

St Andrew's Academy

Family update newsletter

Head Teacher's Welcome



Simply stunning! What all of our young people have achieved in the first term of this academic year is beyond brilliant. The new routine and dynamics of the Autumn Term is notoriously a challenge but one that has been unanimously met head on. The knowledge, skills and developments in approaches to learning acquired through our consistent and sequential curriculum offer will enable pupils to seamlessly hit the ground running in the New Year and springboard their progress to July and beyond.

A sincere thanks to you, as parents, carers and our school community for the flawless engagement and support. The new website, newsletter, Evidence for learning app has taken home-school communication, and ultimately collaboration, to a new level- but we don't stop there! Research and exploration of further cutting edge methods of community engagement are being explored, with one of our class

teachers, Jordan Stringer, being appointed as Lead for Curriculum Innovation and Digital Strategy to further ensure St Andrew's receives the very latest, and best, in forward thinking systems and knowledge.

A special mention, at this time of year, must go to the staff team that make up St Andrew's Academy. We employ 103 dedicated professionals to guarantee aspirational pupils outcomes and to serve you, the St Andrew's Academy community. Our young people and you deserve the very best, and I whole heartedly believe that the adults that work hard everyday really are the finest education professionals within innovative SEND provision.

I truly hope that the festive season serves you well and I look forward to welcoming everybody back on Monday 8th January to make 2024 the very best yet!

Have a safe and restful Christmas,

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

Autumn Term

22nd December 2023



Safeguarding Information

If during the holidays, you have any safeguarding concerns regarding a student at our school, whether related to their safety, well-being, or any form of abuse or neglect, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Sadie Hampton (in work hours) - sadie.hampton@sas.set.org

If during out of hours, please contact Duty Social Care at the following number 01332786968.

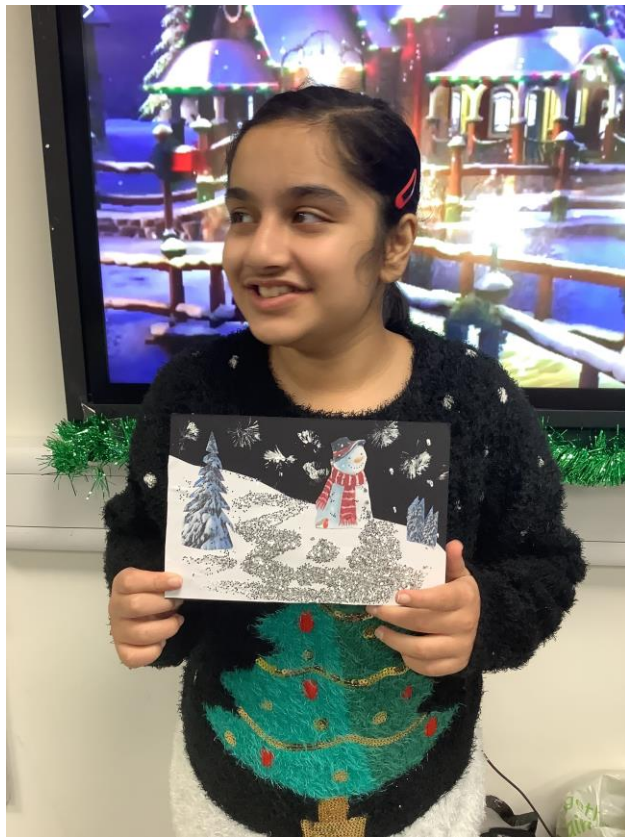
For more information, please see our designated safeguarding website page

<https://www.standrewsacademy.co.uk/about-us/safeguarding-information>.

Key Stage 3

Barra class have had a wonderful time creating Christmas crafts for their families. We would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!





The Glens

Fair Isle class have been busy working as a group to create their snow man masterpiece! We have proudly displayed it in school. Students used their creative thinking skills, along with building on their team work skills.

Fair Isle class also won the Glens department Christmas card competition! Well done everyone!







