



# St Andrew's Academy Family update newsletter

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*26th January 2024*

**Spring Term**

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## Head Teacher's Welcome



St Andrew's Academy provides a knowledge rich curriculum with the intent of enabling young people to be able to progressively know more and do more to enable a fulfilling and purposeful life Post 19. We see the design of the learning journey as a holistic process and equally value high levels of engagement and enjoyment to bring their school day to life and have fun! With that in mind, we have been working on further meeting young people special interests and talents that they may have outside of the school day and creating a bespoke after school opportunity and extra curricular programme that further enables young people to follow their passions. This term has seen the introduction of 2 after school clubs with a focus on Sports and Dance that the pupils have requested. This body of work is being led by Rebekah Brown who is currently in the process of scaling up extra curricular opportunities term on term. If your young person has been unable to access an extra curricular opportunity after school, please be assured that breaks and dinners have enabled all young people to engage in an extra curricular opportunities. In addition, each term, more places will become available to the clubs requested by the pupils.

It's clear from the photos of our sports club that the young people are enjoying the extra curricular opportunities and further developing their knowledge and skills outside of the school day.

**David Braybrooke**

Headteacher





## 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



Key Stage 3



Bute and Lewis class Enterprise

Bute and Lewis classes are making Valentines Day cards as part of their Design Technology Enterprise Project. The students are learning about design in conjunction with money skills and advertising.

If you would like to purchase one for your child or for a member of your family please visit our ParentPay shop.

[Click here to shop!](#)

- **They are only 50p and will be available to order until 9th February.**

## The Glens

Skye Class have been learning about hygiene and health in their Science lessons. This week they have been focussing on washing their faces; the staff put flour on their faces to represent their faces being 'dirty'. The students then used a flannel to wipe their faces whilst looking at themselves in the mirror. They were then able to see their reflection and to see their faces clean. They all listened very carefully to the instructions given and all found it really funny to have the flour put on their faces.



Mull class have been working on their fine motor skills and numbers during their maths lessons. They really enjoyed playing games with peers and staff, and having a go at some puzzles!







Fair Isle class have been thinking about hygiene in their science lessons, and practicing washing their hands. They have also been exploring different textures in their sensory play sessions; and tried a more challenging texture this week, sticky cold spaghetti! It was like wiggly worms! Students also used symbols to answer the questions about spaghetti.







