

# Family Updates Newsletter

Learning Together, Achieving Together

St Andrew's Academy

#### Friday 7th July 2023

#### Head Teacher's Welcome

Enabling the very highest quality learning opportunities in an innovative

environment to ensure the most aspirational outcomes for all of our young people is more than a job to us- it's our passion and our privilege.

There's a misconception that schools wind down in the final weeks of term but that's certainly not the case at St Andrew's. With KS4 residential returning today, KS3 residential out next week, KS5 graduation next Friday and awards ceremony in the last week, just to mention a few remaining key calendar highlights. All of this alongside a continuation of a full curriculum offer, and an embedded structure and routine.

Our new reception area and meeting rooms has burst out of the ground this week with the groundworks now complete. Check out Page 2 to find out about the progress. This is not the only significant building project currently underway. The Lodge & Bungalow will greet Pentagon Play on Monday who will be installing a full width timber canopy and landscaping behind their classrooms for pupils to enjoy. We'll be sure to document their developments in the coming newsletters.

Please do take some time to consider the information, invites and celebrations in our newsletter. We're extremely proud to serve our school community and shine a light on the exceptional life we lead.

> Have a wonderful weekend, David Braybrooke Head Teacher

## **St Andrews - Building for the future**





Our new Reception area, meeting room and office space is now out of the ground!

Draining and ground works now complete, we can really see how the building will begin to enhance many elements of our operations and welcome.

The out skin of bricks are on site and are due to be laid from Tuesday with completion date of 1st September still in sight.

Huge thanks to Sam and his team of construction specialists who have been considerate and accommodating to all of us at St Andrew's.

## **Duke of Edinburgh**

Our D of E students trekked over 21 miles as part of their Silver Award Qualifying Expedition.

The students have gained so much from taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, and this will help them to prepare for adulthood, as well as leaving them with lasting friendships and joyous memories.

Well done to everyone involved!

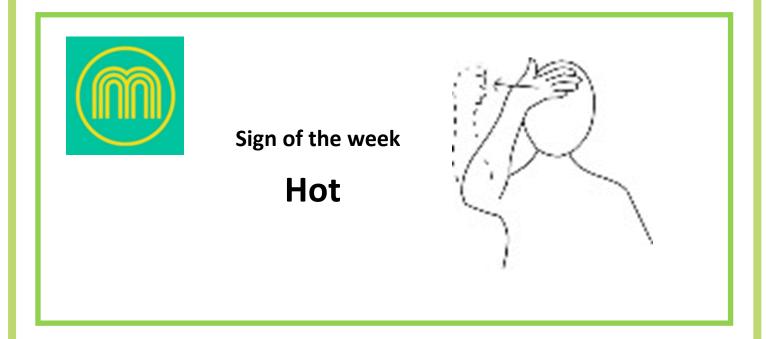


#### **Orkney Class**

As part of our PSHE Curriculum learning about people who help us, Orkney class have been looking at the Emergency Services. We were very fortunate to have a visit from the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Team who kindly offered to bring their fire engine into school and talk to us about their job. The students got to experience what it was like sitting in the fire engine's cabin and explored specialist equipment such as a camera which can see through smoke. They particularly enjoyed having a go using the fire hose. Orkney class absolutely loved seeing the fire engine up close and meeting real Fire Officers.



## **Makaton / Bag2School Collection**



## **Bag2School Collection**

The Bag2School donations are being collected from Campus on Monday 10th July—if you have any donations please send to Campus or main school first thing on Monday morning—Thank you!

We can accept the following:

Adult Clothing/Hats/Towels/Child Clothing/Belts/Curtains/ Handbags/Shoes (tied together please)/Bed Linen (no duvets or pillows please)

## **Campus Doing Good Fundraiser**

Campus students had a fantastic fundraising day, raising money for The Guide Dogs For The Blind Association.

The total amount raised was an amazing £280.00! Well done to all involved!

Particular thanks go to Ingrid Clarke for arranging for the guide dog to attend, also to Lewis who raised a huge £180.00!





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#### Are you the parent / carer of a young person with a learning disability? Do they go to a specialist school?

You could take part in this 20-minute questionnaire-based study!

We want to know more about the support for parents / carers of children with a learning disability, and their families.

Be entered into a prize draw to win one of the following prizes:

1 x £100 Amazon voucher
3 x £50 Amazon voucher
6 x £25 Amazon voucher



Please use the QR code or website below to complete the questionnaire online:



https://surreyfahs.eu.qualtrics. com/jfe/form/SV 0Nd0ciuyLW1 5qL4

If you are unable to use the computer / internet to complete the questionnaire, please email Gemma Driver, or let your child's school know and we can provide you with paper copies and a free return envelope

For more information please contact: Gemma Driver School of Psychology, University of Surrey

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Version 2 recruitment poster - 27/03/2023

Study Title: What factors have an impact on parents of children with learning disabilities specifically their experience of support given.

This study has received FEO from the University Ethics Committee

## **Ivy House Summer Fayre**

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