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Coach Kieran is an awards finalist



Have a say on SENDIAS

Calling all parent carers— we need to have your views.

SENDIAS is our information, advice and support service for parent carers of children and young people (aged 0 to 25) with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.

We want your feedback on the service and to know what you would like to see more of moving forward!

Please take the survey and share this link with other young people and families across Somerset.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2V8LFH7>

A coach who goes that extra mile for young people is up for an award.

Kieran Cunningham, who helps volunteer and coach for Nova Sports and Coaching, has recently been shortlisted for the Bath and North East Somerset Council Our Young Stars Awards in the 'Education' category.

Reaching the final 3 in the Bath-based awards, Kieran's development over the past year has made him a standout candidate.

Kieran, a former Special Educational Needs provision student, gained this nomination and shortlisting for his fantastic work, and we wish him all the best at the awards ceremony.

A panel of judges selected fifteen finalists after reviewing 70 nominations received from family members, friends, teachers, sports coaches, and third sector organisations.

Sponsors for the awards include Bath Rugby, and Wessex Water.

The winners will be announced at a Gala Awards Dinner on 9 March 2019— good luck Kieran.



Well done, Apprentice of the Month!

Congratulations to Harry Tavare who has scooped the Somerset Skills and Learning (SS&L) Apprentice of the Month Award for January!

This is in recognition for his outstanding commitment to work and dedication to his qualification in Business Administration.

Harry, a former Young Person's Champion with Somerset County Council, is an Apprentice Transport Officer and has been described as an 'outstanding learner' in the citations from SS&L.

He was also described as "always giving his best in every session and has become very



well thought of amongst staff and peers alike."

Tom Collins, SS&L WBL Delivery Manager, said: "I was overwhelmed with his knowledge of the relevant subject area and his ability to give concise answers, informing the other class members of information they may not have previously considered."

Local Offer live!

Don't forget the Local Offer is going live at the moment across Somerset.

The Parent Carer Forum organised event, supported by Somerset County Council and Somerset CCG is at the Frome Assembly Rooms on Friday 1 February 10am-1pm. The event will include information stands from the engagement and participation team, SENDIAS, Healthwatch, Somerset Clinical Commissioning group, Preparing for adulthood to mention just a few.

There will also be workshops on OFSTED and CQC local areas SEND inspection, Autism provision in Somerset, short breaks and Somerset Inclusion work.

Urgent update on the SEND Professional Portal

As you will be aware it is now mandatory to submit Annual Review, Statutory Request for Assessment and SEN Support Review (where a Request for Assessment is submitted) paperwork electronically via the SEND Professional Portal. At the moment this technology is only 'live' for SENCOs.

As we move into 2019 the roll-out continues, as we progress towards making the process completely paper-free.

Below outlines key dates to be aware of for further key paperwork identified: to be submitted electronically via the

portal:

- 1. Appendix B – School Advice** to be submitted electronically via the Professional Portal from **February 2019**.
- 2. Appendix D – Educational Psychologists (EP's) Advice** to be submitted electronically via the Professional Portal from **September 2019**.
- 2. Appendix E – Social Care Advice** to be submitted electronically via the Professional Portal from **March 2019**.
- 3. Early Years – All settings to**

submit Annual Review, Statutory Request for Assessment and SEND Support Review paperwork electronically via the Professional Portal from **April 2019**.

4. Further Education – All settings to submit Annual Review, Statutory Request for Assessment and SEND Support Review paperwork electronically via the Professional Portal from September 2019.

You can access the portal [via this link](#).

