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## SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Next term starts on **Thursday 5th** September (at the new time of **9:30am** to 3pm) until Friday 25th October 2024

Hello Everyone

We have once again had an eventful term and as we approach the Summer break we want to reflect on some of the amazing experiences and hard work that students and staff have been involved with. Our year 10s and 11s have all worked hard towards completing their Functional skills and GCSE exams and we are hopeful of some good outcomes in August.

This term we have enjoyed visits from the RNLI and the British Red Cross, and we have welcomed back a visit from Paul Hannaford with his frank talk about his life and focusing on students being mindful of making the right choices and taking responsibility for their actions. Students have participated in challenging conversations in PSHE lessons - which have gone well due to students building good relationships with our new PSHE lead, Ewan. Our students have also written some amazing poems in English and we have entered some of them into a poetry competition. Students also enjoyed their day out on the assault course during their last week and a trip to the cinema, we have also had a successful sports morning and student awards afternoon.

Sadly, we will be losing some staff members - Penny our English teacher and Julie-Anne our careers lead will be leaving us to further their careers but we will be welcoming back Brittany and Chelsea from their maternity leave. We are also welcoming two new members of Staff: Ella our new Art & Photography tutor and Jade who will be our new learning support assistant in September.

We would like to wish you all a happy and safe summer and we welcome our students back (a year older) on Thursday 5th September 2024 —

*Claudia*

**Goodbye & Good Luck to our Year 11s—** On Thursday 20th June our Year 11 leavers celebrated their penultimate day with a trip to Thorpe Park with their key-workers. The day was full of adventure and thrills which was enjoyed by all.



On Friday 21st June we had our year 11 leavers celebration assembly. It was an emotional afternoon saying goodbye, however it was lovely to reminisce on old memories and to celebrate our Year 11 leavers. We wish them the very best of luck with their future journeys! -*Tasha*

**Reminder to our Year 10's-** please remember that on the second week back after the summer break, on Thursday 12th September 2024, there will be a presentation afternoon starting at 2pm in our Willow building to showcase our HERA programme that all Year 11's take part in. Letters have been sent out inviting all of those that are relevant, We look forward to you joining us -*Tasha*

### Attendance

Well done Darren & Elson who have both achieved 100% Attendance this term.

Please make sure you ring 01945 661371 asap if your child is not coming into school



**Student Of The Year 2023/24-** Staff have voted for this years student of the year and this award goes to Domi as he is kind, thoughtful and has consistently improved across all areas especially with his behaviour and engagement in lessons. Well done Domi. 😊

**PSHE**—This term in PSHE, we have focussed on the topic "living in the wider world" which encompasses careers, transferrable skills, identifying fake news, and even the recent general election.

We also had an educational visit from the red cross for the second part of a first aid course with the students. There were matching activities to look at different injuries and ways to administer first aid in these circumstances. Thank you very much for coming in, Nigell! - *Ewan*



**Maths**— This term in maths we have been ventures' exploring how we would and could use maths outside. We have done a data analysis bug hunt relating to insect week, and also calculating our own shopping, picking the correct weight of ingredients needed and adding up the total cost.



**DT Workshop**—

Well, another busy term for the DT department, the kids are improving their skills exponentially! We have a range of items being made,



We have also been looking at the volume of shapes, angles, proportion problems and probability. Our students have shown great knowledge and engagement in their lessons—*Jenni*



one 3 draw chest of draws, one 4 draw chest of draws, a 'Butterfly' wall corner unit, a 'Love' wall hanging, a couple of 'Punch Tin' small cabinets, a few Mantle clocks, a side table, all made using hand

tools. We have a couple of new students taking DT now, and both are showing great promise.

Some of the students are learning to work quite independently and/or from drawings in books, it is a real pleasure to see these young people enjoying making things and the self satisfaction that is evident when a product is complete. Well done all of the DT students—*Harry*



**Sports**— Our sports group have been enjoying the lovely weather, engaging in field sports looking at accuracy.

They have trialed different types of golf, from foot golf to the driving range to also having a swing at disc golf.

We have also done some team sports of basketball and football. It's



been great seeing the students enjoy playing outside - *Jenni*

**Careers**— On May 20th we held a school careers fair, to get the children learning about careers more relevant to them. We had a fantastic day and all the students and staff had a great time learning about pathways into



careers that don't necessarily require academic qualifications. We had visitors from a Sports company, a Car Journalist, an Online Tutor and Union Representative. We even had a visit from the newly elected Mayor!

