

# St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Summer Term 1

9th May 2025

#### Headteacher's Welcome



Remembrance, respect and acknowledging the sacrifices made across both World Wars and ongoing military operations is very well embedded into our curriculum as well as our wider vision and values. St Andrew's pride ourselves on connecting our young people to key historical events in an accessible and appropriate way with a view to empowering them to take the morals and lessons that can be learned from the bravery in the past. This week we have crafted and delivered sessions with a focus on VE day and the 80-year anniversary. It has been inspiring to witness the young people's curiosity, compassion and interest in VE day and what it meant for the people of our country and the world as a whole. A huge well done to staff for their skill in presenting this knowledge in a sensitive and accessible way and to our young people for, once again, demonstrating what kind and thoughtful members of our community they are.

The spotlight is always focused front and centre on the achievements of our young people, but it is a member of staff that I am keen to share some of that recognition with today. As you know, we are proudly part of Shaw Education Trust (SET) and as part of their calendar of recognition,

they recently hosted the first SET staff Awards. There were 8 categories across 32 schools with over 2500 employees in total. We made many nominations for the panel to consider, and we are very proud to share that Clair Lowe won the SET Special School Teaching Assistant Award. Clair has been part of our staff body for over 15 years and has supported many of our young people to achieve their very best. Her skill set, dedication and commitment are exemplary and we're very lucky that she is now operating in the Senior TA role. Well done Clair- thoroughly deserved.

#### David Braybrooke - Headteacher



# Derby College Group Meet and Greet - Tuesday 13th May @ The Derbion 10am-2pm



#### Apply Now for September School Transport

A reminder to parents; if your child is moving up to Post 16 education in September (Year 11, 12 and 13) please complete your child's home to school transport application as soon as possible

At St Andrew's Academy, most of our students are dropped off and collected from school via mini bus or taxi. These services are provided and arranged independently by Derby City Council or your child's Local Authority (if outside of the City Council). **If your child will be moving up to post-16 education**, now is the time to apply.

#### Apply to Derby City Council online;

Home to School Travel Assistance - Derby City Council

#### **Apply to Derbyshire County Council online**;

Home to School Transport - Stage 1 - Self

Remember to attach any required evidence (for example; benefit entitlement or medical/SEND documentation.

Family Fun Day - Saturday 24th May @The Pavilion



#### Next Match: SEN United vs Sands United FC Derby



### Key Stage 3

This week, our students went on a fantastic trip to Nottingham Theatre to see *War Horse* as part of our Reading learning. The story, characters and powerful puppetry really helped bring the book to life, and gave everyone a deeper understanding of the text.

The trip also happened to fall on VE Day, which made it extra special as we thought about the impact of war and the importance of remembering.

Our students did brilliantly – they were focused, respectful, and fully engaged throughout the performance. They handled the busy theatre environment with confidence and were a credit to the school.



# The Glens



This week students in Skye class have been preparing for VE day celebrations. They made Red, White & Blue cupcakes, bunting and crowns. Yesterday (Thursday) we had a 'Street party' in the sunshine. Well Done Skye class







Key Stage 4

Multi Schools League Success: St Andrews vs. Fountains High School

This week, we were delighted to welcome our friends from **Fountains High School** for an exciting **rounders match** as part of our **Multi Schools League** fixture. The event saw great energy and team spirit from both sides, with **St Andrews Academy clinching victory** with a final score of **13–9**.

A special mention goes to **three of our KS4 Young Leaders**, who took the lead in organizing and running the event. These students have been diligently developing their leadership skills throughout the academic year by leading internal sessions, and it was fantastic to see them put those skills into action—welcoming both familiar faces from St Andrews and new visitors from Fountains.

The match was more than just a game. It was a brilliant display of **sportsmanship, teamwork, and communication**. Students from both schools engaged positively with each other, demonstrating the true spirit of collaboration and respect that underpins the Multi Schools League.

Well done to all involved—and thank you to Fountains High School for joining us in a memorable and fun-filled fixture!







# The Highlands



This week the students in the Iona and Taransay class have been looking at forces in science. They have observed the effects of how different forces change how things move and interact, sorting from objects that we push and pull.

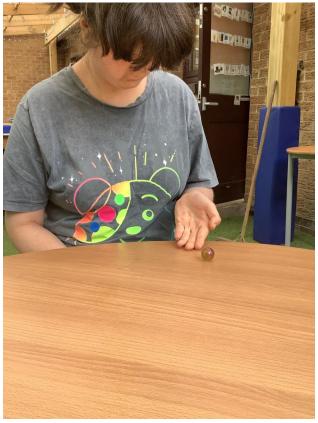
Students in Jura class have been able to access the forest school area and had a snack outside whilst observing nature around them.

Here they have been able to to transfer skills they have learnt in class to a wider part of the school.





