

# ORCHARD EDUCATION AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

### SUMMER SCHOOL

Our term started early this year running summer school sessions for the very first time. It was great to check in with some of our learners over the holidays with them taking part in lego, sports activities and cooking.



#### **RESULTS DAY**

We were very proud of all our learner's results from Functional skills and GCSE. Results day saw our highest number of level 5 GCSE maths grades.



# STUDENT COUNCIL

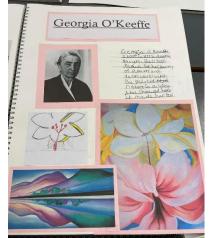
The learners who represent each site in our student voice meetings were extremely mature in their feedback on everything from changes to the curriculum to lunch options. One of our HEART values is to be Reflective and having learners and parents who work so well with us only makes us better.

# NEW ART CURRIUCLUM

Learners have taken brilliantly to our new Art curriculum. We have seen some outstanding work produced from our learners based on artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe and Stephen Wiltshire.









#### **BTEC COOKING**

Another new addition to our curriculum was BTEC Home Cooking. Our key stage 4 learners have all made some very tasty food and we are looking forward to taking the qualification to level 2.



#### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GALLAGHERS CAFE

On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September as part of our Orchard in the Community we held a MacMillan coffee morning. We raised an incredible £500 on the day which was doubled to £1000 by our Melrose CEO Tracey Story. This money will support families dealing with cancer across the UK.



#### CAREERS AT ORCHARD

Joanne Royston became our Careers and vocational lead this year, introducing lessons for all learners appropriate to their age. Joanne says that this is a new and exciting role and she's looking forward to promoting different work sectors to all of our learners. To enable the learners to experience these roles KS3 and KS4 will be visiting several workplaces where they will be able to speak to the professionals and look around their working environment. This will begin with them visiting a local Fire station and they will be given the opportunity to talk to the fire officers, look at the equipment used and ask any further questions.

Our KS4 learners will be visited this term by YPSS (Young People Support Service) where they will look at different college and course options that they might like to study for their post-16 option, next September. They also will be visited by CarePlus who support our learners on their work

experience placements, where they will have an informal chat with them to discuss their career placement preference for their work experience later in the academic year.



## ROYAL COURT CARE HOME

We continued our partnership with Royal Court care home this year visiting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October to work with residents.



### PLP (PERSONAL LEARNING PROGRAMME)

As part of our curriculum each class identity personal learning projects around different themes, our Laceby learners chose recycling, making this impressive tree out of rubbish.



# CYCLING

From re-cycling to cycling, Heidi Higgins managed to win mountain bikes for the school to support learners who haven't learnt to ride safely yet. We hope to be using them soon with the support of bike-ability and Lincs-inspire.



# SOCIAL MEDIA

Growing up in 2023 has its challenges for our teenagers, challenges that most of us didn't have to face. One of these is social media. We are having to deal with an increased number of situations that are happening outside of school due to social media fall outs which at times can impact on learning. Below are some websites to support you and our learners on privacy and appropriate use. <a href="https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides">https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides</a>

#### https://www.bbc.com/ownit

To further support online safety, we are using Netsweeper Software on all learner and staff devices. This will support our ability to filter out any inappropriate material and keep our learners safe online.



#### SAFEGUARDING

If anybody is in need of support, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead Claire Pedersen on 01472 898498.

For emergencies contact:

Humberside Police non-emergency number on 101, if an immediate emergency dial 999.

Childrens Services 01472 326292 (option 2, option 2) (Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm and Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm).

# HALLOWEEN

Sargon Way ended half term with a disco, we loved some of the costumes on display.



