

Friday 6 February 2025

Hello and welcome to the SEND newsletter for City Academy,

This letter is now emailed directly to you as a parent of a child on the SEND register – if there is any questions or concerns, please use my email address at the bottom of the page.

This week in City Academy:

Attendance Update

Attendance for students with SEND at City Academy continues to be strong and is currently at 89.5% against a school average of 91.5%.

We have a breakfast club that begins at 0745am should your child like to come to school to eat, study and socialise before school begins at 0830am.

SEND Coffee Morning

The debut SEND Coffee morning for City Academy this year was a great success, and the team enjoyed meeting parents for discussions and actions regarding your children and generally socialising with a good coffee.

The turnout was at roughly 5% of our cohort which was a fantastic start; the next SEND coffee morning will be on the 10th of February with our Languages, Learning and School Support representative , Elizabeth Colemann, on 24th February – you will be notified via this briefing



Communication and Autism Team – Anxiety Workshop

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Parent Carer Workshop - Anxiety *

Spring Term 2026

We would like to invite you to a CAT Parent carer workshop for parent carers who would like to increase their understanding of anxiety and ways to support their child.

To support parent carers of children with a diagnosis of autism, or who are on the Neurodevelopmental Pathway for autism assessment.

All Birmingham parent carers are welcome

Date: Thursday February 5th 2026 9.15-10.45 am
Book via the following link:
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/cat-parent-carer-workshop-anxiety-via-microsoft-teams-thursday-5th-february-2026/>
 Sessions will take place via Microsoft Teams - a link be sent to you prior to the session.

We look forward to seeing you there - Julie Watchorn-Brennan and Dawn Fisher

*The anxiety workshop is part of the Neuroinclusive Education Network (NEN) training for schools and parent carers



SEND Half Term Activities at the MAC (Edgbaston) – SEN

Club SENsation is returning to MAC—our fun, relaxed, and inclusive space for young people to enjoy music and social time together.

Event Details

- Date: Wed 18 February
- Time: 2pm–4pm
- Location: Midlands Arts Centre (MAC), Theatre

Schedule

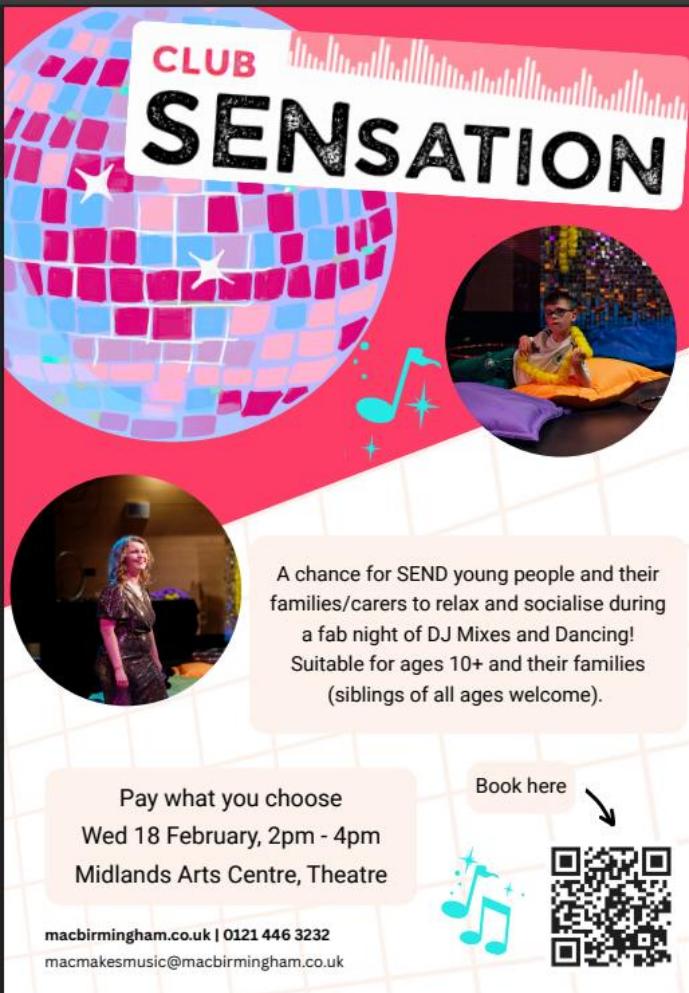
2pm–3pm: Chill tunes
3pm–3.15pm: Learn a dance!
3.15pm–4pm: Upbeat disco vibes

Our SEN-friendly disco offers an afternoon of DJ mixes and dancing in a relaxed, welcoming setting. A private on-site bar will be open throughout the event for drinks and hot food.

The event is suitable for ages 10+, and siblings of all ages are welcome. Please note that all young people must be accompanied by a parent/carer for the duration of the event.

This is a **pay-as-you-choose** event, so families can contribute whatever feels right for them.

You can book via our website: <https://macbirmingham.co.uk/events/club-sensation-2>



**CLUB
SENSATION**

A chance for SEND young people and their families/carers to relax and socialise during a fab night of DJ Mixes and Dancing!
 Suitable for ages 10+ and their families (siblings of all ages welcome).

Pay what you choose
 Wed 18 February, 2pm - 4pm
 Midlands Arts Centre, Theatre

macbirmingham.co.uk | 0121 446 3232
 macmakesmusic@macbirmingham.co.uk

Book here 

Kids - Fairer Futures for Parents of children on the Neurodevelopmental Pathway



Kids Disabled children say we can

Fairer Futures

Supporting children on the neurodevelopmental pathway and their families.

Parent and Child Groups
 Face to face groups once a week enable your child to play in a small friendly group environment and give you the opportunity to meet other families.

Healthy Parent Carer Programme
 Course content will focus on a parent / carer's wellbeing, and provide strategies to help support positive wellbeing through peer support.

Parent/Carer Workshops
 Online and face to face:

- Sleep
- Autism
- Understanding Behaviour
- Sensory Play
- ADHD

Please contact us for more information
0121 815 9103, or email fairerfutures@kids.org.uk



Training for professionals is also available, please contact us for more information.



Kids.org.uk

Further Information and Contact

If you have concerns about your child's provision, please email me at
SParkes@corecity.academy

You may also contact my line manager Mrs Patel, Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion and Safeguarding.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we are building a strong and inclusive community where every student feels confident, secure, and ready to succeed.

Best wishes



Mr Parkes
SENDCo, City Academy