

Learner NEWS

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Hello, welcome to the August edition of our learner newsletter.

We would love to hear your ideas and suggestion of content you would like to be included in our future editions. Please scan the QR code to share your thoughts and ideas:





Auditory Processing Disorder (APD)

Auditory processing disorder (APD) is where you have difficulty understanding sounds, including spoken words.

APD often starts in childhood, but some people develop it later.

If an adult or child have APD, they may find it difficult to understand:

- people speaking in noisy places
- people with strong accents or fast talkers
- similar sounding words
- spoken instructions

APD is not a hearing problem. People with the condition usually have normal hearing.

You can learn more here

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/auditory-processing-disorder/>

What is Cuckooing?

Cuckooing is when a drug dealer or a gang takes over a vulnerable adult's address for criminal purposes, usually as a site to supply, store or produce drugs from. Gangs will exploit an individual's vulnerabilities in order to make a profit and avoid police detection.

Cuckooing is often seen as a part of County Lines criminality which involves drug gangs exploiting children and vulnerable adults.

Find out more here

https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20101/community_safety/1308/cuckooing



Who is targeted?

The following individuals are sometimes targeted for cuckooing:

- Those who suffer from drug and/or alcohol addiction
- Those who are struggling financially
- The elderly
- People with mental health issues
- Individuals with learning disabilities



Have a word!

How long will it take you to step in?

Violence against women and girls starts with words. Watch this interactive scene of a group of friends hanging out and click the 'Maaate' button when you think it's time to call out their behaviour.

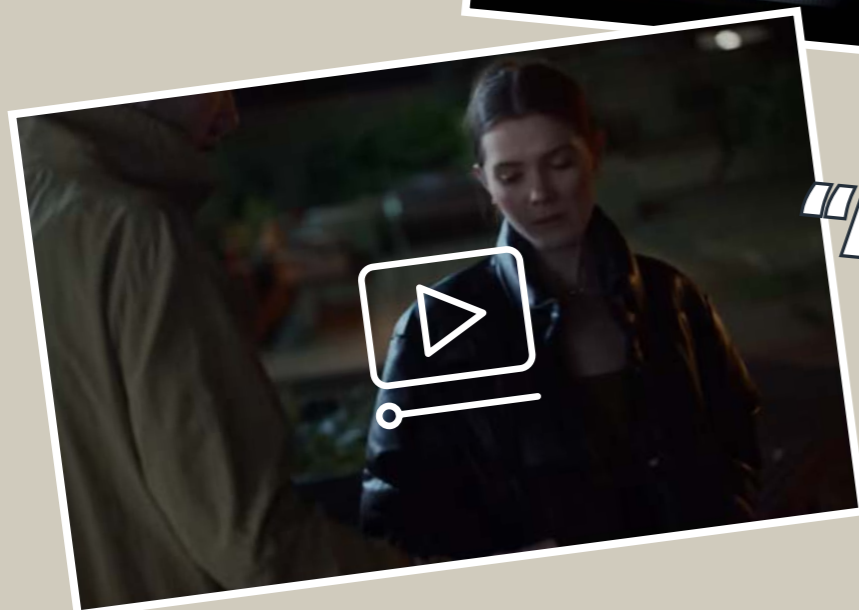
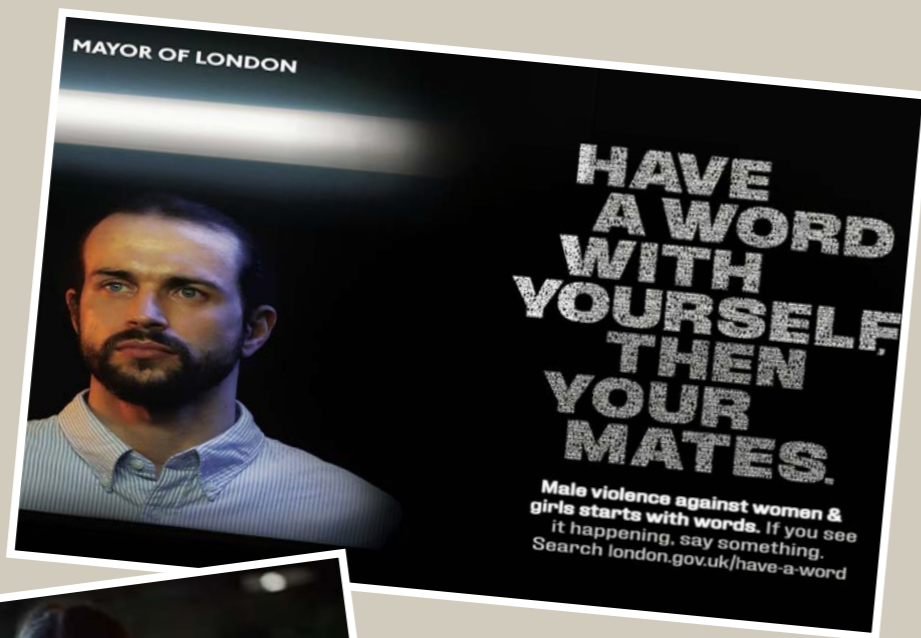
In this country we currently face an epidemic of violence against women and girls. In the UK, a man kills a woman every three days. We can change this. We need to change this.

