



St Andrew's Academy Family update newsletter

19th April 2024

Summer Term

Head Teacher's Welcome



Welcome to the Summer Term! The weather may not know it's Summer but our curriculum offer sure does! Monday's INSET day was spent mapping out exciting off -site learning opportunities, finalising plans for over night residentials and upcoming DofE Expeditions and making the very best use of the world around us to deliver our knowledge rich approach. Please do keep an eye on our Facebook page when your young person is improving their independence and learning off site.

Following the exciting installation of our outdoor gym in January, funded by our friends at SEN UTD, our next Sports site development will be creating some space for team sports. We are currently exploring opportunities for multi use game area to installed that will have appropriate surfacing and resources for a wide range of team sports. From our initial information, quotes are coming back between £80K-£120K. The aim is to part fundraise and part self-fund with an ambitious install date of Summer 2025.

Fundraising has been given an exceptional £2,600 start by the incredibly generous TJs army community. A parent of a Yr9 student has founded a tiktok community that enjoy performing songs and signing. You can find them using signwithtashaandtj. Also, tonight, the mighty SEN UTD are playing Mens Health UTD at Ilkeston Town tonight. Please keep an eye out for their other upcoming events. Should you, or someone you know, be interested in leading or taking part in any community fundraising initiatives then please do get in touch.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

Key Stage 3

Summer has arrived and so has our outdoor learning. A forest school area took the brute force of the storms over Easter and our students wasted no time in piecing it back together. Linking with our topic of sustainability and resources, we are looking forward to constructing our new polytunnels and composting area.





The Glens

It's been lovely to see all the students back in Skye Class this week. They have all been so happy to be back at school and have enjoyed going out to Salt & Pepper Cafe and Canna Cafe where they have been able to put their money skills into practice when paying for their food and drinks order.





Fair Isle class have been exploring their new topic for the first time this week, which is circus and fairgrounds. In their sensory regulation session, they enjoyed the shared attention activity with the bucket items; before moving on to explore the coloured rice. They matched the shape to a ferris wheel and particularly liked watching it pour and spin into the different colours. The group did really well at sitting calmly and sharing a space. They continued these skills in music, practising their turn taking skills with the parachute games. Well done everyone!





Highlands



All the students in the Highlands are very happy to be back at school! This term our topic is Fantasy and Adventure. For our weekly topic the Highlanders will be travelling the world, learning about different cultures and what food is eaten in each country. This week we started in the UK. Students have used their functional literacy skills to read recipes and made traditional British food such as Yorkshire puddings and an apple crumble yummy!

Our students are also learning all about road safety in our PSHE lessons. We have enjoyed going for a walk in our local area and learning how to safely cross the road at zebra crossings, these are important life skills which our learners need to learn.





Key Stage 5

Students were very happy to return to Campus this week and have been adjusting to their new timetables well. Students were asked to submit timetable suggestions before breaking up for Easter and we have had some lovely feedback about some of the new sessions the students are trying as a result, which is really great to hear. The D of E students are busy planning for their upcoming expeditions and there are also plans underway for our campus students to run a whole school event towards the end of the summer term. Please watch this space for more information!

Rescheduled Campus Information Session

FE College Campus Information Session

Monday 22nd April 2024



4.00pm – 4.30pm: Campus Tour and 'Meet the Staff'

4.30pm – 5.00pm: Curriculum Offer Presentation

This is an open invitation to all young people and their families who will be progressing into FE in September 2024 to come and meet the FE team, see the campus building and find out some more information about the FE curriculum offer your young person will be following next year.

You will receive an information form for your young person to complete. This information will help to inform student groupings and timetables for the new academic year.

Please email campus@sas.set.org to register your interest in attending this event.

Training for parents and carers



**Young people,
radicalisation & autism**

**Training and support for parents
and carers**

Young people are increasingly being radicalised online into having extreme and harmful views. Young people with autism can be especially vulnerable.

What can parents and carers do?

A new virtual workshop explains radicalisation and how it can affect those with neuro-divergence.

Learn how to spot the warning signs and how parents and carers can respond.

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