

January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: SEND Youth Summit Trip

SEND Youth Voice Summit is an event designed to bring together young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) so they can share their views, influence decisions, and help shape services that affect their lives. The summit is part of a wider commitment to participation and inclusion, ensuring that more young people's voices are heard at a strategic level.

We meet twice a month to talk about the issues that matter to us and other young people with SEND. We get the chance to speak directly to decision-makers about the things that affect our lives — and we think more young people should have that opportunity too! That's why we're excited to invite students with SEND from across the district to join us at Bradford's first SEND Youth Summit, taking place at City Hall on Thursday 12 February 2026. This event is all about empowering young people, sharing experiences, and making our voices heard. It's a chance to step out of your comfort zone, meet new people, and speak up about what matters to you.

Your child has been selected to attend the event on **Thursday 12 February 2026 from 10.00am to 1.30pm** at Bradford City Hall to have their voice heard. The selected students will be supported by staff from Appleton Academy. Transport and lunch will be provided (unless students would like to bring their own). Your child will attend school at the normal times and wear school uniform.

Please sign the attached consent form and return this to Appleton no later than **Monday 2 February 2026**.

If you have any questions or need to contact me, please e-mail directly via Charlotte.wightman@appletonacademy.co.uk.

Your faithfully

Charlotte Wightman
Assistant Head Teacher for Inclusion and Learning Support

I consent for my child (name): _____ to take part in the
SEND Youth Summit Trip on Thursday 12 February 2026.

Please sign here: _____ Name: _____