Mull class have been getting into the festive spirit by making and decorating gingerbread men. Students worked on their fine motor skills to decorate our delicious baked goods! They chose what colours they would like to use and counted out how many sweeties they would like for the buttons. Merry Christmas Everyone, from Mull Class





Shetland class have been getting creative this week and making some festive and wintery artwork! They used lots of different materials and really enjoyed exploring all the different textures. One of our students made his Christmas tree into a 3D piece! They also made a group art piece of snowy mountains and loved watching the snow flour fall down onto the art work. Merry Christmas from Shetland class.





Skye class have been making lots of Christmas crafts this week. All the students made salt dough gingerbread men, they enjoyed squeezing and rolling out the salt dough and decorating them. Everyone has enjoyed getting into the festive spirit and listening to lots of Christmas songs. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas!





Key Stage 4



KS4 students made a special Christmas treat for staff as part of fundraising for Duke of Edinburgh. We made turkey cobs with cranberry sauce and stuffing, pigs in blankets and roast potatoes. We even got to test out the new school card machine which was very exciting! We hope staff enjoyed them. In January we will be continuing with our enterprise making staff pork cobs with stuffing and roast potatoes.







Students in Stronsay have made some brownies to take home to their families. We made them in small groups using our functional english skills to read the instructions and then used our functional maths skills to measure out ingredients and set the oven to the correct temperature. We then decorated each one practicing our fine motor skills. Students were really proud of what they had created and can't wait to take them home to share (or eat them all to themselves!)





Students in Canna enjoyed the Christmas lunch they made in Food Technology. They have also been working hard to create decorations and cards for their families.

Merry Christmas All from Canna Class x



















The Highlands



Students in Iona class had a go at making their own Christmas dinner in Food Tech this week. Students engaged in peeling, chopping and lots of eating! The students did very well developing their functional literacy skills by reading recipes and locating ingredients and equipment from the kitchen independently.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of the staff and students from the Highlands!





Key Stage 5

Several of our KS5 students have enjoyed working with Derby Parks Volunteers (DPV) this year. Working as part of a dedicated conservation team is great fun and benefits not only our students, but our community and our local environment.



1 - Mary Lou, DPV leader from Derby City Council, shows one of our KS5 students the correct and safe way to trim branches in readiness for hedge laying in Sinfin.



2 - One of our KS5 students busy working with Derby Parks Volunteers in Sinfyn earlier this month.

The Twelve Birds of Christmas at Déda

KS5 students enjoyed a fantastic musical show entitled 'The Twelve Birds of Christmas' at Derby's centre for dance, movement and creativity, Déda. This interactive show was performed by Handmade Theatre Company.

KS5 students would not only like to thank the performers, but also Rosie and Matilda from Déda, who have been coming in to Campus this term for really enjoyable dance and creativity sessions.



Residential Department

A great final festive week in residential, with Christmas food, music, films and treasure hunts. A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to Everyone.

The Residential Team 🌲👶❄️



3 - The Tuesday group all enjoyed a treat chippy tea.



4 - All students used their detective skills during the Christmas scavenger hunt to find Santa. The clues led them to the naughty elf who had stolen Christmas from them.



5 - The main man made a special visit to residential to see all the students and deliver a home cooked treat.

Christmas TOP TIP!

With Christmas around the corner, remember to set up any devices that may be under the tree. It's much easier to set them up to start with rather than having to impose control settings later on. We want young people to enjoy devices safely.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonsafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to do when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen lockouts and unshareable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to "Screen Time". From here you can activate important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone and you'll be in control. You'll need to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You can also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your phone, select "Add Child" and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). In Windows Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unboxed. At my account, away from, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and you can set up the PS Family. You can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app, unlike an Android device. However, you need to set up the Chromebook with a Gmail account first, then add your child's to its settings. People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can control what they're up to via Family Link.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones, however, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children can't access anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's also the called Limited Access (Under settings > Accessibility > Limited Access). With this controlled, all young users can only use the app that's currently open.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the trick here is to set parental up the administrative before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for there a group to create your child's account, then – while on that profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and what your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't enter their details later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on that, you can control the content available to your child. In the settings menu, under "Broadcasting", you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. We mustn't forget, however, some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert
 Andy Collins is a technology journalist and author with more than 22 years' professional experience. He's covered everything you can buy on television and mobile technology in his books, writes for the BBC and has been named the UK's best children and white reporter in the subject of consumer safety.

