



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

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Meet our Curriculum Manager for the Communication and Wellbeing Pathway



Julie developed the Communication and Wellbeing pathway to focus on student communication skills, these skills are something that the team is very passionate about it. This element of the curriculum is designed to help individuals develop their skills to interact with each other and the within the community.

The Wellbeing element of the programme is designed to help student to co/self-regulate and recognise changes and emotions within themselves and others. Students should finish the programme with increased knowledge and a toolkit of strategies that they can use in their everyday lives.

Fun facts about Julie:

- She loves going to the gym and lifting weights
- She did her work experience here at the school when she was 14 and loved it!
- She likes to eat healthy and calorie counts through the week (but loves a bit of chocolate at the weekends!)

Tutor Groups

Our tutor groups provide a supportive environment where students can work together, encourage one another and share experiences.

Tutor groups allow students to learn from one another and engage in collaborative problem solving as well as the social benefits of gaining new friends.

The sessions include Equality and Diversity, Digital Essentials and Careers. By using this structure staff are getting to know students better, recognising their achievements and addressing their concerns more effectively.



Student Voice

The first Student Voice meeting of the year took place this week and the topic of discussion was around Induction, Admissions and Learner Support.

The Students all conducted themselves in a professional manner and shared positive ideas throughout.

Students have already begun to assume leadership role such as Noah becoming the LGBTQIA+ Leader, Aiden as Positive Behaviour Leader, McKenzie as College Site & Environment Leader as well as Molly and Harley-Mai being joint leaders for Deaf Awareness! Some of our Student Voice Reps can be seen in the picture above!



Congratulations Ellis!

Ellis won his Sunday team Player of the Week at his cricket presentation last weekend. Well done Ellis!



Well Done Stephanie!

Stephanie is doing amazing in her cooking sessions. She is overcoming so many of her fears by working with staff and peers. She is always asking to try and push herself more and more. She loved making Coca Cola Chicken last week so much that she asked for the recipe to be printed off so she could make it at home. She sent this photo of what she made with her mum.



Cash Register Fundraising Project!

Last academic year, the Enterprise Sweetshop were using an old and tired cash register and was in desperate need of a new one. To enable the purchase of a new till the Enterprise Lead, staff, and students worked throughout the year by organising fundraising activities including end-of-term raffles.

Research to find a suitable cash register for working with SEND learners found that they needed to raise a minimum of £500 for a new one. This till allows product images to be entered into the cash register so they can easily be identified through images and/or text.



By the end of the year, through the dedication of staff and students across the college, the Enterprise Sweetshop managed to raise just short of £500. However, the register was still out of their price range at £520! This did not stop the Enterprise Lead through gentle negotiation with the company, CRG cash registers, she managed to seal the deal for the cash register and a bonus scanner for the total price of £468 and with the money left over they were also able to buy a new pricing gun.

The college would like to thank everyone for supporting their campaign. The learners are enjoying using the new cash register and are learning valuable skills for English/Maths and future work opportunities.

Well Done Connor!

Connor has been working on dental hygiene during his personal presentation sessions, he has managed to overcome a genuine anxiety around cleaning his teeth and can now smile confidently.



Welcome to the team!

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Lauren Cahill who has joined us as a Senior Support Worker. Thank you to everyone for making her feel part of the team!

