

COLLEGE NEWS

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This term the **Dalby** students returned to school hearing the news about the war in Ukraine. There were discussions about how we could help those in Ukraine who are suffering through the impact of the war. Harvey wanted to help raise funds for the Ukraine appeal so set upon creating a Ferrero Roche sweet tree and a gift hamper of prizes consisting of perfume, word search vinyl plaque and a mother's day card. He managed to raise near £200 from selling numbers to staff for a bonus draw.

Dalby have been working extremely hard sitting mock exams as preparation for their upcoming exams in the Summer. In-between doing mocks they have been taking part in some food technology lessons and this term they have learnt to cook a chicken pasta bake. In support of their entitlement to physical development our students attend weekly sessions at Gateshead Leisure Centre to use the gym or the swimming pool. The student's enjoyed their fitness session at the gym with Mr. Vincent who took them through an exercise routine.



DALBY

GRIZEDALE & GISBURN

Grizedale and **Gisburn** have had a great half term. We have been looking at how to prepare for an interview in SETPD. Everyone has engaged in this really well. We have been looking at a job advertised at ShoeZone. We looked at what the job role was, spoke about how to dress appropriately, looked at the questions we may be asked and we even went to the shop in the Metrocentre to show we knew how to get there using public transport. Another highlight of this term has to be our trip to Beamish Museum. We learnt all about the different jobs that you could apply for at Beamish and also how jobs have changed over the years. We will be hosting another cafe at the end of term, this one will be an Easter themed one. The students have planned the menu and made all the food themselves. Well done everyone for another amazing half term.

Have a great Easter break!



HAMSTERLEY & REDESDALE

Hamsterley and **Redesdale** students have had another jam packed half term! Preparation for Adulthood has been a big focus in this half term. Students have started to: plan, budget and shop for meals before cooking them; learn how to change bedding on their own; learn how to use a washing machine; learn how to iron; basic sewing and even how to look for houses online!

In cookery we have made a large variety of meals such as carbonara, different types of eggs, stir fry, pancakes, tacos and more.

Alongside our normal lessons, we've been doing lots of assessment preparation for English and maths- it's looking great! In Employability, students have been developing and using their interview skills and techniques in practical and role play tasks.

We have begun filming Cedars College sign of the week and learning some Makaton so we can communicate better with everyone. Watch out on Facebook and Bloomz for our signs!

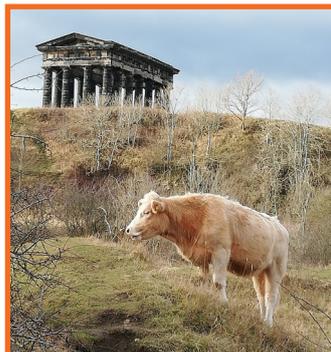
In outdoor learning students have used wood to create pegs, musical instruments, bird hides and more. They have explored the local countryside and visited exciting places such as Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activity Centre, Northumberlandia and Souter Lighthouse. Students really enjoyed making campfires and baking bread on them. Recently, we have explored some local bird hides in Newcastle and watched the wildlife.

We are upping our enterprise game and have been exploring some enterprise possibilities. We are looking forward to creating some fundraising sunflowers and scenic prints next half term- so keep your eyes peeled!



KIELDER

Kielder students have enjoyed the last two months at College. We have begun reading the short stories of Agatha Christie in our English classes, along with the biographical crime story, 'Catch Me If You Can'. We also visited the Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens as part of our Arts Award work, and have continued our weekly forest school and walking sessions, creating tent pegs and whistles out of natural wood, and visiting places such as Northumberlandia and Penshaw Monument.



HARWOOD & SLALEY

This half term **Harwood & Slaley** students have been looking at what it means to work as a volunteer. We have identified our own strengths, looked at some of the people who volunteered throughout Covid and what this meant to the people they were helping. We have worked on recognising emotions and how volunteering could make us feel. We have started to Volunteer at the college allotment; planting vegetables, cutting the grass and getting it ready for summer. We are hoping to do some cooking with the vegetables we grow.



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Harwood and Slaley held a table top sale on the 23rd March. They designed and produced personalised products to sell and set up the sale independently. We were very pleased to see so many students and staff come and support us. Students managed the sales, orders and money as part of their enterprise venture and we pleased to have sold £102 worth of products. We are hoping to expand this in the very near future.



This term in **Winlatter Class** we've thoroughly enjoyed our first term down at the College site and have all settled in well. We have particularly enjoyed going out with Simon. We've been to Thornley Woods, the Derwent Walk and Chopwell Woods, striking very lucky with the weather along the way! We have learnt to identify different signs of spring such as wild garlic and bluebells, and have gained a lot of knowledge in identifying various plants and trees such as silver birch and oak.

We have all accessed the local shops and many of us go out for our lunches with staff on a regular basis, helping us become more independent in paying for items and knowing who to ask for help if we get stuck.

We are now beginning to study local history and next term we hope to visit various historical sites on our doorstep in Gateshead and Newcastle in the warmer (hopefully!) summer months.

Have a lovely Easter!



WINLATTER



STUDENT VOICE

College council this term have had many meetings. Students have been asked if they would like to be part of either environment group, creativity group, Rights Respecting group or the well being group. These groups will come together after Easter and feedback to the rest of the college. Students have also decided on a venue and a date for the end of year disco. Students also discussed upcoming events and resedentials. Wooler trio. Kielder walk and the France trip.

HARRY POTTER CLUB

Harry Potter club is all things Harry Potter. So far we have made our own wands, made chocolate frogs and Harry Potter inspired pegs. We enjoy playing Harry Potter based games especially The Mystery of Hogwarts. We have taken part in Harry Potter quizzes and watch some of the movies whilst enjoying pizza. It is always relaxed and everyone is welcome.



FANTASY GAMES CLUB

Fantasy Games Club was created for fans of roleplaying and fantasy games, both old and new, expert and novice, to get together and share adventures. It has provided an opportunity for students to develop skills such as creativity, storytelling, and problem solving, as well as making new friends along the way.

We have played various different games so far, including board based collaborative games such as HeroQuest and Warhammer Silver Tower, as well as more open, story-based ones like Dungeons & Dragons and The Storyteller's Tales. Some of us have even designed and led our own campaigns!



CREATIVE ARTS

Building evidence towards Arts Award learners have been investigating Creative Careers. Working remotely with BALTIC students have taken part in ZOOM presentations with different professionals from the creative industries such as Special Effects Makeup Artists, CGI Designers, Tattoo Artists and more, particular favourite has been with Sign Writer & Letter Writing Artist Ash Willerton. Learners have gone on to develop their own styles of sign & letter writing, using isometric paper, measuring with different rulers and adding colours with paint. We will continue to investigate Creative Careers into the next term and have some visits booked in to BALTIC enjoying art as a participant.

Learners have also taken part in a competition for Unique Arts Award creating artworks in different mediums under the themes of 'a better world', 'scapes', & 'nature'.

Creative Cru:

Friday afternoon's 1pm - 3pm the Creativity room/space is open to all learners wishing to develop their creative skills, do extra Arts Award activities, draw, paint, colour or chillout and listen to music.



RETURN TO COLLEGE

MONDAY 25TH APRIL

