



SENsible



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK TO A NEW BEGINNING?

Welcome to our September newsletter, we've a lot going on this month as we reopen the network meetings and for the first time introduce sponsorships. Sponsorships will allow us to grow and help more SENCOs across the UK & the rest of the world.

You'll see changes to our Facebook page/group, website, YouTube channel and newsletter.

Before everyone runs off and unsubscribes, we want to just remind you we gave back just under £4,000 last academic year.

This year we are going to try to give 5x that back, yes, our target is to give **£20,000 back to SENCOs** in schools during this academic year, it's going to be tough, but with your support we believe we can do it.

You'll also start to see more collaborations with other companies as we move forward to being the number one place for SENCO support

This newsletter will be full of things you can do to help us achieve this, so we can help the community we love so much!

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

I do love coffee, maybe a little too much, but enough of that lets talk about how you can help us so we can help you. After all we didn't make this company for us, we made it to support you.

You'll probably have seen my post on **Facebook** explaining the changes we are going to make. The first way to help us is simply make sure you have liked/followed the **Facebook Page**.



With part one completed and pretty painless let's move on to part two, Eventbrite. Eventbrite is our ticket office for the networking events that we offer.

Part two is follow us on **Eventbrite** and take a look for anything you feel might be worth a look at, they are all free! If you're reading this on **1st September** we have a **special session with FREE stuff!** (not just pens... Why do teachers love pens so much?)

Next we whizz across to our **SENSible SENCO website**, you'll already know of the hundreds, if not **1,000's of resources made by SENCOS** across the UK for everyone to use all you need is the "**SENSible**" password. If you click the **join and sign up** on the menu bar you'll be able to receive this monthly newsletter! Wait, I'm writing this on the newsletter to get you to sign up for the newsletter...

Hmm... There's always the **reviews and special offers!**

Fourth? thing to do, **YouTube**. It's a great place to get information, watch the **network meeting replays** and comment on how bad my editing skills are (professionals beware!) Here you may want to **subscribe** and if any of the videos are good just click the **little 'like' button**, YouTube then realises people do watch and enjoy them and I can probably convince Abigail to do more videos, but don't tell her that just yet!

Top tip: the longer you watch of a video the more Youtube thinks you like it, shorter periods have a negative impact on videos, so make sure to watch as much as your sanity can handle!

Lastly, I think? **Follow us on Twitter** we may not post a huge amount, but when we share and comment on things we think you will find interesting then join in. Just don't follow me as I'm more of a Twitter ranter...

All that's left is for a **big thank you** from us to you and we hope with your support we can reach that **£20,000** put back into schools this year.

BLOG SERIES, SO, YOU'RE THE SENCO

Written by The SENSible SENCO

We had some lovely comments about the story of Mrs Nest, this month we continue her story and the comical, but strangely true, view of being a SENCO.

This month she's the fixer of everything, her patience is wearing thin and what she does now Boris has died...

**No animals were harmed in the making of this blog.*

Come join her as she goes through the trials and tribulations that many SENCOs will relate to in this fortnightly, humorous publication.



**The Story
Continues**



ONLINE LEARNING AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Written by The SENSible SENCO

With our first panel meeting discussing assistive technology in schools coming in a few days time, we thought it was probably a good idea to talk about it in a blog.

Here we give you the different between online learning and assistive technology and a host of links and tips!

Read the Blog



Join us on **9th Sept 09:00-10:15**
We would love to hear your feedback!
Book your FREE tickets [here!](#)

TA APPRENTICESHIP FILLS IN RECORD TIME

Written by The SENSible SENCO

Just WOW! I know we have talked about our partnership with United Learning and the Level 3 TA apprenticeship in the past, but it was amazing to hear we had filled the course for the September with 24 successful applicants.

Even better our first cohort are just going through the final stages with a current 100% distinction rate!

The training of TAs is so vital to the work we do and being able to teach them from a SENCO perspective has given them a huge boost. Whilst it's probably too late now to join Sept course (9th Sept cut off if you want to squish in), there's always the Spring cohort. Contact us directly if you want your TAs trained by the SENSible SENCO



STUDIO UPGRADES

While the holiday season was going on we were in full swing revamping the SENSible SENCO Studio where we do our network meetings, interviews and record our YouTube videos. We will be looking to further improve the video quality once we can move away from Teams.

AND FINALLY...

A big welcome back to another school year! It's going to be another tough year, but when you see the results that you can achieve by what you are doing, you know all the hard work, blood, sweat and tears have been worth it.

We will be here to support you through it all!



NEWS IN SEN



SENIOR MENTAL HEALTH LEAD TRAINING

The Department for Education (DfE) is offering a grant of £1,200 for eligible state-funded schools and colleges in England to train a senior mental health lead to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

Find out
More



KSCIE

A quick reminder that the KCSIE changes take place from 1st September. Document is linked below

Find out
More



Available to book now FREE! on eventbrite

8th Sept

IDL product expert Luke Butcher will be appearing again to continue the important discussion on the current science in dyscalculia - what it is, how we think it works and what we can do to help dyscalculic learners.



Luke Butcher
IDL

9th Sept



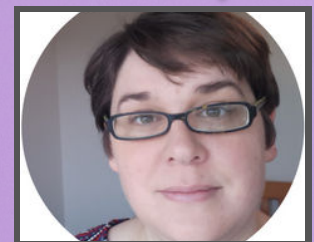
**Assistive Tech
Panel Meeting**

In our first panel meeting, we've selected a line up of individuals from across the technology educational sector. They will be answering a selection of questions put together by the SENSible SENCOs

15th Sept

This session will cover:

- The differences between screening and assessment
 - Pros and cons of screening
- Screening everyone vs screening as a more targeted approach
 - Different screening tools
- My practical experience of implementing the Wellcomm



Angharad Welch
Find the Key SLCN

22nd Sept



Thomas Emmett
Birkett Long Legal

Birkett Long's Head of Education and SEND lawyer, Thomas Emmett, will be delivering an introductory guide to SEND law tailored specifically for SENCOs.

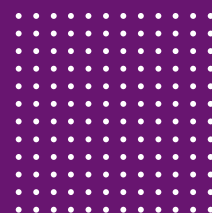


WE ARE GOING!



SEND Show 2022

30th Anniversary



**ARE
YOU?**

Oct 7-8th

**The Business Design Centre,
52 Upper Street,
London,
N1 0QH**

Stand 14



THERE'S STILL TIME

LOOKING FOR CPD FOR YOUR SUPPORT STAFF?

WANT TO RECRUIT APPRENTICES?

Applications are open for our L3 apprenticeships. We can also help you advertise vacancies.

We are accepting applications for:

- Teaching Assistant Level 3
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- HR Support Level 3

Programmes start October 2022.

Free via your apprenticeship levy pot.



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Deadline: 9th September



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knowledge

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understand your school

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SENSE OF
SEN**

Supporting SENCOs -
Facebook group of over
10,000 SENCOs & SEN
Professionals

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relevant SEN topics

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THANK YOU



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