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keeping support staff *in touch...* and *informed*



## AcornTreePCS

PSYCHOLOGY AND  
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# welcome...

Welcome to the AcornTree newsletter. This will be a termly publication that you can receive by email or view on our website.

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep you up to date with things that you might find interesting, new events that you might be interested in attending, new available training and new resources available to you.

In this Spring Term issue you can find out about our upcoming online SEND training website, our new consultants, our services and how to register for our free SEND show 2017.

We are also excited to announce the upcoming launch of AcornTree Training. The new online SEND CPD will be available very soon.

Find us on 

A great way to keep up with day to day AcornTree information is to like our Facebook page: AcornTree Psychology and Consultancy Service.

[www.facebook.com/  
acorntreepcs](http://www.facebook.com/acorntreepcs)

## SENDCo SUPPORT

We are very excited to say that we have a new Senior SEN Advisor working with AcornTree. She is able to provide support in two ways.

1. Supporting SENDCo's with efficient practice, mentoring, effective form fillings, developing inclusion, provision mapping, improving progress for pupils with additional needs, using pupil premium and including EAL students (cost at £195 per half day).
2. Assessment into Practice, Support and Coaching for class teachers: a support package for implementing assessment suggestions and strategies. Coaching for class teachers (3 x half day sessions plus phone support - £195 per half day).

## Solution Focus Training

We are delighted to be able to offer a 2 day training (with half a day follow up) for school staff within Solution Focus.

The two day training will allow members of staff to gain a qualification in Solution Focus and become practitioners within school. Solution Focus is fantastic technique for talking to young people about their own strengths and resources. It proves to be very useful in supporting the following:

- attendance
- classroom behaviour
- learning
- well-being
- parental support and cooperation
- relationships with colleagues
- enthusiasm and job satisfaction

Get in touch if you are interested in this course. (Cost £150 per person).



# EXAM STRESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

**We are delighted to be able to offer schools an exam stress support programme from our new consultant Holly.**

Do some of your students need help to cope with the stress of exams and coursework? Would they benefit from learning how to reduce this and gain confidence in working in a pressured situation?

We are able to deliver a package of support to your students to help them to learn coping strategies for stress and anxiety, along with relaxation methods. It will allow the students to gain coping mechanisms and techniques to help them deal and manage

stresses and anxieties and be able to succeed within exams, along with teaching lifelong skills and strategies.

The programme would consist of 8 weekly sessions, each lasting 1 hour. We would be able to offer this for a group of up to 15 students per session, at a total cost of £600 (plus mileage), working out at £5 per student per session (with a group of 15 students).

This could be a very valuable programme for many students, and it is priced at a very reasonable rate.

## Our EPS will cost you less!

Did you know that you can get an Educational Psychology full assessment for as little as £380, and receive a report within 3 weeks of a visit? With Acorn Tree PCS you can.

AcornTree PCS is service which provides Educational Psychology services, along with other services (such as Occupational Therapy, Solution Focussed Therapy, Training, Play Therapy, Specialist Teacher) to schools throughout Suffolk and Norfolk.

Why choose us? We pride ourselves in the following:

- A competitive pricing structure (see table opposite)
- A fast 3 week report turnaround
- A personalised, friendly, professional and bespoke service
- Short waiting times (often less than 3 weeks)
- Services can commissioned by individual schools or groups of schools.

We are able to provide references from schools and settings

that we currently work with. We would be very happy to speak to you or meet with you to discuss your requirements and answer any questions that you may have about Acorn Tree PCS and how we can support your school.

Number of Days	Total Cost	Cost Per Day
1	£605	£605
2	£1,160	£580
3	£1,665	£555
4	£2,100	£525
5	£2,500	£500
10	£4,750	£475
20	£8,400	£420
39 (1 day per week)	£14,820	£380

AcornTree PCS  
**SEND Snap Shots**

By Dr Amanda Hull,  
Educational Psychologist



## AcornTree PCS Snap Shot Guide to Special Needs

Dr Amanda Hull has written a series of ten Snap Shot resource sheets for Special Needs combined into a useful booklet.

AcornTree PCS resource sheets aim to give an overview of a variety of special needs, what the issue is, some useful ideas, strategies and resources, and some pointers towards next steps or further information.

A valuable tool for teaching staff, teaching assistants, families of those with Special Needs and individuals who are just curious.

**Introductory Price £12 + £1.50 postage. Call 01376 672915 email: [info@acorntreepcs.co.uk](mailto:info@acorntreepcs.co.uk)**

# acorn tree PCS e-TRAINING

coming soon  
...to an iPad near you!



**We are in the process of putting the final touches to our brand new training website which is due to launch in February 2017.**

Being a member of AcornTree Training will give you access to over 20 hours of training with a SEND focus. Each interactive module will take around 1 hour to complete. You can add the training to your CPD log.

...learn on-line for less!

Each module will give you some background information and understanding of the issue, along with ideas of how to support young people within school.

Modules include ADHD, Behaviour, Dyslexia, Autism, Working Memory, communication difficulties and many more.

It costs less than £2 per week, per user which is really great price for such a wide variety of training. With each module only lasting around an hour, it is perfect to regularly fit into a busy school life.

## acorn tree PCS

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## about us...

AcornTreePCS is an organisation that provides schools and families with services that are of an excellent quality, responsive to need, and one that provides value for money.

We offer schools and families within the East Anglian Region a bespoke service that helps to enable understanding and solutions for children and young people, allowing them to move forward and attain their potential.



### SOLUTION FOCUSED

We provide services to schools and individual families including:

- Educational Psychology
- Occupational Therapy
- Family Support
- Speech Therapy
- ...and more

### A BESPOKE SERVICE

Identification and investigation of barriers to learning.

- Behavioural Support
- Family Support
- Emotional Support
- Social Skills Support
- ...and more

### PROMOTING POTENTIAL

We provide training to educational staff on a wide variety of areas linked to additional needs and support.

All of our professionals are registered with the Health and Care Professionals Council and hold current DBS criminal records checks.

## Annual SEND Event – Book Now!



Following the fantastic success of our annual SEND event in Norwich in June 2016, we are looking forward to the event in 2017.

The event promises to have a wide variety of stalls and speakers for you to visit. Once again the event will be FREE for parents and school staff to attend. Please contact us to book your place to make sure that you don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity.

We are holding the event at Norwich City Football Club, Carrow Road on 19th June 2017.

Email us on [info@acorntreepcs.co.uk](mailto:info@acorntreepcs.co.uk) to book in.

Check out our website for details of exhibitors who have already booked in.

The focus of the event in 2017 will be emotional well-being.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please contact us for further information:

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