London boroughs
- Be known to adult social services with a disability
- Not be required to attend Jobcentre Plus (JCP) or at risk of JCP sanctions

We also provide essential support to the families and carers, ensuring everyone involved receives the help they need.

#### How to Join

We offer flexible referral options, including self-referrals. This means you can take control and reach out to us directly if that works best for you.

#### **Contact Information**

Email: scfepathways@shawtrust.org.uk Phone: 0808 134 6215 Website: <u>https://shawtrust.org.</u> <u>uk/social-care-and-further-</u> <u>education-pathways</u>

Our friendly admin team aims to get in touch with you within two working days.

Take the first step toward a brighter, more supported future. Join us at Social Care and Further Education Pathways and let's build a path to success together!



## THE RISE PARTNERSHIP TRUST'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Rise Partnership Trust Love \* Learn \* Laugh

Neuroinclusivity: within and beyond the school years.

We are delighted to invite professionals and families to join us on Saturday 6 July, 9am-12.30pm, at The Avenue School for our annual conference. Join us for a dynamic conference that explores ways to create more inclusive environments and celebrate the richness of neurodiversity. Learn from a range of speakers who will share their professional and personal insights.

Please click on <u>https://</u> docs.google.com/forms/d/ e/1FAIpQLSduwaB7-yZZ0ETGH e4no5SCDXzNSIjXHOxecg\_9IH gIS60M6g/viewform to register using the form. Further information on the speakers will be released on our social media platforms:

Manor School Instagram https://www.instagram.com/ manorschldn/

The Avenue Instagram https://www.instagram.com/ avenueschbrent/

X <u>https://twitter.com/</u> <u>TheRisePT</u>

For more information, please contact **bookings@** therisepartnershiptrust.co.uk.

#### **BRENT YOUTH FORUM**

The Brent Youth Forum is now up and running and we are excited to say that since the issue of the initial survey we have received over 30 responses from young people who would like to participate in the forum. We can only hope for more! Young people with SEND aged 14-25 can still join the forum. Please contact Project Officer Natalie Bissah at **Natalie.bissah@brent.gov.uk** or **07920 834 819**.

We surveyed young people with SEND to find out how they would like to be involved with activities within Brent and what they would like to talk or learn about. In response, we organised



a Healthy Living Event which featured providers (BeeZee Families, Disability Sports Coach and the Inclusion WEST team) discussing the benefits of leading a healthy lifestyle in terms of eating well, mental wellbeing and physical activity.

This event was held on 20th March and feedback from those who attended was positive. A Healthy Eating Session will be held again this summer so please look out for information to book this event via Eventbrite.

The Youth Frum will also continue in the vein of promoting good health through participating in a borough-wide, health-based event. If young people are interested in finding out about this, then please do get in contact.

The next area of focus for the forum will be the Education Healthcare Plan and how to make it clearer and more effective for parents/young people with SEND to view the 20-week process timeline and beyond.

#### **CAREERS FAIR**

The Careers Fair: Branching Out event will be returning this year in the autumn. We are looking forward to this following last year's event which saw over 100 young people with SEND in attendance with more than

#### WEST LONDON'S BIGGEST JOBS FAIR IS BACK!

Tuesday 16 July 2024 sees the return of The Brent Works Wembley Jobs Fair at Wembley Stadium.

Ready for a new challenge? Join us at Wembley Stadium to hear from over 200 companies with exciting job and apprenticeship opportunities.

From The FA to Żest Eco, this is a unique chance to meet with employers face-to-face to find out all about their current vacancies and apply directly.

The Council's flagship event will be brought to you in partnership with Howarth Homes, Pladis, The FA and Jobcentre Plus this year is set to be our biggest fair yet.

So, whether you're looking for a new job or apprenticeship, interested in a course or getting some careers advice – don't miss out!

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30 providers supporting the event. Contributors from various sectors; Colleges, Employment, Theatre and Sports and were on hand to give advice to parents along with interactive and informative workshops. The event will be delivered in partnership with Prospects (Shaw Trust) and will be most likely held during the evening. Please ensure you look out for information for the event in the coming months as it is surely an event not to be missed.



Last year's event was a sellout – so make sure you secure your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Last year we had over 150+ employers and 7400+ residents attend.

This year we are going Bigger and Better!!!

