



The Park College Newsletter 26th May 2023

We had a wonderful start to the summer term. Students have been busy learning new skills and consolidating those they already have in a range of work experiences and personal development areas. Some students sat their functional skills assessments in Maths, English and ICT. Well done to them all. We will have some re-sits for some students and will let them know the dates after the half term.

In our staff training at the start of term we implemented a new system to record student progress and will have this up and running in the new academic year and will share it with you.

Enrichment/ Community links/ Careers/ Work experience

Some students attended a Coffee Fair in Excel with our café manager learning all about coffee and brought back some samples to share.

Students attended Disability Day at the Oval cricket grounds – a community sports day where they took part in a range of events. The most popular was skateboarding which many had not tried before. Our café prepared and delivered the lunches.

A Travel training bus was arranged by Southwark council in June, and we have another one in July for those that missed the last one or would like to repeat it. It is great to see the students develop their independence in this area.

City & Guilds School of Art gave students a tour of the building and an opportunity to take part in wood & stone carving workshops.

Career/ self-employment workshops at Autism Voice have included soap and shampoo bar making. You will be invited to a fair where you can buy some of the products next half term.

Students developed their hospitality and catering skills for our event: MHFA (Mental Health First Aid) training. The feedback was positive, highlighting the student's professionalism. We are pleased to say that we have an increasing number of work





placements for students including The Lovage project and Peckham Plex cinema. Please have a look at our website for a list of all our partners and photos.

Students visited a Chocolate Shop called Melange in Peckham where they learned about the job of an artisan chocolatier and explored the possibility of work experience placement there.

The Apprenticeship Fair in Tooley Street, Southwark was a successful visit where students learned about the opportunities available to them in the future.

All our year 4 students and one year 3 student started a 3-day work placement in a training kitchen. They have been working hard and transferring the skills they learn at both college and the professional kitchen.

We have developed our links with the local community, hosting a Warm hub once a month where anyone can come for a free meal made by a cook from Draper together alongside one of our students. You are very welcome to attend. The next one is on June 28th and July 19th 11-2pm.

Great to see many of you join us to celebrate the King's coronation with a delicious quiche and cakes made by the students.

Parent / carer surveys

Your views are always important to us and every year we ask you to complete our college survey. We will send you a text with a link to complete the survey online. Do remember you are always welcome to speak to any one of the team directly. We have also completed a staff wellbeing survey this term and will complete a student survey so we can try to take everyone's views on board as our college moves forward.

We hope you all have a lovely Half term, and we look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 5th June and the last day of term is Thursday 20th July 2pm.**

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Acting Principal

