

SEND Conference 11th July 2024 The Fleet Peterborough

Four of our Marshfields students attended the local SEND conference here in Peterborough It was very interesting but they wanted to know a little more about the key speakers on that day, things like the journey to the job they do now, hobbies and why SEND. This is what they found out



DAVID BARTRUM....talked about Leadership in SEND but what makes him tick?

David always wanted to teach and started off as a teaching assistant when he was inspired by a brilliant SENCO this made his decision to train to be a teacher.

Relaxation is important and he likes to get away either on his own or with a friend to go fishing. Totally switch off.

WHY SEND.....because it is a very important area of education to get right. He constantly gets inspired by SEN children and is always learning from them.

DANIEL THROWER & ANNE OAKLYtalked about Trauma informed Teaching very interesting but more about them.

Anne told us when she was young she had no particular work direction but went into school with her own children to help out and it all went from there.

Daniel said he simply wanted to be a fireman but realised that he wasn't that brave.

They both have quite different hobbies Daniel likes to collect clocks and tinkers with them, unusual hobby Annie a more usual hobby just like to go out to eat.

Annie said she was very nervous talking at the conference but was ok once she got going.

Both agreed that working with and for SEN children is more interesting and rewarding they both like to see growth in this area.





BEN KINGSTON-HUGHES... Seeing through behaviour to the child underneath.

Ben is a very funny and entertaining man who has also got SEN he has ADHD which meant he moved around a lot.

He did lots of different jobs before doing what he does now a chef, baker and cleaner to name a few he usually got the sack from them as he struggled to concentrate...sound familiar.

To relax he games and plays badminton he also likes reading although we could not imagine him sitting still long enough to read a book, but he has wrote a few.

He enjoys working with young people who have struggled due to some trauma getting back to nature and doing outdoorsy activities.

If he did not do what he does he would like to write fantasy novels, we think he would be good at that too.