## Key Stage 4

“Our class is very funny

We like the playground when it’s sunny

Our classroom is nice and bright

Alison will be sad if we start a fight

When we cook dinner it is delicious

But then we have to do the dishes

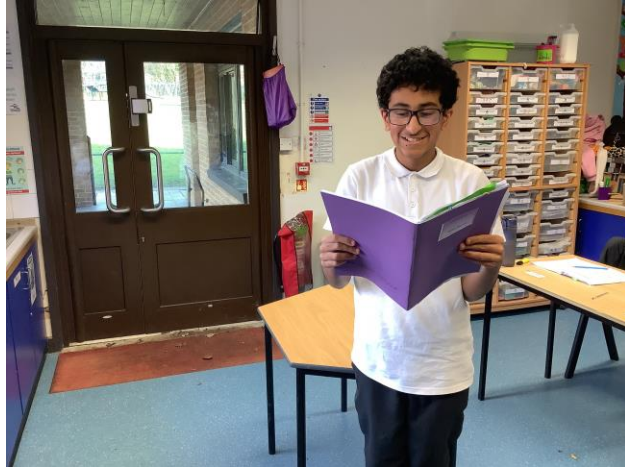
The school is cool and our staff rule

We love going to the swimming pool

We like going on hikes in D of E

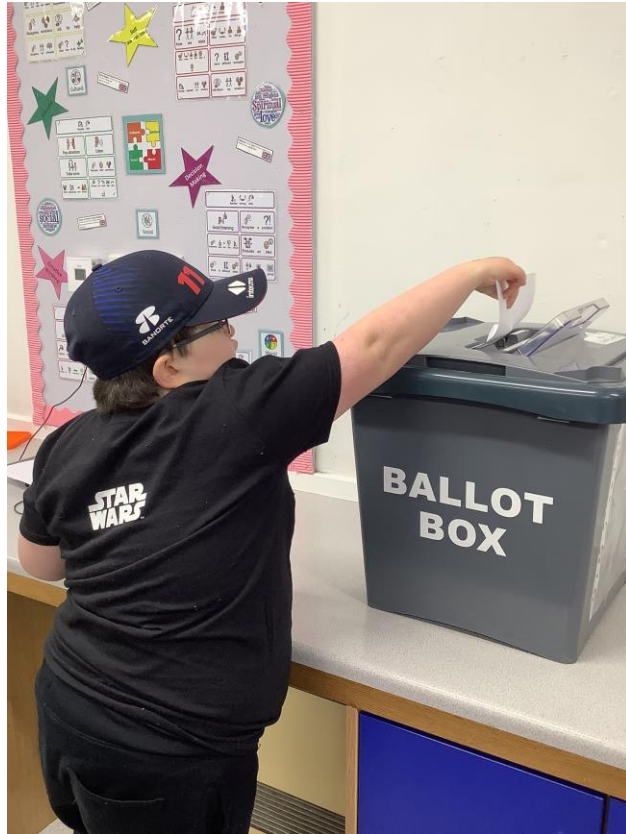
But we don’t like getting really muddy!”

A poem by a student in Stronsay class! This was written during one of our English poetry lessons.

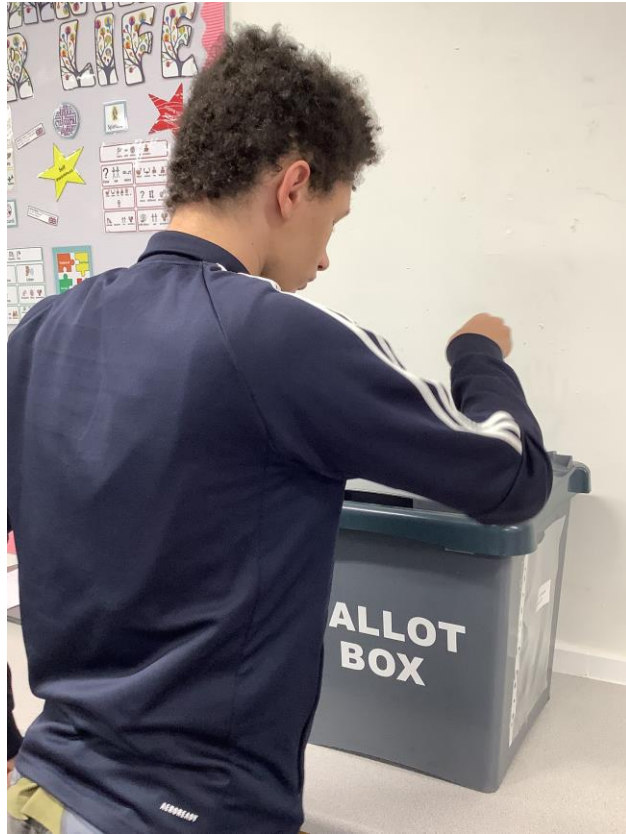


This week, Canna class took the opportunity to cast their votes and decide who they would like to see as the Youth Mayor in Derby. They watched video presentations from all 4 candidates and had a discussion about what key points each candidate was proposing before placing their voting cards in the ballot box.









## Highlands



Iona class have been celebrating Burns Night! Students have made their own typical Scottish food, such as shortbread and neeps and tatties, to honour the occasion. Peeling potatoes has really helped to develop our motor skills! We have also used our functional literacy skills to understand instructions to make our own play dough in the colours of the Scottish flag.

Taransay class has been doing some interesting science experiments this week. We have been learning the difference between hot and cold and have explored what is the quickest way to melt ice from salt, sugar or the heat from our own hands!