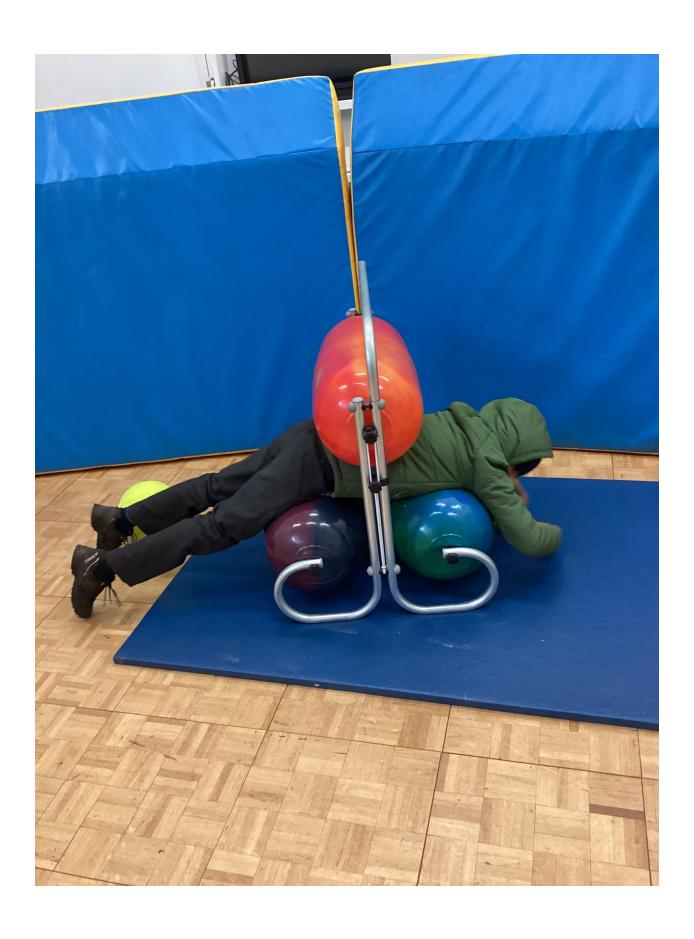








# Therapy Input

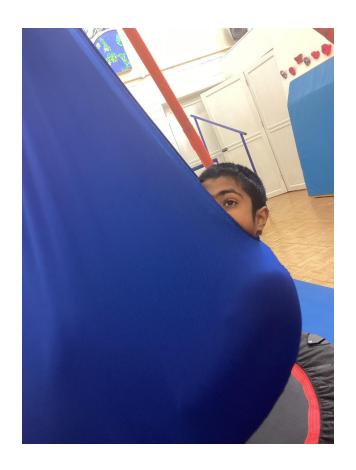


Big shout out to Nevin in Skye. Nevin accesses the sensory integration equipment in the hall. After a session on Tuesday, he was feeling a lot more relaxed and regulated, so was willing to try something new. After staff modelled getting in and out the cuddle swing, Nevin followed the same steps and absolutely loved this swing!

Nevin returned to class even more relaxed and regulated after getting a super dose of proprioception input from the cuddle swing and all the other pieces of equipment in the hall.

Well done Nevin!!!!!





# Residential Department

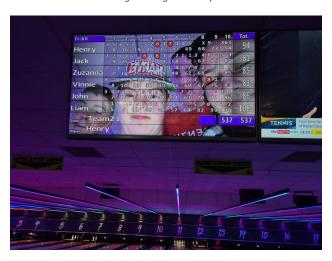


On Tuesday residential students returned to Derby County Inclusive Football Training at Derby Racecourse. The session focus was aerobic fitness, passing and shooting skills. Everyone was in good spirits since DCFC retained their Championship status.

Later in the week, it was the Wednesday/Thursday groups turn to go bowling at Tenpin. It was nice to put into practice the skills they have acquired since playing on the Wii, and also see how different the game is in real life. Students also enjoyed a burger meal afterwards.



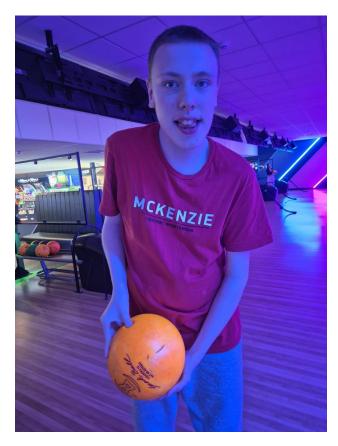
1 - A great night had by all.



2 - Some great bowling scores.



3 - Ready, aim, bowl.



4 - Strike a pose.



5 - The nestlings who we are monitoring, who have nested in a traffic cone on residential grounds. The students have named them, Blue, Hannah, Caleb, Taylor and Chip.

# Family Hub QR Code



# Family SEND event



#### Paediatric First Aid courses - May to July 2025



Family Hub Derby - What's on Guide May-July

whats-on-guide-may-july-2025.pdf

# School Fundraiser: Emma and Sarah are running 10k!





Emma and Sarah (and hopefully more of the St Andrew's team) are bravely running the Carsington 10k on 21st June 2025 to raise money for sensory integration equipment for students at St Andrew's. We are very excited to support them and cheer them on!

If you would like to support Emma and Sarah and raise money for a great cause, their GoFundMe link is below:

https://gofund.me/db669786

We wish them both the best of luck!

### School Term and Holiday Dates





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195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.

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