

Community Allotment

The staff allotment group have been working over the summer to maintain and prepare the allotment plot ready for September. We are grateful with the donations that have been received so far to support this project. We look forward to developing the plot into a stimulating environment for our students. Our vision is to create a place where students can learn about producing food and also where they can be taught academic subjects in a tranquil environment. This project is a cross curricular activity supported by KS3 & KS4 students and staff across all vocational lessons. We have had a great start with our first harvest of courgettes, some of which were donated to our local homeless shelter, The Hope Centre and Elsie's community café, all of whom were delighted. In addition we have been able to continue to harvest vegetables to use in our own Food BTEC lessons.



Sailing

Students from KS3 and KS4 have both been enjoying going sailing, learning new skills and team building. It has been lots of fun and each week the students are getting better and gaining more confidence. Students have done so well in working towards their qualification they are also able to earn extra certificates. Keep up the

Cake Sale

The Macmillan cake sale was a great success with lots of lovely cakes being made by both students and staff. The delicious treats were enjoyed by everybody and students engaged very well with games such as pin the cherry on the cake! We look forward to more fundraising in the school again soon.



KS3

KS3 plan to raise money for charity by wearing something pink and baking cakes to sell other students and staff. The money will be sent to The Crazy Hats charity that supports both NGH and Kettering hospital for patients with breast cancer.



Apprenticeships



We have had an amazing and informative visit from the Apprenticeship service who delivered a brilliant seminar to the students. The students found this engaging and very helpful with their own future plans. Students came away from this feeling very positive about a future apprenticeship and career goals.

Rock Climbing

This term, we have extended the number of students taking part in indoor climbing. Most students have been working towards a level 1 entry level award aimed at novices that recognises their ability to climb safely and promote good practice in climbing and bouldering unsupervised on an artificial wall. Some students have been working towards a level 3 Technical Climber award which is a more advanced course that focuses on developing technique and movement skills. This award is equivalent to a GCSE grade 4 and will equip them with the knowledge and skills to climb and belay safely at any climbing facility in the country.



KS3

Once a week the students cook a variety of breakfasts from around the world and we have had some amazing results, probably the favourite were the American Pancakes.

We are extremely pleased that we are able to enter some of our KS3 students for their Functional Skills level 1 mathematics exam this term. This is a first for Year 9. All students involved are working really hard in preparation for this challenge. Our Friday morning registration in which our students practise maths Ninja exercise's, have clearly helped them with their mathematical skills enabling them to undertake this challenge.

Drama

This term we visited the theatres in Northampton and Milton Keynes and enjoyed learning about recent productions.

Both students and staff were amazed at the difference between a contemporary and traditional theatre. In Milton Keynes we were lucky enough to be invited to watch the soundcheck for the current production of War Horse.

These trips have inspired us to stage our own event; so for Halloween we are planning a "Spectacular Spooky Spotlight".



Hair and Beauty

This term both staff and students have attended nail technician course which has been exciting and challenging for all involved. This experience has resulted in one student being offered a work experience placement.

PSHE

This term PSHE has been amazing for students. Students have been learning CPR and first aid techniques! Students took this very serious and understand what an important skill this is to learn.



Tutor Time

This term in tutor time we have explored a variety of topics enabling students to develop their understanding of the wider community. Through discussion, activities and media they have demonstrated excellent communication skills, team work and empathy.

In addition once a week students look at local and national newspapers discussing stories of interest and comparing language techniques used in tabloids and broadsheets newspapers.

Friday is Quiz day! Students and staff compete answering questions relating to the weeks news events.



Coming soon...

Next term we have some fun festive plans ahead.

Students are working hard to achieve the gold reward trip and are on track to achieve this. Keep up the excellent work! This term the Gold trip will be a fun filled day of Ice Skating and Silver reward trip is to the cinema. We look forward to sharing news of the reward trips in our next newsletter.

Students will also have the opportunity to visit the "Skills Live Show" in November. This is a brilliant show for students to explore all different types of careers available to them in the future.

Keep "On Track" and have a great half term.



Forest School

Next term all students will have the opportunity to be involved with our newly developed forest school. This will enable students to enhance their confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland environment.