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Parent Hub

A reminder to all families that we have also now launched our new School App and communication system – ParentHub!

We hope this will improve communication between school and families and allow us to share all relevant information effectively and efficiently. The ParentHub app is FREE to download from the App Store or Google Play. Please can we urge all parents to download this as soon as possible for those who haven't already. Once you have downloaded the app, you can create yourself an account and then click "Join a school" and search for @standrewsderby to be added to our whole school group.

You can then click "Schools" at the bottom and click "Add my children". You will have to enter your mobile number (please note this will need to be the number that school have on record for yourself) and then enter your child's Date of Birth to ensure you are allocated to the relevant groups for Class and Year group messaging.

Please allow notifications from the app so you don't miss any important messages! Please note, non urgent communication will be sent via the app and email but any urgent messages will be sent via SMS. Text messages will send from "StAndrews" so should appear as this on your phone.

Translation

An amazing new feature of this system is that it can translate any app messages into over 100 languages! If you need to use this feature, when a message comes through, please click the translate button and then select your preferred language.

If you have any questions or issues with setting up your account, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

SEND RELEASE Holiday Club

WHEN?

Christmas Holidays

2nd – 5th January

10-12.30pm

Where is it?

Déda,

19 Chapel St,

Derby,

DE1 3GU

Who's it for?

7-12 year olds with SEND needs

Release is four days of Fun, Games, Friendship building, Creative Activities such as Hip Hop, Song writing, Performance and much more!

This is a FREE HOLIDAY CLUB designed for young people with SEND needs who are eligible for free school meals. It is part of the widely recognised Holiday and Activity Fund scheme funded by Derby City Council

Children who are eligible for free school meal will take priority however anyone can book as we now have paid for places at a reduced cost 🤗

Benefits for the students:

The students will be encouraged to:

Express their emotions and creativity.

- Work as a team and build friendships.
- Develop skills in dance, singing and song writing.
- Develop a deeper understanding of the impact of social media, exploring positive healthy usage.
- Learn coping mechanisms to deal with anxiety and stress.
- Increase confidence.
- Complete the 4 days with a huge sense of achievement and pride.
- Free Food, yummy snacks and drinks each day.
- Experience of working with highly trained industry professional from the creative industry

Due to the nature of our SEND Release Holiday programme, facilitators are unable to administer medicine or personal care to students attending. You are welcome to remain onsite and recoup in the CUBE café whilst your child is in the session.

FREEDOM FOUNDATION

PRESENTS



FREE
EVENT



SEND RELEASE

SONGWRITING SINGING STREETDANCE



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RELEASE

FOR CHILDREN AGES 7-12

VENUE

DÉDA

19 CHAPEL STREET
DERBY DE1 3GU

2ND - 5TH
JANUARY

10am - 12.30pm

LUNCH
INCLUDED

LIMITED SPACES

CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL 4 DAYS

FUN, INCLUSIVE AND CREATIVE SESSIONS

THIS IS PROVISION FOR CHILDREN
IN DERBY CITY WITH SEND NEEDS

£10 PER DAY PAID OPTION AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN NOT ELIGIBLE
FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS OR A FUNDED REFERRAL PLACE

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Makaton Sign of the Week

Slide right hand
over back of left hand
towards body, then close
right hand and place
on back of left hand



6 - This weeks sign is Christmas cards.

Only 3 more sleeps until Christmas day. Have a Look at Makaton.org to check out their countdown to Christmas. There are lots of signs and video's on their Christmas calendar to help you celebrate.

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