Keep a look out for more

news on the Businesses, Colleges and Universities who will be attending and how our residents can get involved. Ages 18+ Tickets available at Brent Works Jobs Fair at Wembley Stadium-Tuesday 16 July 2024 Tickets, at 10:00 AM Eventbrite

# Wembley Jobs Fair

Meet 150+ employers

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#### THE BRENT VISION IMPAIRMENT SERVICE REACHED OUT TO AN ADULT TO SHARE THEIR STORY WITH US: 'MOBILITY & INDEPENDENCE: MY JOURNEY'.

#### Name Anonymous Age 22 Interests

I'm interested in all things Psychology. I'm also interested in the world of visual impairment and doing some mentoring with visually impaired young people.

#### **Future aspirations** To become a psychologist.

Visual Condition Cone-rod dystrophy

#### How does your vision impairment affect you in your daily life?

I am unable to read small print or see things from a distance. I am unable to see in low light conditions and at night.

## At what age were you first taught how to use a long cane?

I began long-cane training sessions on using a long cane when I was in Year 8, so when I was 14.

At what age did you start to choose to use a long cane? I'm not at the stage of needing to use a long cane just yet, but I do use a symbol cane and take it with me whenever I go out. What changed your mind or made you think differently? I guess it was going out into the 'big wide world' and seeing for myself that it was something that would make my life easier. What I liked about it was that instead of having to say to someone 'I'm visually impaired', which I didn't mind, having my symbol cane did that for me. If I needed help, I could just take it out and people would come and ask if I needed help as well. I think when we're younger we are so aware of what people will think of us and I know for me and a lot of other visually impaired children, using a cane feels quite scary because you feel like people will stare at you. As I've gotten older, I began to care less about what other people thought and to be honest when you think about it, people are too busy to spend time thinking about you using a cane. So that definitely made me more confident to use it. It made my life easier, wherever I go, whether it's out and about, using public transport or going into a shop. It does all the talking so I don't have to. Tell us about your experience of using a cane so far. What are the pros and cons? I began using it during my second year of university. My first year was online due to the pandemic. It was also my first time using public transport and I would get lost a lot. Using the cane literally saved me and now I take it with me everywhere I go. Even when I'm out with my friends or my mum. It's comforting having it there. So, using the symbol cane has been really positive, it

helped me and got me out

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of some tough situations like being completely lost and not knowing how to get back home. It's enabled me to be more independent but also more confident in asking for help from people out and about. It's not just with travel but also when I go shopping as well.

## What achievements are you particularly proud of?

I like to say that in the end I got there. I went to university and had an amazing time. I became so much more independent and confident when going out. I graduated with a degree in Psychology and that's when I decided to pursue a career as a psychologist. I've recently begun working and although it's from home I do go into the office twice a month which is in Milton Keynes. I can get on the national rail which I thought I would never be able to do by myself.

## What advice would you give younger people with vision impairments?

Every individual is different with their own experiences and backgrounds, but I guess what I would say is that everything will be okay. I would say to be brave, bite the bullet and embrace it. When I was younger, I wanted nothing more than to be like everyone else but now as I've gotten older, I am grateful for my visual impairment, that I'm different from others. Ask yourself 'do you really want to be like everyone else?' or 'would you rather be ordinary or extraordinary'.

#### How has mobility training helped you on your journey to independence?

Without having mobility training I know I wouldn't be where I am now. I wouldn't be confident and independent when leaving the house. It's been the single best thing I've had (along with touch typing) and because of it I'm not stressed or scared about



going out, getting to a new location, using public transport and even going to the shops. I began mobility training when I was little and had it up until I began university. And as I said, I wouldn't be where I am without it, and I am indebted to my amazing mobility officers Rosie and Alice.

## Would you recommend mobility training to other people?

Absolutely! I think it's something all visually impaired people should get as it's essential. It gives assurance that even though you have a sight loss condition, you can go out and be independent. My brother has also had it and we both agree it's vital. I think it's something that visually impaired children need.

#### Any other comments

I will never be able to thank my mobility officers Rosie and Alice for all they have done for me. It's not just about teaching practical life skills like crossing a road safely to going shopping but it's about living life. Not being hindered by your disability and that it's possible to do all the things that sighted people can do.

# Looking for adventure?

# What to learn new skills and have fun?

Experience what it is like to be a Scout by joining our combined Beaver, Cub and Scout Section which meets on Mondays from 6 till 7pm at the Village School, Grove Park, NW9 0JY.

Open to boys and girls aged from 6 till 14 years of age we are an SEND Scout Group with an adapted programme to suit our members needs.

We are inclusive and visionary in what we believe our members can achieve with guidance and support.

We currently have vacancies so if you want to know more about what is involved please get in touch.

