



## Axcis - where are we now?

**We've been working hard around our mission statement "becoming the most recognised and professional supplier of staff within the SEN sector"**

We've taken on board the needs of our clients and are offering Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, EPs and hopefully soon school nurses and other medical staff. In short, Axcis is keen to cover all staffing roles within the SEN sector, from support staff through to Leadership roles.

Our Consultants understand SEND so please talk to them. We genuinely believe we are the only company offering such a focused and specialised service and are proud to do so.

This year our sponsorship of the NAS has been a fascinating and rewarding experience and we will be continuing with it next year.

This means more free road shows and webinars which are also available on line. We are also talking to the Schools' Network, NASEN and NASS about the way in which we can work together to improve the school lives of young people with all kinds of special needs – so watch this space!

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## Wholesale changes in education continue...

### after all, anyone who works in education has super-powers

- To begin with we have a new Permanent Secretary, Chris Wormald, at the Department for Education.
- At the NAS Professional Conference Paul Burstow, Minister of State for Care Services, reminded us that the response to the Education Green Paper consultation is due in the next few weeks. It will be interesting

to see if what started out as a radical piece of legislation with its heart in the right place will have been watered down, and if there is clarification on funding in particular.

- Other recent news tells us that as of Feb 1st 2012 there are 1580 academies in Eng and Wales, 60+ Free schools expected to open

in 2012 and beyond, and Charlie Taylor who is always described as the Government's behaviour guru (would that be behaviour of young people or the Government I am always tempted to ask?) has been discussing whether PRUs should move to academy status.

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- On top of this has come all the news on GTC, NC and Ofsted updates and changes.
- Most recently has been the announcement of a £50 million summer schools fund to help the most disadvantaged pupils. The money will help up to 100,000 pupils making the transition from primary to secondary school, a time when Ofsted research shows performance can take a significant dip. From today, secondary schools can sign up for £500 for every disadvantaged pupil taking part in a two-week summer school. The money applies to all pupils transferring in to Year 7 who are on Free School Meals or have been in care for six months or more. Headteachers will be able to design and run summer schools, targeting pupils who will benefit the most.
- Finally AWR, which was causing us all such stress and created massive amounts of extra administration and paper work, seems to have had minimal effect with common sense generally prevailing and schools and candidates just wanting to do what is best for the youngsters they work with.

## Axcis and the NAS-the most recent road shows and webinars



Since the last Newsletter we've had the shows in Exeter and Birmingham, 2 more webinars and a lot more excellent feedback.

It's been wonderful to see parents, support staff, teachers as well as SENCO's and Senior Managers enjoying these events.

Our London road show on March 28th is already fully booked and promises to be the best yet.

To view any previous event please log on to: [www.axcis.co.uk/webinar](http://www.axcis.co.uk/webinar)

## NAS Professional Conference Feb 2012

This event in Manchester attracted almost 600 people from all over the world and brought together some of the most recent research into ASD and the most innovative and exciting classroom practice.

We were delighted to sponsor and chair the Education work stream, which included presentations on Autism and Sensory Issues, and Best Practice in working with Support Staff.

We also sponsored the drinks which made us strangely popular, and spoke to educators from across the UK to explain what we do and what makes us different.

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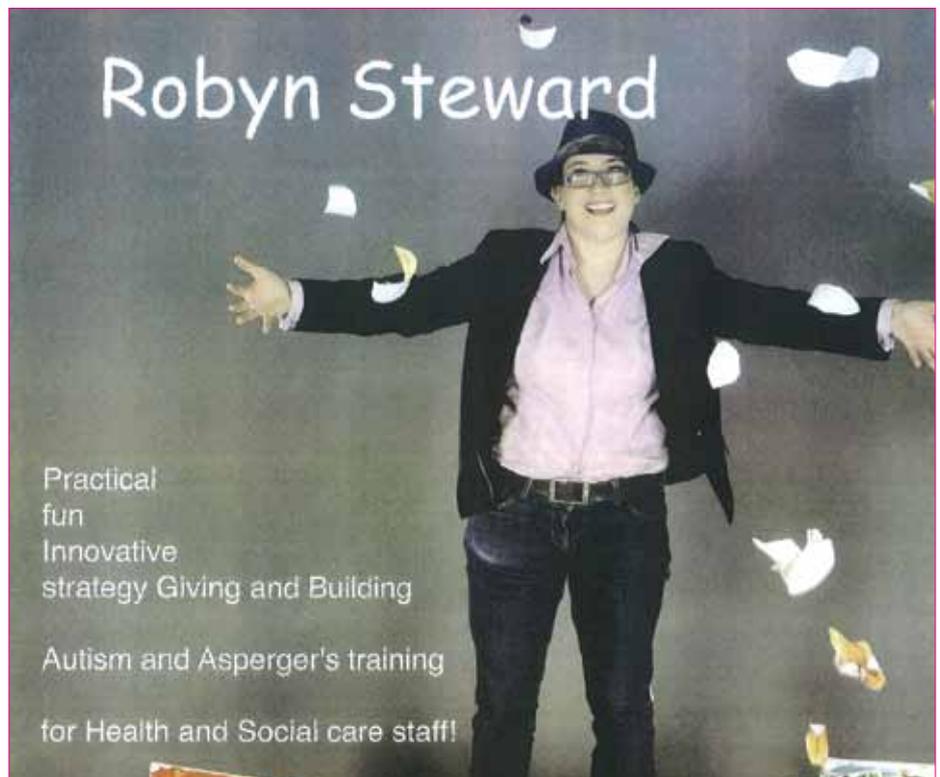