In 2022, Mayor of London Sadiq Khan launched a new campaign - Have A Word - calling on men to reflect on our own attitudes and to say something when our friends behave inappropriately towards women.

Watch the below video
(contains sensitive content)

<https://youtu.be/qbk3iJqmjNU>

Say maaate to a mate shows how a simple, familiar word can be all you need to interrupt when a friend is going too far without making things awkward, ruining the moment or putting your friendship at risk.



"Maaate"

You can find out more information here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/maaate>

We all have our own perspectives on the world. Each of us thinks and learns in our own way.

It's the job of Our Development Coaches and Functional Skills Officers to teach you new information, which gives you the skills, knowledge, and behaviours you need to succeed.

To support you in learning, we have asked all learners to complete CognAssist prior to enrolling in your chosen qualification. The CognAssist neurodiversity assessment consists of eight tests that investigate literacy, numeracy, and six of the main cognitive domains involved in learning and thinking. This neurodiversity assessment reports on eight domains of the brain involved in thinking and learning and can be used to help identify and develop personalised learning strategies.

From the assessment, if you are identified as needing support, you will be provided with the opportunity to engage in strategies monthly, and this will allow your Development Coach or Functional Skills Officers to tailor and adapt your learning to support your learning needs.

CognAssist has a number of benefits that can support you both at work and in your home life. We received this amazing feedback about CognAssist from one of our learners:

"CognAssist has allowed me to learn new skills and techniques to support with my work as well as at home"

If you would like any further support or guidance, please speak to your Development Coach or Functional Skills Officer alternatively, you can send an email to our SENCO at bbsenco@bbtraining.com

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Have you ever wondered what next?

A day in the life of a Social Worker

I am a Senior Social Worker within the Children's Services Department.

My role involves working with 0-18-year-old children and their families.

I assess their needs, and when required support them in short-term or long-term plans in order to effect positive change in their lives. The job is extremely varied as the needs of every family situation are different, meaning I support children on child in need plans, child protection plans, and children who are fostered or adopted. The commonality is that I am working directly with children, families and a multi-agency network across the city. It is this direct work, and the relationships built through it that I find so rewarding about my job.

My day might start with attending the office, checking whether there are any crises in my case families that require immediate support, and reacting accordingly. I would then attend the weekly group supervision meeting with my team where we share, support and advise one another about our families to promote best practice. Care is often a key component to this process! The rest of the day would involve visits to my long-term families, activities with children, recording and report writing and attending multi-agency meetings. Throughout the week I will be attending court hearings, child protection medicals and visiting child foster placements. The fundamental purpose for all of these activities is to work to ensure that the child is safeguarded and their wellbeing, development and potential are promoted.