For more information regarding signing up your child or joining as a volunteer to help deliver our amazing programme please contact:

Angela.Mayes@brentscouts.org.uk

### www.brentscouts.org.uk/join





#### FAMILY WELLBEING CENTRES

Brent's Family Wellbeing Centres offer services to support the whole family including after school and holiday activities for schoolaged children, sessions for under 5s and a range of parenting support. Family Wellbeing Centres facilitate Saturday SEN

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sessions for families, with confirmed dates for July and August 2024.

Families will need to register with Family Wellbeing Centres and <u>book sessions in advance.</u>

FAMILY WELLBEING CENTRE	DATES
Church Lane Family Wellbeing Centre, Church Lane, Kingsbury NW9 8JD	Saturday 27 July 2024
Alperton Family Wellbeing Centre, Ealing Road, Wembley HA0 4PW	Saturday 17 August 2024

#### NEWS FROM BRENT PARENT CARER FORUM CIC

We are thrilled to let you know that we have been successful in a recent application for a small pot of funding from the Young Brent Foundation Elevate fund. This grant has allowed us to engage a Young Person Participation Consultant.

Her role will be to facilitate and support Brent's services in seeking the views of young people with SEND on how their needs could be met, with a particular focus on the active participation of those young people whose needs may make it harder for them to engage or to be heard.

Her work and findings will together with parental engagement help to inform the development of post 16+ services. She will be attending one of the Brent Parent Carer Forum meetings to keep us updated and I am sure some of you will get to meet her.



#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SEND PARENT CHAMPION?

We are the official strategy voice for families in Brent. We are parent-led and independent. We bring together parents and carers of children and young adults with special educational needs and disabilities living in Brent.

We want you to be our voice in your local community.

We are looking for parents/ carers willing to volunteer 2-5 hours a week and meet with other parents telling them about services for children and young people with SEND through various avenues. There are lots of different ways you can become involved.

In areas such as:

- Telling parents about Brent Parent Carer Forum (BPCF CIC)the official strategic voice in the Borough of Brent
- Navigating Brents Local Offer
- Support to working parent/ carers
- Understanding access to SEND services
- Childcare and parenting support
- Training a Peer supporters
- Acting as a Parent Rep in one of our mainstream and special schools

#### What are the benefits for you?

- Training to assist you to move toward developing your confidence and skills
- Experience that will support you toward new goals and employment
- You will become better informed and equipped in your own role as parents

• You will receive a small remuneration, regular support and supervision

For more information, please email admin@brentpcf.org. Carol or Mirela Costea mirelasendchampion@gmail. com or phone Carol Foyle Parent Participation Worker on 07852 101 492.

We would like all interested parents to attend two days of training as a parent champion.

#### Monthly Parent Champions session (after forum meetings) are held at Chalk Hill Community Centre and they will be held on

Thursday 18 July 12.30-2.30pm (working lunch)

Thursday 26 September 12.30-2.30pm (working lunch)

Thursday 31 October 12.30-2.30 pm (working lunch)

Thursday 6 November 12.30-2.30pm (working lunch)

Thursday 12 December 12.30-2.30pm (working lunch)

Forum dates for your diaries May-December 2024 Join us on

Thursday 18 July 24. 10-12pm (More details to follow)

#### What to do during the summer? Thursday 26 September 10-12pm Updates-Transport, Preparing for adulthood.

Thursday 31 October 10-12pm, Housing

Thursday 21 November 10-12pm (topic TBC) Thursday 12 December 10-12pm End of Year celebration

Chalk Hill Community Centre Allen Suite The Welford Centre, 113 Chalkhill Road Wembley Park HA9 9FX

Evening online sessions Tuesday 1 October 7-8.30pm Updates Transport, preparing for adulthood.

Wednesday 6 November 7-8.30pm Housing

Tuesday 27 November 7-8.30pm (topic tbc)

Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/ j/3905806354?omn= 89949217107 Meeting ID: 390 580 6354

Please let us know about any issues you have been having during these difficult times be it in education, social, or health and we can try and help and get answers for you.

Your involvement, views and voice are important.

Mobile 07305 145 167 or 07852 101 492

e-mail: admin@brentpcf.org

www.brentpcf.org

Visit Brent's Local Offer for SEND www.brent.gov.uk/localoffer

# SUMMERTIME EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Continue to look on the Local offer for events and activities <u>Local Offer events</u> <u>Brent Council</u> to see what is available over the summer holiday. We will continue to add information to the site, but here are a few events that we are aware of so far.