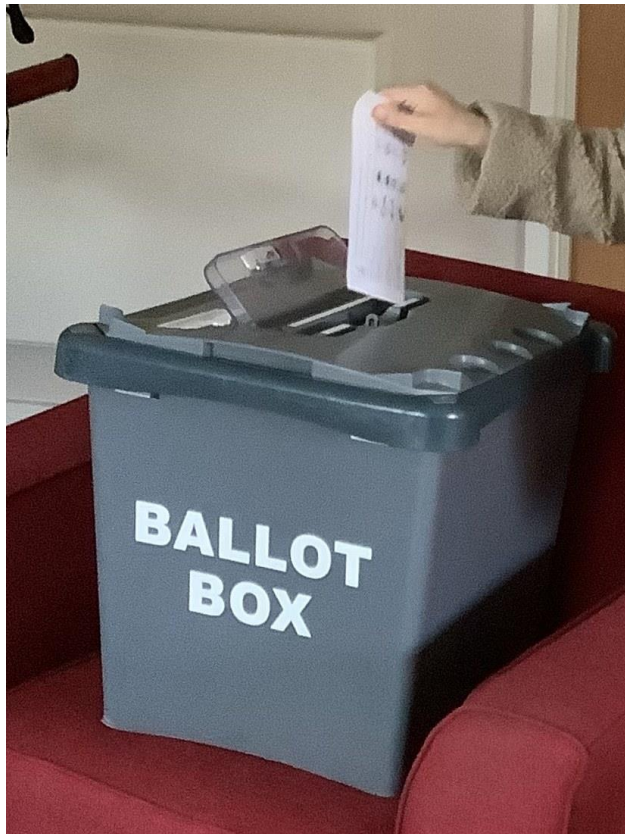








Campus





Campus students have been casting their votes in this year's Derby City Council Youth Mayor election. Our students watched the candidates' video messages before casting their votes in privacy.

Residential Department





# Residential Entrance

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

Proud to be part of  
**Shrewsbury Education Trust**  
We Believe, You Achieve

An important voting week in residential, to select two candidates to represent the residential unit at St. Andrews Academy School Voice group. Students who volunteered to stand, delivered a brief verbal manifesto, before all students took to the polls to cast their vote. Results announced next week.

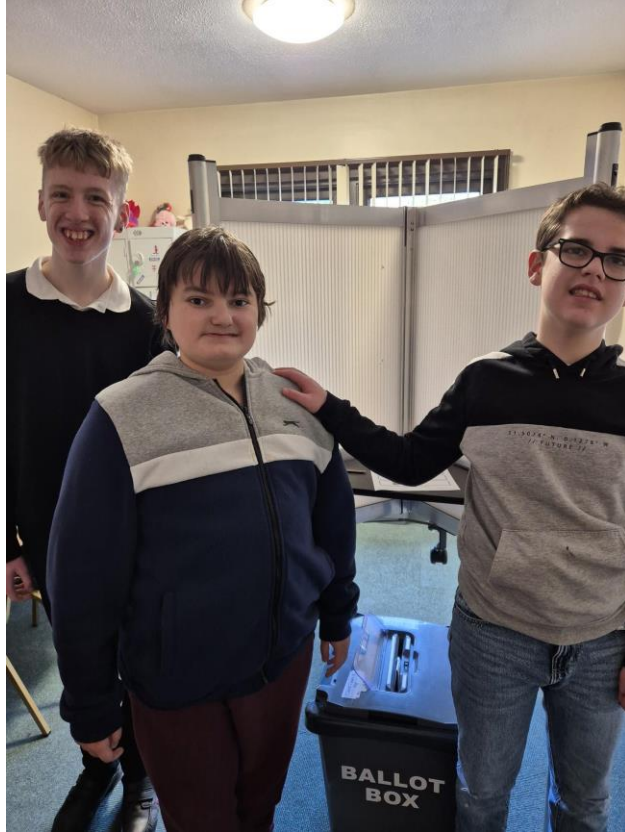
Residential also took part in The Big Schools' Birdwatch event. Students spent the week learning about different garden bird species and completed various bird related crafts. The first Friday morning session, we had spotted 5 Blackbirds, 2 Magpies, 6 Woodpigeons, 1 House Sparrow and 1 Robin. Students will input these results onto the RSPB website.

