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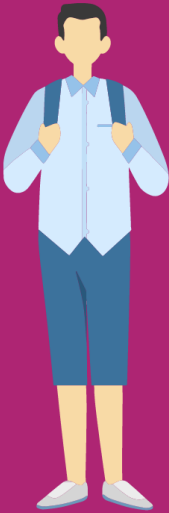
Welcome

Welcome to Issue 8 of the Carshalton and Merton College Student Support Bulletin.

This will be the last issue of 2021 so we will take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Holidays and a great New Year.



COVID-19 VACCINE WEBINAR FOR 16-17 YEAR OLDS IN SOUTH WEST LONDON



Aged 16-17?
This is your chance to hear more about the vaccination programme.

We will also have healthcare professionals present on the call to answer your questions.

Tuesday 14 December 2021 - 9am to 10am
Find MS Teams link on Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/covid-19-webinar-for-16-17-year-olds-tickets-223317537767>
Register now!

Christmas Jumper Competition

On Wednesday 8th December, we held our annual Christmas Jumper Competition.

The judges have voted and the winners are:

Staff - Chan Parmer (Central Admin)

Student - Kenneth Addai (Independence Skills Foundation Learning)

Chan and Kenneth, please come to the Student Support Centre to collect your Amazon Voucher.



Holiday Activity Pack

The Student Support Team have put together a Holiday Activity Pack. The pack contains fun festive activities such as quizzes, riddles, colouring in sheets, games and more.

You can find it attached to the Bulletin e-mail and on Moodle [HERE](#).

IF YOU'RE MAKING MISTAKES IT MEANS YOU'RE OUT THERE DOING SOMETHING.

Neil Gaiman



FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Homelessness and Housing

What are the causes of Youth Homelessness

There are lots of reasons why young people may become homeless. These reasons could include:

Family Breakdown

Refugees

Gang Crime

Physical and
Mental Health

Leaving Care

Exclusion from
School or College

What to do if you're under 18 years old

It's important to know that because you are under 18, children's services at your local council have a legal duty to make sure you have somewhere safe to live.

You should contact children's services at your local council as soon as you can. You can find the address and phone number for your local council [HERE](#). You will need to ask to be put through to children's services.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK A YOUNG PERSON MIGHT BE HOMELESS OR AT RISK:



Talk to them. Ask if they are ok, and if they have somewhere safe to stay that night.



Call the Centrepunkt Helpline, or pass the number on. Free advice for anyone 16-25 at risk of homelessness, or if you're worried about someone else. **0808 800 0661** - save it in your phone now. You can also get advice via our online webchat service at [centrepunkt.org.uk/gethelp](https://www.centrepunkt.org.uk/gethelp)



Are they sleeping rough? Go to [streetlink.org.uk](https://www.streetlink.org.uk) or call **0300 500 0914**. A local outreach team will try and find them somewhere to stay.



Ask if they need anything. Food, a warm drink, gloves or phone credit.



What to do if you're at risk of Homelessness

If you are at risk of being made homeless, what you should do will depend on some different factors, including how old you are. The Homeless charity Centrepunkt, has a handy guide on what you should do depending on your situation. You can access this information [HERE](#).



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