#### SEN AT PARTYMAN WORLD OF PLAY



Vale Farm Sports & Leisure Centre, Watford Rd, Wembley, HA0 3HG Ages: up to 25 (SEN) Cost: Free (at all other times: £6 per child & 1 free carer ticket) (proof of disability is required e.g. Yellow card, DLA Letter) Partyman World of Play offer complimentary morning and evening sessions dedicated to children and young adults with special educational peeds

adults with special educational needs, with the entire venue exclusively for their use.

#### **Morning Sessions**

These take place from 9-10am on the following dates: Sunday 28 July Sunday 25 August

#### **Evening Sessions:**

These take place on Thursday evenings on the following dates and times: Thursday 4 July 6-8pm Thursday 1 August 4-6pm

For more info, please visit <u>SEN–Partyman World of Play</u>

#### SENSE VIRTUAL BUDDYING BEFRIENDING SERVICE

Make a friend online! Sense's Virtual Buddying is for disabled people of any age in the UK. Chat online or on the phone with your buddy once a week from the comfort of your home. T Find more details here: <u>Virtual Buddying befriending service -</u> Sense



CHANGES NIGHTCLUB The Red Brick Café, The Wealdstone Centre, Harrow, HA3 7AE Age: 18+ Wednesday 10 July 7pm-10pm Cost: £5 Changes is Harrow's first integrated nightclub for people with learning difficulties and their friends. For more

dates/events, please visit: HAD.org.uk - Changes Nightclub

#### JUNIOR ADVENTURES GROUP HOLIDAY CLU

With a mix of sports, energising activities that get children moving, creative sessions that bring out their inner inventor and much more, Junior Adventure Group holiday clubs help children build social, emotional, and interpersonal skills in a safe and exciting environment. There are a series of summer activities taking place in both Vale Farm Sports Centre and Willesden Sports Centre!

#### Vale Farm Sports Centre

Watford Road, Wembley, HA0 3HG Ages: 5-11

Thursday 25 July-Friday 23 August Each activity is individually priced. Call **0808 503 6260** or email

sendco@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk to arrange for a buddy (minimum four weeks' notice).

For more details visit the Vale Farm Sports Centre | Junior Adventures Group UK website.



Thursday 25 July-Friday 23 August Each activity is individually priced. Call 0333 577 1533 or email sendco@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk to arrange for a buddy (minimum 4 weeks' notice). For more details visit the Willesden Sports Centre | Junior Adventures Group UK website.

#### **Moberly Sports Centre**

25 Chamberlayne Road, Kensal Green, NW10 3NB Ages: 5-11 Friday 2 August-Thursday 22 August Each activity is individually priced. Call 0330 031 8156 or email sendco@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk to arrange for a buddy (minimum 4 weeks' notice). For more details visit the Moberly Sports Centre | Junior Adventures Group UK website.

#### **ACCESSIBLE CINEMA**

If you and your child would like to catch a film in an inclusive cinema during the summer break, this is available in Brent.



**The Lexi Cinema** 194b, Chamberlayne Rd, London NW10 3JU

The Lexi cinema offers relaxed and accessible screenings of films.

#### Relaxed screenings

The Lexi cinema screen films from their main programme in a more relaxed environment, with better lighting and lower sound volumes. They indicate if a screening is a Relaxed and Autism friendly screening by marking it as "RS" next to the film's start time.

#### D/deaf cinema-goers

Lexi Cinema's hearing loop has been upgraded to the Dolby Fidelio system, and they have headsets for customers to use in the auditoriums. You can also bring your own earphones if you prefer. Please ask for a device at the box office and let staff know which screen you're heading to so they can tune you in. They run screenings with closed captions regularly, so please check the programme for details. Screenings with closed captions will be marked as "HOH" (hard of hearing) next to the film's start time. 'HI' is used to indicate Hearing Impaired. Dialogue is amplified through a headset at adjustable volume. Units to access this facility are available for all films, at the Box Office. The film will not be subtitled unless also specified.

#### Visually impaired cinema-goers

Audio Description is available for some films. They will indicate if a film has Audio Description available at the bottom of the text on the film's page on the website with 'AD'. You can also ask a member of staff at the Box Office and they will let you know. This is provided through a headset with adjustable volume on request at Box Office for films labelled as such. Guide dogs are welcome.

#### Wheelchair Access

Wheelchair seats can be booked through the booking line **020 3011 5523** open 11am-6pm, Monday-Friday. Outside of **(**)



#### **Cineworld Cinema Wembley**

cineworld.co.uk.

