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**INSCAPE STUDENTS HOSTING #BIGBLUEBAKE IN CELEBRATION OF WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK**

InCafe is hosting a Big Blue Bake to mark this year’s World Autism Awareness Week.

Pupils and staff are inviting the public to join them for afternoon tea with a difference offering guests a selection of blue cupcakes, sponges and cake pops.

The café situated inside Inscape House School, a specialist school for young people with autism spectrum condition, provides pupils with the opportunity to gain essential employability skills.

Students who work at InCafe not only learn culinary skills, but also time keeping, numeracy, problem solving, teamwork and the opportunity to interact with customers.

Headteacher Anne Price said: “Blue is recognised as the international colour to promote autism awareness.

“We wanted to celebrate the creativity of our pupils and show how successful InCafe has been in helping to improve their skills and confidence.

“We’d love the community to join us and help to celebrate World Autism Awareness Week, whether that’s visiting InCafe on the day to try out some of sweet treats or baking their own blue bakes and helping to light up social media.”

At least one in 100 people in the UK have autism, but the lack of understanding around autism can lead to young people feeling isolated.

Research undertaken by the National Autistic Society has identified that only 15 per centof people with autism are in full time employment.

However, for many individuals with autism all they need is a combination of the right support and the opportunity to make their ambitions a reality.

The Big Blue Bake will take place on Friday March 31 from 11.30am until 1.30pm at InCafe at the Together Trust campus in Schools Hill, Cheadle.

Anyone who would like to support the students at InCafe, but is unable to make it to the event is encouraged to host their own blue bake with their friends and post the photos on social media with the hashtag #BigBlueBake.

Any money raised can be donated to the Together Trust through our fundraising team by contacting 0161 283 4822.

For more information about the work that the Together Trust do to support more than 2,600 vulnerable children annually across the North West visit: <https://www.togethertrust.org.uk/>

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**Notes to Editors:**

The Together Trust is a charity which has been providing care, special education and community support for young people and adults in the North West region since it was established in 1870. Today, the charity helps more than 2,600 people and their families each year, who are experiencing emotional, behavioural or social difficulties, physical and learning disabilities or autism spectrum conditions.

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