It was so successful, we are hoping to repeat the event annually—*Julie-Anne*

**Maths**- The students have completed some outstanding work in maths this term; from identifying properties of shape to comparing their angles. They have learnt new terminology and can use this language in their problem solving and reasoning! I am particularly proud of how they have grown this term—getting stuck into their work and practicing skills when they don't know something, showing confidence and bravery to tackle tricky work!



*Julie-Anne*

**Farm**—We have had a lovely last term at Wisbech Community Farm. Our students have engaged with lots of different activities, from wood work to sensory play, fire building and crafts. Some of our students have also dedicated a lot of their time at the farm to animal care - mucking out stables, feeding the pigs, rabbits and guinea pigs & even learning how to herd llamas. We had a visit from Fens Falconry, too, where students got to learn about and handle some incredible birds of prey. We have seen some really positive social interactions and friendship building this term which has been fantastic -*Carys*



**SMSC**—We visited the Fire station and students were allowed to sit in the fire engine to have a look and could ask any questions they may have had. They also got to hold the hose which they loved doing as it was very powerful.



We went to visit Wisbech Castle to find out some key facts about it and had an interesting visit inside the vaults. We had to wear safety helmets as the ceilings were so low -*Claire*

### Poetry

Closer to me, she is my everything  
Wholesome and kind, she's all I need.  
Lovely, caring, funny and sweet.  
Overjoyed she loves me.  
Everlasting love flows through me.

DFM

Dun dum du dum du dum dun dum  
A vestige of innocence in a place of rage,  
Disembodied laughs linger in the halls,  
An endless whisper of agony,  
A once joyous place now a scene of sin  
The whispers of death are the only constant  
The past cannot be hidden when the past  
will repeat itself,  
A once sane man who lost everything to  
his own hand,  
Now he steals the purest joy,  
Your heart beats quicker as the lights  
flicker  
A sinister silence fills the air and...

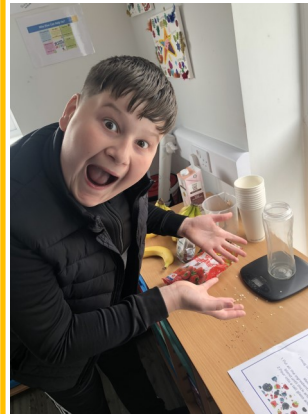
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### Football Match—

This term, we played Mildenhall school at home and what a game it was! The game kicked off with everyone working hard and holding their positions well. Ralfie was explosive down the wing, making runs from box to box. Darren was strong in the midfield area, taking on players and showing off his ball control. Spencer in true Spencer style covering the left side and making some crucial interceptions, preventing many potential goals. Tomi staying patient up front and running onto the balls in the box area, a tough job for any striker. Tex was covering the goal and directing and supporting his defence line. Faith and Theo made their debut in this match and got stuck in and made a big impact in the game. The star moment of the match was Ralfie G running down the wing and saving a goal with his forehead, it was like watching Cristiano Ronaldo and the crowd went wild! The score on the door was 10-4 to Wisbech! *Gemma*



**Thrive**—Thrive sessions have taken place this term on both a group and 1:1 basis for our students. The Thrive sessions have been lively, colourful and collaborative. This term we have seen many of our students get involved with



sensory activities - with a firm favourite being making slime! The students have also had the opportunity to get creative through the use of arts and crafts, as well as working together on lots of different team-building activities.

I am so proud of all of our students here at On Track Education as they have met so many of their Thrive targets! - *Tasha*



**Creativity**—Poppy has been planting away this term, we have been able to watch nature take its course, watching our little seedlings of tomatoes, courgettes, squash and sweetcorn grow to be pretty impressive plants. We have had great fun getting our hands in the soil and are looking forward to trying our produce—*Jenni*



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**Horse riding**—This term our students have made some incredible progress at Fenland Equestrian Centre. As always, they have been learning about the ins and outs of equine care - from feeding the horses to turning them out, tacking up, grooming and horse health. Through their riding lessons, students have vastly improved their riding, and Spencer has even secured a place for work experience at the stables next year! - *Carys*