Join in at home The Big Garden Birdwatch;

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/submission/results>

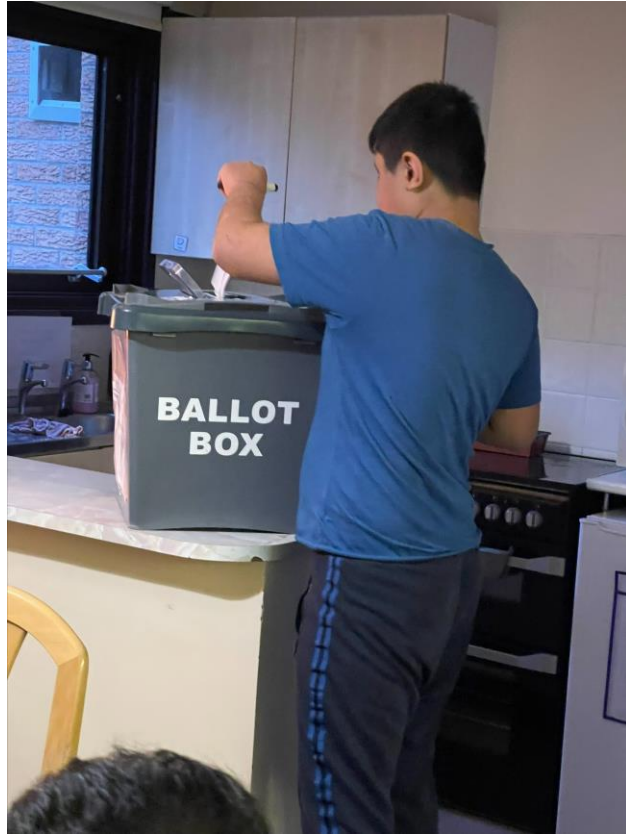


*1 - The two candidates from the Monday/Tuesday night group.*



*2 - Three out of the four nominees representing the Wednesday/Thursday group.*



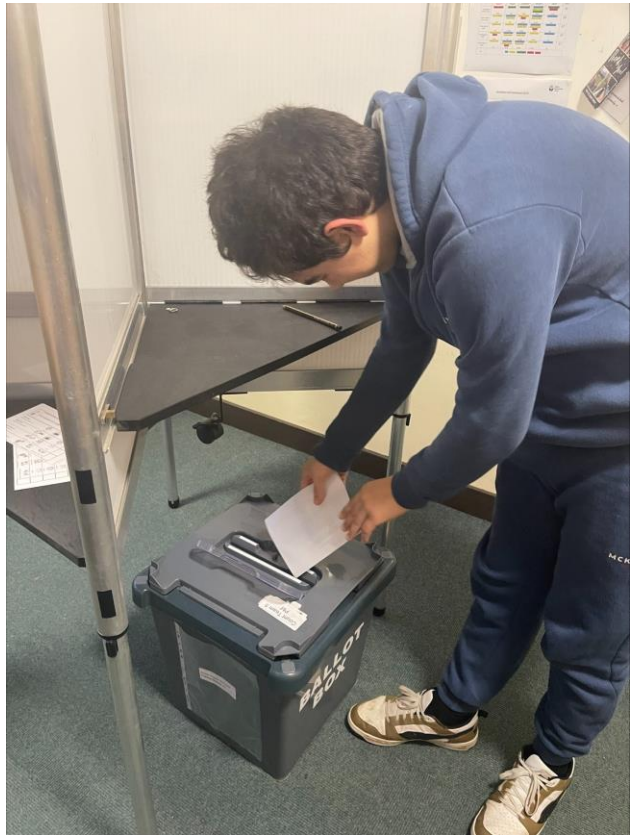
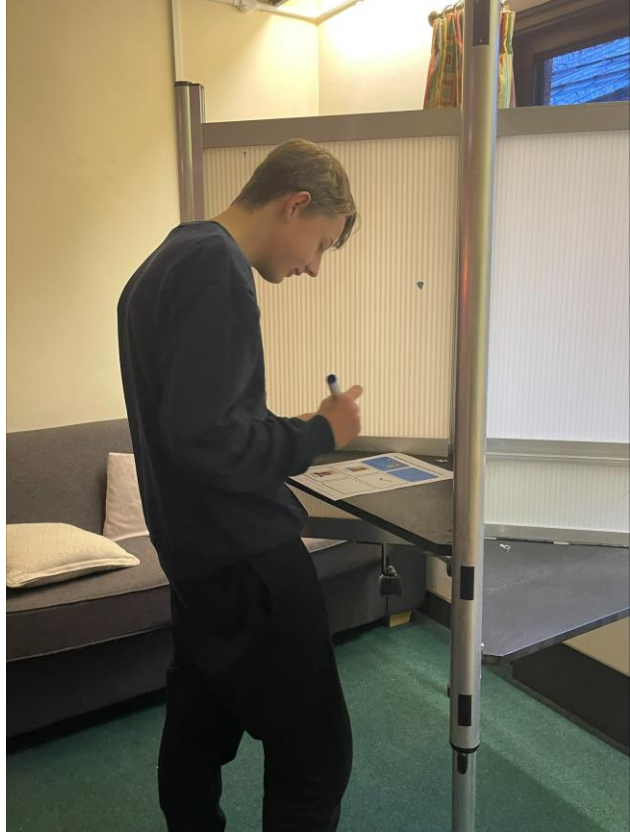


*3 - Another vote cast ready to be counted, results announced next week.*





4 - A difficult choice between four excellent candidates.





*5 - Binoculars and bird list at the ready for the Big Schools' Birdwatch 2024*