What qualifications do I need to be a social worker UK?

Social workers must have a degree in social work (BA), or master's degree in social work. A master's degree is a two-year-long postgraduate course for those with a degree in a different subject. Some universities offer part-time studying. Experience is an important part of social work qualifications.

Find out more on becoming a Social Worker →

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/03/21/social-work-week-how-to-become-a-child-and-family-social-worker/>

Remember
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British Values

Fundamental British Values underpin what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Great Britain valuing our community and celebrating the diversity of the UK. These values are Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance, Individual Liberty.

Let's focus on Democracy- what does this mean?

"A government in which the people are allowed to influence policy, by means of a direct vote, or referendum. A culture built upon freedom and equality, where everyone is aware of their rights and responsibilities."

Watch the
video
below

<https://youtu.be/9Yr1Dj8jKv8>

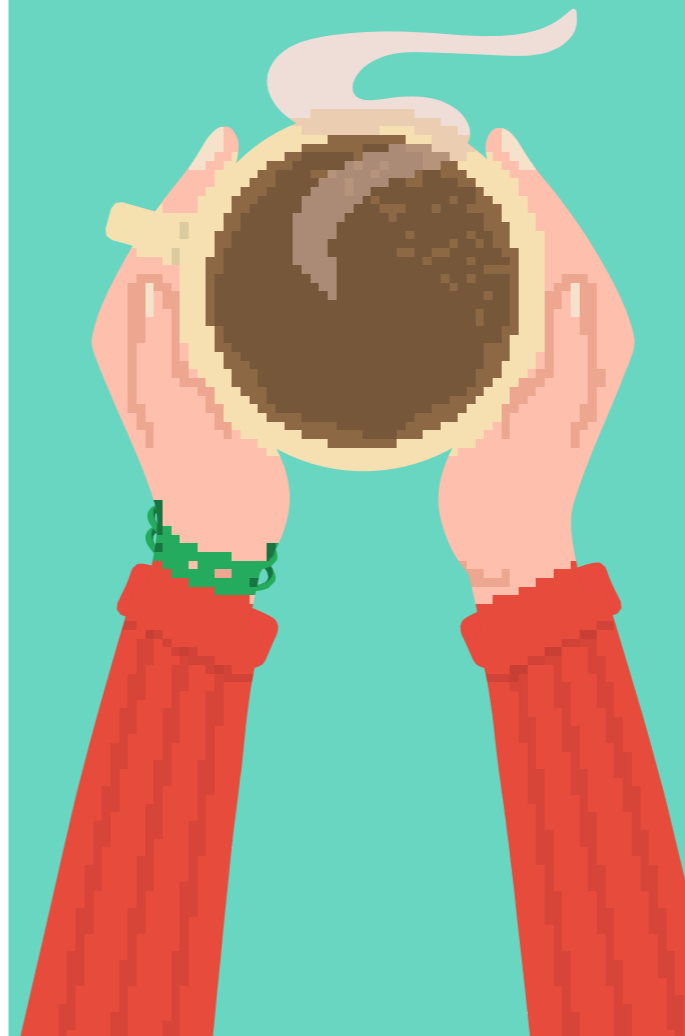
Did you know?

Tea is by far the most famous drink among the British. It is estimated that they drink

165 million cups of tea every day.



How do you drink yours?



Functional Skills in every day practice

Functional skills are practical skills in English, mathematics and digital that enable you to deal with practical problems and challenges. They allow you to work confidently, effectively and independently in everyday life, and provide a platform on which to build other employability skills. We feel it is important for you to see how you can use these skills within your workplace as well, please explore our Functional Skills in Everyday Practice resources on OneFile for some ideas on how these skills will continue to support you.

Join our helpful
Maths,
English
Reading
and English
Writing
sessions
throughout
August...

To book onto any sessions please let your Development Coach or Functional Skills Officer know.