## Examples of our Candidate Training

As well as running hugely successful Team Teach training and behaviour management courses for our candidates, we have Makaton tasters at each office over Easter as well as autism awareness events.



One example of an inspirational speaker is Robyn Steward. Robyn spoke at our Exeter road show and co-chaired Day 1 of the professional conference.



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## Maxine, Liverpool Consultant has been working with Colleges

Given my background in FESEN, I thought it would be a great idea to contact local colleges who delivered the NVQ L3 in Teaching Assistant role as this is the level of support staff we recruit.

After speaking with the tutor I arranged to go into their class to talk about career opportunities within education and opportunities available to them

via us here at Axcis. I went through the process of registering with us, and discussed the kind of work we are able to find for them.

From this meeting we registered a lady who had specific experience of working with Cerebral Palsy and has started a long term position in Manchester working 1-1 with a young child who

has Cerebral Palsy. Also following the success of the candidate registering and being cleared promptly/being offered work they have invited myself back to the college this week to talk to another L3 class and I have been invited the following week to a separate college.

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## Charitable Events

Axcis Staff are a keen bunch with a strong social conscience which all fits in with our belief in the role of the private sector "stepping up". We will be sponsoring PJ and wish her every success.

PJ, who manages our candidate training: I am taking on board a 10 day emotionally and physically challenging pursuit to climb the highest mountain in the continent of Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro (5,895m) in Tanzania to raise money for the Marie Curie Nurses

so that they can provide more free care to people with terminal cancer and other illnesses. I am now in the process of getting physically conditioned for this challenge. In the past, I have supported many charities and the highlight was the 5 km 'race for life' to raise money for Cancer Research when I raised more than £600. I have also, in the past, donated my hair to a Cancer Company for the making of wigs with human hair.

My mission in life has always been to help and support people who are in need, destitute or disadvantaged. I look forward to all of you good-hearted people supporting me in raising a massive amount of money for this wonderful cause.

Thanking you in advance for all your support to help mankind; every penny counts.

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## Thank You

We recently needed to find an extra person for our London Admin team and went to Prospects who found us Jack Harrison, who has settled in and become part of the team very quickly.

Prospects is the National Autistic Society's award-winning employment service, widely recognised as the leading authority in the field of autism and employment, and referenced as such in the UK government's Autism Strategy. This innovative service enables people with autism to access employment, both paid and voluntary.

It provides direct support to jobseekers and employees with autism, and essential training support to employers and other organisations who want to be able to work effectively with people with autism.

*"Many many thanks for providing such an excellent opportunity for Jack and for supporting Prospects and the wider NAS so wholeheartedly. We know who are friends are!"*

**Noel Hastings,  
Prospects Employment Service**

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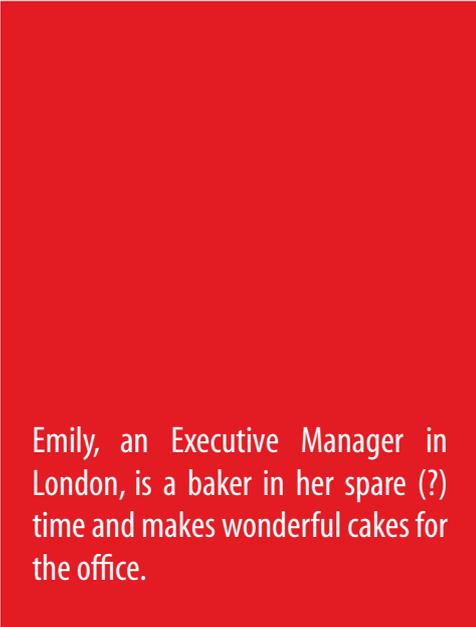
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## Funny Bits (and bits that don't fit anywhere else!)



Bristol office - the Deputy of Woodstock SEBD school spoke at an SEN training evening and the money we contributed to the school was used to buy 2 bunnies who were named by the youngsters - Liquorice and Candle.



Emily, an Executive Manager in London, is a baker in her spare (?) time and makes wonderful cakes for the office.



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Not an apocryphal story but me delivering Year 7 History many years ago - after some work on Becket and Henry 11 and me being dramatic - "who will rid me of this turbulent priest?"

I got a great piece of work back when Henry said "who will rid me of this horrible pest?" Out of the mouths of babes.