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Talking Points

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Welcome to the newest edition of Talking Points.

This newsletter will give you plenty of information on how to keep safe, and covers some issues that you and your fellow students may be facing.

We hope that this newsletter is useful, and sparks some conversations between you and your employer or training adviser.

If there's anything in particular you'd like to see included please email

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Do you have a friend or relative who may be interested in starting an Apprenticeship?

Refer them to us and we'll give you a £20 Amazon voucher as a thank you!*

Simply tell the person you refer, to let us know you have referred them – just make sure they know how we can contact you!

Voucher will be paid on completion of their induction

We run open days every month in St Helens and Liverpool or you can contact us any time on 0844 891 0270 or apprenticeships@sthelenschamber.com to find out more.



Talking point:

Speak to your training adviser if you have anyone who would like to become an Apprentice.

Experts warn of identical pills containing different drugs in the UK

Drug testing charity The Loop is warning UK clubbers of identical-looking pills which contain different chemical substances.

It found four sets of pills in circulation at a Manchester event that looked like the same batch, but all were made with different drugs.

Users might buy more pills after an "OK experience" it warns, but end up with something totally different.

[Read the full story.](#)

Talking point:

Speak to your training adviser if you have any concerns about drug use.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Now's wear it pink day is one of the biggest fundraising events in the UK.

Taking place during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, thousands of amazing people wear it pink in their communities, schools or work places for the UK's largest breast cancer charity, Breast Cancer Now.

[Find out more](#)



Talking point:

Speak to your employer about supporting "Wear it Pink" day on 22nd October

Child on child abuse

Child on child abuse can be motivated by perceived differences e.g. on grounds of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or other differences

[Find out more](#)



Talking point:

Speak to your training adviser or safeguarding officer if you have any concerns about child on child abuse.

Incels and the Manosphere

Incels are part of a large, sprawling and ever-changing network: the manosphere. They pose a risk to themselves, to women and girls, and to gender relations.

Incels believe that society has been hijacked by feminists and is biased against men. They see women as having the power to hurt men, but also as sexual objects.

[Find out more about Incels and the Manosphere and the language to look out for](#)

Talking point:

Do you know who Incels are and how to recognise them?

What have our students been up to?

Our traineeship and study programme students have been completing their qualifications alongside building their team work and creativity skills with a number of activities.

They have supported local charity St Helens Mind and have worked together on a number of projects to help them get to know each other and work together as a team.



Construction students help St Helens Mind by building a patio in their community allotment.

Students work together to create parachutes to protect falling eggs - building their team work and reasoning skills.





Students learn how to save a life with KnifeSavers training on treating a stab wound.

Students work together to build and race their own boats on the canal - putting their team working and creativity to the test!



Talking point:

Ask your training adviser or employer if there are any team working activities you would like to take part in

Baby Loss Awareness Week

Baby Loss Awareness Week is held annually from 9 to 15 October. It's a special opportunity to mark the lives of babies lost in pregnancy or at or soon after birth.

This year Baby Loss Awareness Week will focus on a general theme of 'wellbeing'. We'll be exploring what this means to people touched by pregnancy loss.

[Find out more](#)

Talking point:

Speak to your employer or training adviser if you have any questions over losing a baby.

Thank you for reading Talking Points

If you have any concerns about feeling safe please contact your safeguarding officer.

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