

Success through learning opportunities



Aligning academic ability to pastoral and therapeutic outcomes is central to our work:

inspiring students and staff to maximise interest, potential and personal achievement and facilitate success.

The Head Teacher Nigel Troop

A great big thank you to all, students and staff at Wessex Lodge School for their continued efforts and hard work during this half term.

Group Director for Education and Learning Jason Goddard

I would like to thank staff and students for their welcome this term. And obviously a big welcome to new staff: Luisa, Louise, Lukasz, and Josh. But also the new students Scott and Chloe. I have been delighted by the improved attitude and attendance of the students. We are starting to develop the curriculum so each student reaches their potential. WE are starting to invest in equipment to improve the student learning (noting the numerous heads with lots of hair and massage table). The

farm is also developing other skills which will support a breath to the curriculum. Lastly thank you to all the house teams for your ongoing support. It really is appreciated.

At Wessex Lodge we have all been delighted to welcome some new members to join our expanding School team. We also sadly say adieu to Sheena after 2 years at the school.

Welcome Simon!

Simon has joined us to share his expertise in Art. Students now appreciate the colour wheel as Simon launched watercolour mixing techniques last week. This is after being involved with craft making for the Triskele Farm launch. Already some students have shaded in leaves beautifully as we appreciate the fast-emerging Autumnal

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hues around us. We are looking forward to this being developed further in future weeks.



Welcome Louise!

Louise has joined the team as a Learning Support Assistant. Her energy has inspired creative Wedding mood boards which are very proudly displayed in the 'Spa room'.

Welcome Luisa

Luisa is familiar to many of us from the Houses and we are lucky to have her with us in Wessex Lodge School as a Teaching Assistant. Her artistic flair has already been appreciated as students created glittering cards which you may have seen at the Farm Opening. She also instigated scrumptious fairy cakes which were received as a resounding mouth-watering success. More of these please Lou!

Welcome back Nikita!

And Welcome to the 'Hair and Beauty classroom' where a massage bed and hairstyling heads make the Historians amongst us think of the heads on pikes at the Tower of London! The glamorous and increasingly complicated hairstyles emerging are making some of us feel uncomfortably poorly groomed! Go Bernadette, Nisha, Shaniqua and Boris.



Welcome back Dan!

Sounds emanating from the Music room include the recognisable theme tune from EastEnders.



Courtney and Nisha have been learning to play the keyboard by learning some of their favorite modern hits adapted onto keyboard.

Courtney has learned to start using two hands and now knows what a sharp note is too.

Nisha has been using two hands, learned some chords and also learned riffs and runs for two different songs. Both girls can also now play the EastEnders theme tune on the keyboard.

Welcome back Teresa!

Presentations and discussions have been underway for the Functional Skills Level 1 Qualification with one student achieving her Speaking and Listening pass already this school year. Well done- You know who you are! Annotated drawings and illustrated pictures, recipes and shopping excursions have been great opportunities to put Literacy and Numeracy Skills to good use as practical skills are developed. These will continue as the end of the year approaches.

We have all become experts at interpreting timetables and are practising telling the time- Our Target: **To all be in the right place at the right time.**

Staff Reward

For the past few weeks staff have been invited to nominate a colleague for the good work that they have done. Loads of nominations have poured in each week, resulting in one member of staff being presented with a gift to recognise and thank them for their good efforts.

PSHE

During September and October we had several visitors to the school for advisory sessions to assist with Personal safety, health and well being.

Drugs awareness

Mike from Motiv8 conducted a drugs awareness session on the dangers of solvent abuse which students participated in fully. He also carried out an outreach session to students at Farmhouse.

It is planned that Motiv8 will conduct a session each term with our young people. Mike or Dave will happily come in if we believe there is a specific area of concern that needs addressing.

Sexual Health

Marina Hanham a sexual health nurse will be coming to see our students - An afternoon session has been booked for November 2nd.

Fire Safety

We have built a good working relationship with the local fire service who came in this term and spoke with the young people about safety in their homes, and the dangers of smoking in bedrooms. Future sessions are in the process of being organised.



Employability

We have celebrated fantastic success with two of our students achieving the ASDAN Employability qualification at Entry level 3 and Level 1. It is hoped that by Christmas work experience placements will have been sourced for the students who are eligible.

And Finally...

At the end of the first, of many future newsletters we at Wessex Lodge School are proud to share some of the highlights of the past weeks.

Unfortunately, we can not mention every achievement and success here because they are just too numerous - but we will continue to share as many as we can. If any of our readers wish for more information please let us know- immodest as it may be we are always keen to show off our work!!!