



St Andrew's Academy  
Family update newsletter

## Head Teacher's Welcome



Our provision is built on the concept of person centred provision. Everything we do is with the intent of a bespoke, tailored and unique offer that meets the exact need of every learner. Our curriculum is specifically designed to be sequenced and connected in a way that allows teachers to adapt the knowledge delivery in a way that is accessible to every learning profile. The theme of person centred runs through the heart of our service and includes our annual review process, timetable design and even the way our site is constructed. You heard about the SEN UTD donated Outdoor Gym last week. This was also designed with the ability to meet all needs and be totally inclusive.

Today, we welcomed the ITV news crew who were keen to find out about the good work done by SEN UTD and how we have worked together to meet the needs of St Andrew's Academy. ITV will be sharing their footage this weekend. In my piece to camera, I stressed the importance of total inclusivity and the ability for our provision to be able to be adapted to meet all needs. The image below shows the news crew filming our young people accessing the outdoor in a way that suits their fitness goals and learning profiles. Keep your eyes open over the weekend to catch the footage. Don't worry if you miss it, we'll add a link next week.

Have a safe and restful weekend,

**David Braybrooke**

## Headteacher



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*19th January 2024*

**Spring Term**

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## Friends of St Andrew's Academy



At St Andrew's, we're very proud of you, our community, and we're keen to connect and collaborate to improve outcomes for all. With that in mind, we are hosting the first 'St Andrew's Annual Spring clean' and we invite you all to drop by to socialise and support St Andrew's in any way possible. On Sunday

25th February (the last Sunday of half term) the school site will be open 10am-2pm for our community to come together and complete site maintenance tasks such as litter pick, leaf clearance and general tidy up. Hot food will be served on the day at very competitive rates and all are welcome. You're welcome to drop by for a few minutes, to arrive and leave at any time you wish. You are welcome to come along to just chat with no expectation of completing any tasks or job.

The intent of the event is to get us together and support each other in any way possible. If the site is cleaner and we make some money on food then that's a bonus, the aim is host an informal event where you can meet people and feel part of the special community that is St Andrew's Academy.

Please sign up by clicking here: [Sign up to become a Friend of St Andrew's Academy!](#)

David Braybrooke



## Children's mental health week



During the week (5th Feb to 9th Feb) we have put together a week of amazing and incredible opportunities for our students to do and experience. The focus is on 'Our Voice Matters' and we will be giving our student the choice of what activities they would like to experience. We have trips happening outside of school and other provision running sessions inside school. We have animals coming in, theatre groups, music sessions, sports activities, sensory experiences all linked to students personal interests. The week will be off timetable and we have a photographer coming in to capture the magic.

The students are encouraged to wear non uniform all week to express themselves (they can still wear uniform if it part of their routine)

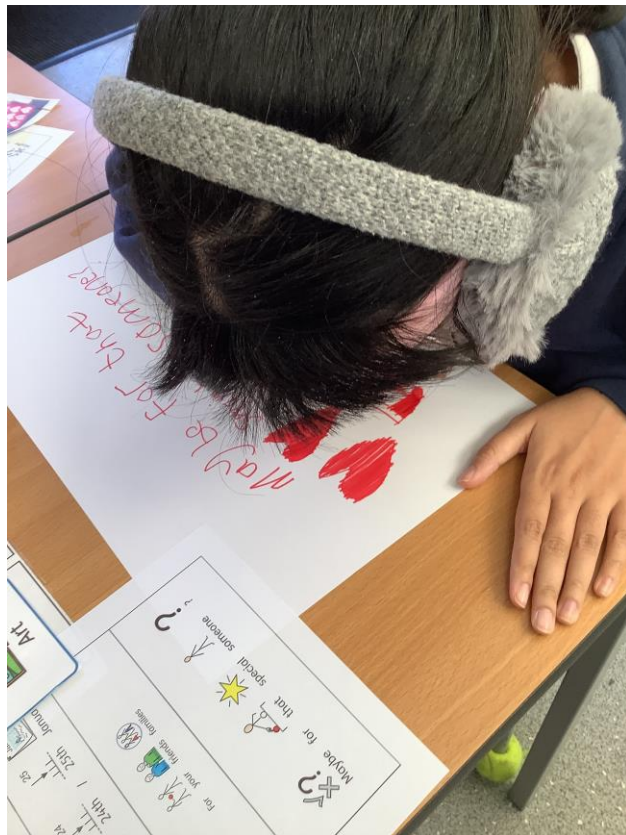
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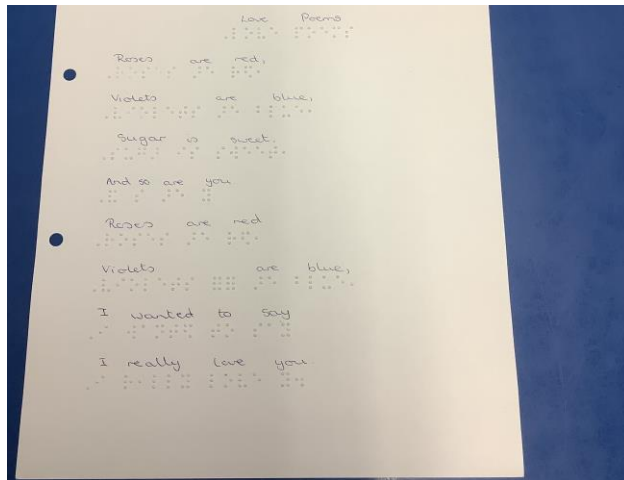
### Key Stage 3

