

## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Christmas time at the Orchard has meant lots of celebrations, parties and fun times for our learners but also lots of time with and supporting our local community too. Our Robert's Street learners visited the Grimsby Shoe Box appeal which supports children in Romania and Ukraine, a charity they hope to support further next year. Whilst our Sargon learners again visited the Grimsby Food Kitchen providing much needed support by way of food and gifts. And of course, we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day!



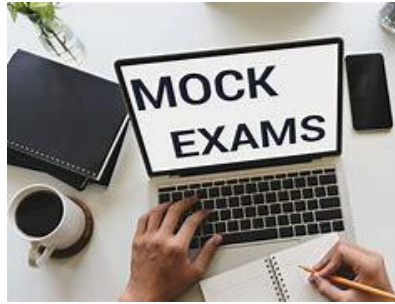
## EXAM INFORMATION - THOSE YEAR 11 LEARNERS ON OUR GCSE PATHWAY WILL BE TAKING MOCK EXAMINATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

English Language week commencing 22nd January

Mathematics week commencing 29th January

Parents of all of our GCSE learners will be receiving further information about the GCSE Summer examinations shortly.

We wish all our GCSE learners good luck in their upcoming mock exams!



## YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADVISORY GROUP (YPAG)

Orchard learners Ben and Max represented the school at the Local Authorities Young People's Advisory Group (YPAG) and visited Parkway Cinema to look behind the scenes. The learners had a great time!

The Young People's Advisory Group is a friendly and informal group of students who meet regularly to play games, help shape the local offer for SEND, and meet with guest speakers.



## CHARITY WORK

One of our tutors, Natalie Potter had the amazing idea of 'Orchard's Christmas Mission for Kids!'

We decided that as a school we were going to complete 8 hours of continuous exercise to raise money for local children that are at risk of not receiving a Christmas present this year. Staff and learners embraced the challenge by getting involved and asking for sponsorship. Unbelievably, we managed to raise a whopping £879! With the money we raised we went shopping and bought a variety of gifts for all ages. These gifts will be delivered to Women's Aid and Salvation Army to help make a few children's Christmas extra special this year.



### BTEC COOKING ASSESSMENT

Some of our KS4 learners have just completed their BTEC Level 1 in Home Cooking by creating a cooking event for family members and staff. The learners designed invitations and a menu for their chosen guests. The learners also decorated their dining room and set the tables ready for their diners before serving their home-made dishes.



### ROYAL COURT CARE HOME -CHARITY EVENT



This term Class 5 have used their PLP budget to buy items from local charity shops. We have linked this with our careers lessons and looked at the skills and qualities needed to work in these shops. We then held a Christmas Fayre at Royal Court Care Home and sold the items we bought. The learners did wonderfully and managed to raise more than £200 for the residents' fund at the care home.



## CAREERS

All KS3 and KS4 learners have visited Peaks Lane Fire Station this term and spent time speaking to the firefighters about their job role and looking at the equipment they use. Some of our learners witnessed the emergency bell and the firefighters dashing off to an emergency!



Orchard have welcomed local award-winning manufacturer myenergi who have spoken to our KS4 learners about working in the renewable energy sector and advising them about how to apply for apprenticeships.

Next term, the KS4 learners who have applied for courses with Grimsby Institute for next September will be meeting with them to complete their pre assessment. This will ensure the correct support is put in place to allow them to flourish in their new setting.

KS3 will be looking at the sports and well-being industry and identifying the different roles, skills and necessary qualifications to work within this sector. They will also be going out to a local sports venue and have the opportunity to speak to staff about their job roles.

## SAFEGUARDING

If you need help or support and are unsure who or where to turn to, our Safeguarding Lead number is 07738600651. Claire or Steve will check the phone at 4pm each day.

Other services to help over the festive period are: -

- Integrated front Door (Childrens Services) Members of the public and professionals can call the IFD on 01472 326292 (option 2, option 2) (Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm and Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm).

Report a concern to Childrens Services - Report [a concern for a child](#)

The local offer for children and young people with disabilities - [The local offer](#)

## LITERACY EVENT

Our literacy event was held in November to coincide with Children's Book Week. Our theme for the day was Dr Seuss. All classes at our Sargon way site participated and either watched a film, read a book, completed a book review, matched rhyming words or drew a picture. This event is held termly and is to encourage a love of reading and is part of our school literacy strategy. We will also be launching a 'Loving literacy at Lunch' book club too!

## SPRING 1 DATES AND EVENTS

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Valentine's Disco

W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 - Diversity Door Competition to mark Holocaust Memorial Day

1<sup>st</sup> February - NSPCC Number Day - maths games and activities