

Newsletter - Spring - 2025

It has been a very busy term with lots of exciting things happening - from a full on activities week and residential to a whole range of work experience opportunities. Students have applied themselves brilliantly to the tasks at hand this term and are reaping the rewards of their hard work and effort. It's safe to say everyone has earned themselves a break and we hope you all have a fantastic Easter. We look forward to welcoming you all back from Tuesday 29th April.

Hill Walking Returns to PE

The beautiful weather has made hill walking a huge hit this spring term, with its return as part of the weekly PE sessions. It's been a fantastic way to challenge students' physical skills and introduce them to a different form of exercise. Mindfulness walks, orienteering, and map reading activities have further enhanced the experience—much to the students' enjoyment.



Hands-On Learning in the Community

Jake is finishing up his placement at St Richard's Hospice Warehouse and has recently started volunteering alongside Josh at Ledbury Scout Hut. In the coming weeks, they'll be clearing overgrown brambles and weeds, and helping to rebuild the adventure playground—a brilliant hands-on project that will have a real impact on the local community.



Student Success Stories

This term, we said goodbye to Alfie as he moved on to an exciting apprenticeship opportunity with the Three Counties Showground. He has worked incredibly hard, and we wish him the very best of luck in his new venture.

After impressing the team during his work experience placement at The Range—particularly with his dedication and attention to detail—Yas has been offered a part-time job, which he's now balancing alongside college. Fantastic news. Well done, Yas.





Enterprise in Action

Enterprise has been thriving this term, with a flurry of external orders keeping students busy. They've been hard at work printing a variety of items and preparing them to meet tight deadlines. One exciting highlight was a large order from a local shop for our student-designed mug and coaster sets—just in time for Valentine's Day.

Some of our enterprise students also had the opportunity to visit *Red Penguin*, a local printing business, to gain deeper insight into the industry. While there, they even got to create their own signs—a fantastic hands-on experience.



Vocational Success

Students have worked hard this term to complete a wide range of City & Guilds units across all vocational areas. Staff have particularly enjoyed the delicious results in Hospitality, with Yas and Josh impressing everyone with their beautifully cooked three-course meals—definitely a highlight.



Fond farewell



This month, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Helen Attree, who has been a dedicated member of the Board of Governors—and Chair—since Neil and Sue established the school as an alternative provider in 2007. We are incredibly grateful for Helen's years of service, wisdom, and unwavering commitment. Her guidance and encouragement have made a lasting impact, and she will be truly missed. While her departure is a great loss to the school, we wish her every success and happiness in the future.





A Week of Adventure and Activities

The week commencing 10th March was a big one, with some of our students heading off on the residential trip to Jamie's Farm, while the rest took part in a packed Activities Week back at Sixth Form.

As always, Jamie's Farm proved to be an incredible experience, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The week included a variety of farm tasks and team-building activities—challenging, fun, and highly rewarding for everyone involved.



Gaining Confidence Through Work Experience

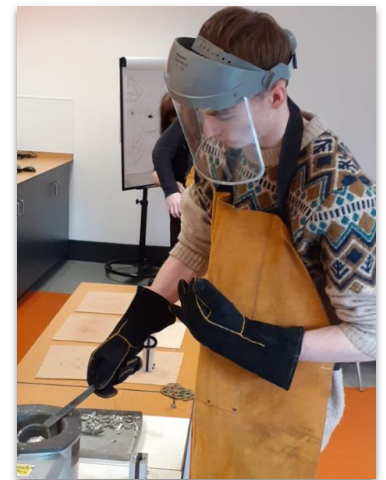
Lottie has continued to enjoy her work experience at the animal rescue centre, growing in confidence—especially when it comes to walking the dogs. It's been a brilliant opportunity for her to build skills and connect with the animals.



Activities Week Adventures



Activities Week was packed with a variety of exciting trips and hands-on workshops. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn new skills, explore new places, and have lots of fun. Highlights included a glass fusing workshop, a visit to the Black Country Living Museum, stand-up paddleboarding, and a National Trust trip to Brockhampton Court.



Important dates for your diary:

TE Day Monday 28th April 2025

Term commences Tuesday 29th April 2025

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025

Half Term Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025

Term last day Friday 18th July 2025

TE Day Monday 21st July 2025