In Key Stage Three Lewis class are doing Enterprise for their topic in Design Technology. The students have put together ideas for an item they can make and sell and have come up with an idea of making Valentine's Day Cards. In class we made posters to advertise our enterprise around School. We had to make lots of decisions about our product including how much money we would charge. One of our students wrote a poem in Braille to put in our cards.

Watch out for our card designs which will be available to order soon!







## The Glens

This week, Skye Class have been focussing on friendships. During their PSHE lesson, the students worked on their empathy skills whilst using the parachute. The students all sat patiently, taking turns and choosing which friend they wanted to go under the parachute next. There were lots of smiles and giggles coming from all the students during this session.





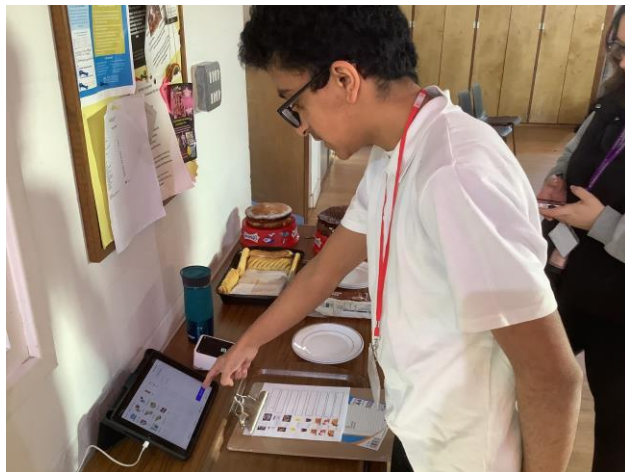


## Key Stage 4

Students in key stage 4 opened the new Wednesday morning Salt and Pepper cafe. Student spent last term learning and training how to work in a cafe, following safety guidelines, taking orders and interacting with the customer. It was a huge success and students were able to take orders, prepare orders, take payment using a card machine and clean down when it was time to close. The students was brilliant and it was great seeing the progress they have made.









## Highlands



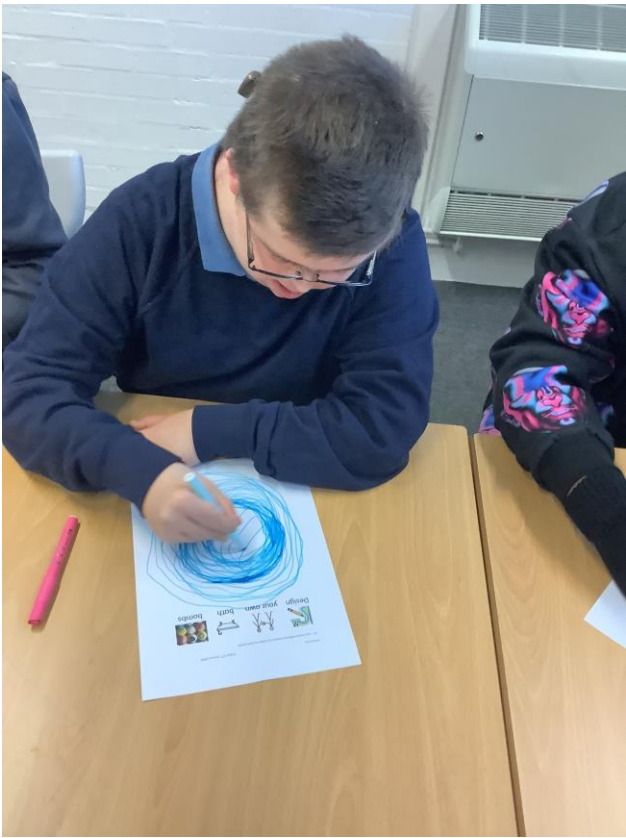
This week's theme in the Highlands is hot and spicy! Our students have been learning the difference between hot and cold and have enjoyed doing science experiments such as finding out the quickest way to melt ice. We have sampled some spicy foods this week including chorizo, curry and spiced apple pudding, delicious!





## Campus

This week at Campus we have started designing and making homemade bath bombs. Students smelt the different essential oils and looked at the different colours to help them decide on what they would like their end product to look and smell like. Students then followed the step by step instructions with support. Our amazing bath bombs will be coming to the St Andrew's shop very soon! They would make the perfect Valentines gift!















Residential Department



# Residential Entrance

All visitors must report to Reception before entering Residential.  
Please remember to sign out when you leave the school site.