*6 - Stay quiet and still when birdwatching.*





*7 - A small robin spotted in the bushes.*

## Broomfield Hall Open Evening

Broomfield college welcomes you to their open evening.

**Location:** Broomfield Hall

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

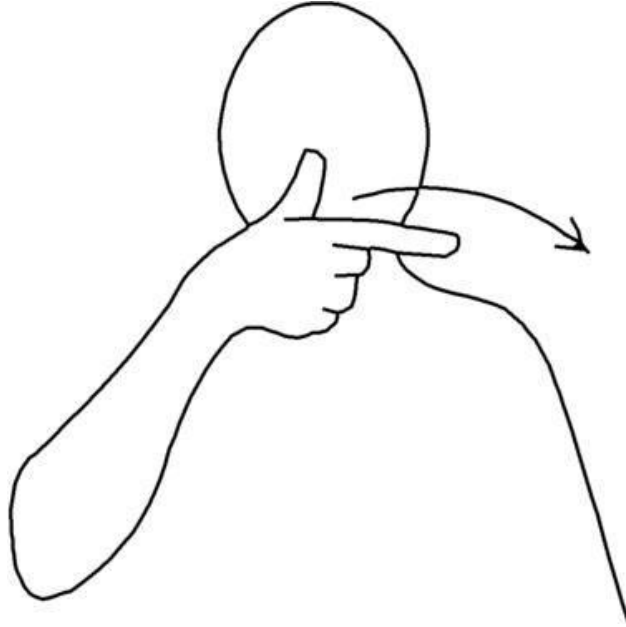
**Date:** 14-02-2024

**Time:** 5pm - 7pm

You can register at the link below:

[Click here to register](#)

## Makaton Sign of the Week



*8 - This week our sign of the week is*

***Lucky***

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