Wembley Park Blvd, Wembley HA9 0FD Cineworld Wembley host autism friendly screenings on the first Sunday of the month. For more information and to book tickets visit Cinema Listings For London - Wembley



**BUBBLE PLANET – WEMBLEY PARK** 

22 Fulton Road, Wembley HA9 0TF Age: all ages welcome. Children under the age of 4 can visit free of charge. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Voyage through a fun-filled world of bubbles in the interactive, multisensory experience Bubble Planet. Jump from one immersive space to the next in this 11-room exhibition as you explore giant bubble spaces, infinity rooms, bubble bath pits, fantastical landscapes, cloud rooms - and even a hot air balloon flight simulator. Dates available throughout July 2024. Opening hours: Monday-Thursday from 10am-8pm (last session at 7pm) Tuesday closed Friday from 10am-9pm (last session at 8 pm) Saturday from 9am to 9pm (last session at 8pm Sunday from 10am to 8pm (last session at 7pm

Duration: approx. 60-90 minutes Cost: starting from £13.90 for children and £17.90 for adults. People with disabilities can pay a reduced price and the accompanying carer is entitled to free admission. Accessibility: The exhibit is wheelchair accessible. The exhibit is also accessible for those who are deaf. Due to the nature of the experience, some parts of this experience may be less suited to customers with physical access requirements. The experience may contain strobe lights.

To learn more about the exhibit and how to book, visit

BUBBLE PLANET London: An Immersive Experience (bubble-planet.com).

#### THE KID'S TABLE AT BOXPARK

Boxpark Wembley, Wembley Park, Wembley HA9 0JT Age: Over 3s Sunday 28 July 12-4pm The Kids' Table team will entertain the

young children with arts, crafts and creative table-top fun on Sundays from 12-4pm. First come, first served and free of charge to Boxpark customers. Spaces are limited. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment.



#### CENTRE FOR ADHD AND AUTISM SUPPORT Ages 14-19

Preparing for Adulthood Social Group Autistic residents of North-West London, A monthly online forum for young autistic people to explore what it means to become an adult. During the teen years there's a lot of talk about 'growing up' and 'being an adult' without really discussing what that means. These monthly sessions will provide a safe place to explore and ask those important questions, work through any worries about 'growing up' and think about what 'being an adult' means. Sign up at

Thinking About Adulthood (office.com)



#### **INFLATANATION**

Unit 1, Colindale Retail Park, 355 Edgware Road, London, NW9 6TH. Age 4+ £13.50 per person (free for carers) Disability friendly sessions: This indoor inflatable theme park offers disability friendly sessions. These sessions are designed specifically for those people on the autistic spectrum and their families to enjoy. Not only does this provide an opportunity for children to have fun and be physically active, but these sessions also provide an opportunity for families to meet other families facing similar paths in a fun and safe environment. To check availability, visit SEN Friendly Sessions

Inflata Nation. Call 0161 710 2360 for further information and booking.

#### FLIP OUT TRAMPOLINING BRENT CROSS

Unit 7, Staples Corner Retail Park, Geron Way, Brent Cross, London NW2 6LW SEND Sessions at Flip out Brent Cross. Every Saturday 9-10am £9 per person Free for carers For more information and bookings, please visit their website North London's Ultimate Indoor Trampoline & Adventure Park! (flipout.co.uk).



#### ENITAN'S GAME – IMMERSIVE THEATRE SHOW

Punchdrunk Enchriment Stores, Wembley Park, HA9 0NL Ages 6-11 Cost £12-£55 Enter a secret world where magic and memory can heal in our new family theatre production, Enitan's Game. Performances are running from 14 June-1 September. Relaxed and British Sign Language performances available. Enitan's Game is wheelchair accessible with door widths of 800mm. To discuss your access needs, book a wheelchair space and free companion ticket, email us at boxoffice@punchdrunkenrichment. org.uk.

Or give a call on **020 7655 0940** 

For booking and further information, please visit Enitan's Game | Punchdrunk Enrichment.

#### AUTISM-FRIENDLY UNDER 5'S RHYME AND STORY TIME

Ealing Road Library, Ealing Road, Wembley, HA0 4BA Age under 5's Friday 12 July 9.30-10am Cost Free

Enjoy songs and stories in a relaxed environment aimed at 0-5 years with additional needs but older children are welcome. Register on Eventbrite at <u>Autism-friendly Under 5s Rhyme and</u> <u>Story time Tickets, Fri, Jul 12, 2024 at</u> <u>9:30 AM | Eventbrite</u>