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A busy time in residential, students attended Residential voice meetings to discuss all new things about residential and help plan next term, other activities included baking projects, fitness activities and visits to various local Derby City libraries. This week also saw the start of the new afterschool clubs. A select group of residential students enjoyed attending the sports, art and dance sessions.



*1 - Making delicious cookies for the department.*



*2 - Checking our favourite books out of the library.*





3 - How to complete the horizontal traversing wall.



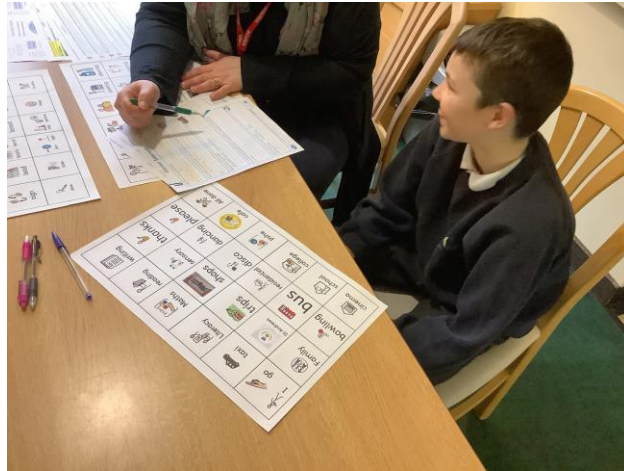
4 - This week we welcomed Seleena Creedon our Enterprise Advisor to interview our younger pupils. Seleena runs her own marketing company and has worked with us supporting our Careers opportunities for 4 years.



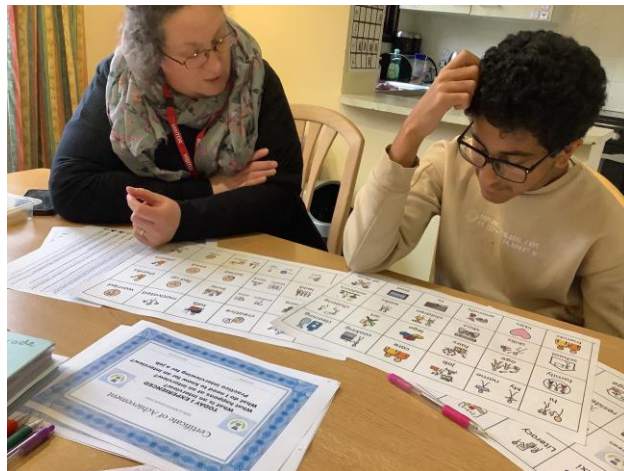
5 - The students had fun telling the Employers all about there skills and which lessons they like and dislike.



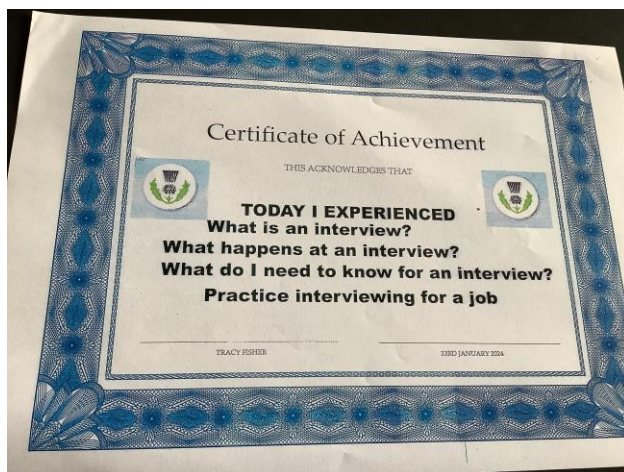
6 - We interviewed 27 students this week asking them about their futures, hopes, dreams and career aspirations. Here are 3 of our FE students who already access a wide range of careers provision. Our role is to continually improve opportunities for our students and build a curriculum that is person centred around interests and dreams. Charlotte Bushell our D2n2 partner helps to ensure we meet the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks and improve the range of opportunities we offer in the Careers curriculum, such as factory tours, assemblies and Employer encounters.



7 - The students all gained a certificate for this interview.



8 - We have some actions to work on as a result of the interviews, one of our students want to teach cookery to our Campus students, so we look forwards to facilitating that dream. Keep your eyes peeled for photos of this Careers opportunity.



9 - We are always on the look for new networks and opportunities for our students , if you have any local links that could offer some form of Employer encounter or work experience please contact Tracy Fisher [tracy.corden@sas.set.org](mailto:tracy.corden@sas.set.org)

## Broomfield Hall Open Evening

Broomfield college welcomes you to their open evening.

**Location:** Broomfield Hall

**Address:** Broomfield Hall, Morley, Ilkeston DE7 6DN

**Date:** 14-02-2024

**Time:** 5pm - 7pm

You can register at the link below:

<https://www.derby-college.ac.uk/event/broomfield-hall-open-evening-14-02-2024/#:~:text=Pre%2Dregister%20for%20the%20Broomfield,courses%20we%20have%20on%20offer.>

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10 - Sign of the week this week is..

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