



St Andrew's Academy Family update newsletter

3rd May 2024

Summer Term

Head Teacher's Welcome



It was my pleasure to support the 2 night- off site residential at Dearne Valley this week. I was able to see the resilience and bravery of all of the pupils that went away. We enjoyed many activities from height including a zip wire, abseiling, high rope and climbing wall. Pupil were also given the opportunity to practice their problem solving activities with orienteering and blind folded obstacle courses. The independent living skills that we were able to consolidate throughout the residential were also a significant highlight and showcased just how far our young people have come. As always, this was documented and shared on our Facebook during the visit.

Our curriculum intent is to provide the young people with the necessary knowledge and skills to achieve the best outcomes Post 19 and beyond. this residential and the significant programme planned for the remainder of the year certainly delivered on this intent.

A huge well done to all of our young people who shone whilst they were away and a sincere thanks to all of the staff who gave up their time to support the incredible achievements. A special mention to Jess & Jordan who ensured the planning, preparation and implementation of high quality and safe residential practice was assured.

Have a safe and restful weekend,

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

Key Stage 3

Some of our students across Key Stage 3 and 4 had an incredible time at Dearne Valley, Kingswood, for their residential trip this year. Students overcame their fears and reached new heights (literally) during their time on the activities. Great fun was had by all!





The Glens

Skye Class have had a slightly different week with half of the class being on a Residential Trip and the other half being in School. The students that have stayed in School have accessed Forest School for the first time this week and transitioned amazingly, sat sensibly around the firepit and some of the students even enjoyed eating a sausage cob that was cooked on the fire.

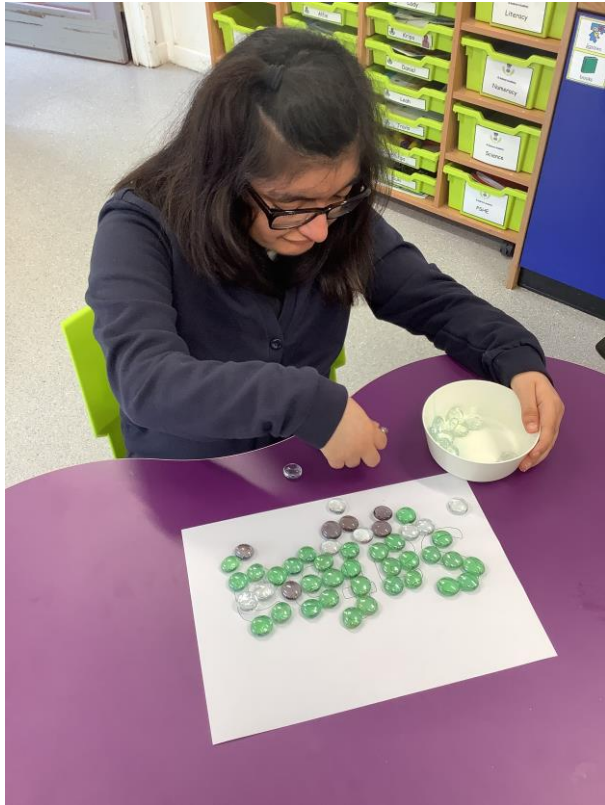


Key Stage 4

Some of Canna Class has been looking at mosaics and creating their designs during their creative art lesson.









Highlands



This week the Highlands have been learning all about Poland! We started the week learning about different things you may see in Poland and discovering the culture of the country. In food tech, students have been using their functional literacy skills to read recipes for traditional polish food such and potato soup, cabbage rolls and polish chocolate cake. Delicious, or as they say in Poland, pyszny!





Key Stage 5



The students worked hard on Tuesday mowing the very over grown grass at Campus . It took a hour and a quarter to tackle to grass. We learnt how to avoid the electric cables by helping each other, working as a team and holding it up out of the way. W/e got a real sweaty on and were really proud of our efforts. What was brilliant was that the students could see where needed an extra trim and were able to show me and go back over these areas. These life skills are an integral part of the learning at St Andrews, so if your local and your lawn needs a trim drop us a line.

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Deda Dance Performance - 'Seven Stories of the Sea'

A group of 8 students had the fantastic opportunity to perform the dance, music and poetry performance they have been working on since January at the wonderful Deda. They thoroughly enjoyed the theatre experience, from warming up in the Green Room to the theatre lights during the show, what an experience!

Some of the others students from Campus came to watch our show and participated in a creative expressive workshop after, experiencing elements we worked on to bring our show to life. The photography groups images were also displayed for all the others students to see.

A great creative opportunity for all. Many thanks to Deda who provided us with a this wonderful experience!

We are extremely proud of these students - well done!



1 - Our programme for the event



Residential Department



A quieter week in residential with many students absent to enjoy the school residential trip at Kingswood Dearne Valley Activity Centre in Doncaster.



2 - Friends relaxing, and playing their favourite computer game together.



3 - A current residential student who is so proud he has been picked for the position of Friday Morning Assistant. He works very hard in his role completing various tasks with staff support in Residential before school.



4 - Finally a bit of sun which meant the first al fresco dining event of the summer, hopefully many more to come over the next few months.



5 - Helping staff with administrative tasks.

Makaton Sign of the Week



6 - This Weeks' sign is **'To Speak'**, or **'To Talk'**.

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