		1 August Tuesday	2 August Wednesday	3 August Thursday	4 August Friday
8-9:30am				English: Preparing for an Exam	Maths: Averages & Range
10-11:30am		English Reading: Comparing Text			English Writing: Formatting Text
12-1:30pm			Maths: Angles & Bearings		
2-3:30pm					
7-8:30pm			English Writing: Grammar & Punctuation		

	7 August Monday	8 August Tuesday	9 August Wednesday	10 August Thursday	11 August Friday
8-9:30am					
10-11:30am					
12-1:30pm					
2-3:30pm					
7-8:30pm	English Writing: Overview		English: Preparing for an Exam		

	14 August Monday	15 August Tuesday	16 August Wednesday	17 August Thursday	18 August Friday
8-9:30am			Maths: Preparing for an Exam		English Reading: Overview
10-11:30am	Maths: Percentages			English Writing: Formatting Text	Maths: Fractions
12-1:30pm		English Writing: Sentences & Paragraphs			
2-3:30pm	English: Preparing for an Exam		English Reading: Purpose of Text		
7-8:30pm				Maths: Shapes (Perimeter, Area & Volume)	

	21 August Monday	22 August Tuesday	23 August Wednesday	24 August Thursday	25 August Friday
8-9:30am				English Writing: Overview	Maths: Graphs & Tables
10-11:30am		Maths: Non-Calculator		Maths: Preparing for an Exam	
12-1:30pm					English: Preparing for an Exam
2-3:30pm	Maths: Interest		Maths: Units & Measures		
7-8:30pm	English Reading: Comparing Text	Maths: Probability	English Writing: Sentences & Paragraphs		

		29 August Tuesday	30 August Wednesday	31 August Thursday	
8-9:30am	BANK HOLIDAY			English Writing: Formatting Text	
10-11:30am		English: Preparing for an Exam		Maths: Ratio & Scales	
12-1:30pm					
2-3:30pm			Maths: Preparing for an Exam		
7-8:30pm		Maths: Nets & Elevations	English Reading: Purpose of Text		

Maths

English Reading

English Writing



What's upcoming for August

Come and join our Quality Team members for informative sessions on a whole host of useful topics.

If there is a topic you would like to know more about, let your Development Coach know! Look out for more interesting topics coming up in September!

SEND

Do you have questions about SEND? Gemma Green will be on hand on 24/8/23, 10-11am to help you answer them.

Click [HERE](#) to join this session



CV Writing

Do you have a CV? Don't know how to create one? Join Kim Frost on 10/8/23, 1-1:30pm for handy hints and tips!

Click [HERE](#) to join this session



British Values

Join Michelle Date on the 21/8/23, 1-12pm to discuss how British Values are embedded into our lives.

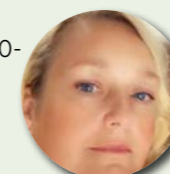
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Mental Health and Wellbeing

Katrina Jones will be here on 18/8/23, 9.30-10.30, to talk with you about supporting your own Mental Health and Well-being.

Click [HERE](#) to join this session



Power Skills

Want to know more about Emotional Intelligence? Join Sheryl Thicke on 8/8/23 10-10.30am, to hear all about it!

Click [HERE](#) to join this session



Safeguarding

Our DSL, Emma Warren will be around on 7/8/23, 10-10:30am with the latest Safeguarding updates.

Click [HERE](#) to join this session



More dates for your August diary...

Group Therapy for Black Women of African Ancestry.

Free Every Thursday Evening at 8pm - Find out more information below

I Am - Group Therapy for Black Women of African Ancestry Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite



Fancy brushing up on your creative writing? - Find out more below

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-book-poc-creative-writing-group-on-zoom-tickets-668135420027?aff=ebdssbeditorialcollection&keep_tld=1

12th August - International Youth Day

International Youth Day on August 12 focuses on the difficulties that some young people are experiencing throughout the world. Half the children between the age of six and 13 lack basic reading and math skills and childhood poverty is still a prevalent problem globally.

