



Special School - Primary PRU - Secondary PRU - Hospital Medical

KINGSMEAD IS EVOLVING AND IMPROVING...



Working with the Local Authority, we have been working hard in the background to develop our collection of schools.

From November 2022, our two PRU's will join together to create one KS2-4 PRU at the Bridge Street Site. We will be conducting some pupil voice over the coming weeks to decide on a new name for our provision. Joining our two provisions together will help our children as they will get better access to all the specialist facilities at Bridge Street, including the ICT suite, Food Technology Room and Sports Hall.

In addition, our current Castle site will move to the old Newton's Walk building on Cedar Street. Our current building is really quite small and cramped for the number of children who should access it. Utilising the building on Cedar Street for our current and future cohort will give us the extra space we need. Also, with the support of the local authority and over time, it will create a more

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specialist facility which will help the progress and attainment of those who attend there.

Additionally the local authority will be able to offer more places to children who need it. In the same way as above, we will be involving the children via pupil voice and choosing a new name for the provision.

Some young people will still attend our current Castle site, these will be for 1:1 pupils on very personalised packages. Our Hair and Beauty provision will also remain on site here for the short term.

We know change is difficult and we have planned induction events for children and families, however we know getting used to the new buildings, travelling arrangements and all those things we have to consider in our school will take time. We will do all in our power to support this move and make sure it is as successful as possible.

Saying hello to yellow in the name of mental health



This term, staff at the PRU dressed in yellow to support World Mental Health Day.

Students were taught strategies to help mental health and made 'help dice' to show their support. It was also Youth Mental Health Day this term. The aim was to encourage understanding and discussion of mental health in young people, enabling them to live happy and healthy lives all year round. Each year, the day aims to get young people, and those who support them, talking about how to improve mental health.





Putting our quality alternative providers in the spotlight

Junction 16 prides itself in offering quality, Alternative Provision for Kingsmead School and the rest of the city. As part of assuring we are upholding our service expectations, we regularly visit providers both formally and informally throughout the year.

We have recently held a fortnight of formal Quality Visits to check contractual compliance with our joint DPS that we run with the local authority procurement department (and also to allow the AP Manager a sneaky peak at the fantastic teaching and learning opportunities our students are accessing in Derby City).

The wonderful pictures on his page and the next, show just some of the great range of vocational provision on offer from companies such as Baby People, CAST Angling Projects and YMCA Derbyshire who, along with other select few, continue to raise the bar on meeting schools' and DfE standards for offering Alternative Provision.

Please do visit our Junction 16 web pages to find out more about Junction 16, what we do and why and to explore the other provisions on offer. <https://kingsmead-derby.co.uk/junction-16/>





Castle students cook up a storm for their hospitality and catering course

Fantastic work from Rachel at YMCA Derbyshire - the whole group from Castle were observed banking skills for their E3 Award in Hospitality and Catering.

They cooked up a storm and even provided refreshments. Well done everyone!



SEND ambassadors join forces at student council meeting



Our student SEND Ambassadors joined those from St Martins School, Derby and St Andrew's School for another student council meeting. This was an opportunity to meet with key project planners from Derby City Council to discuss ideas for large scale developments in the city centre. The event was a great success and we look forward to working together again.



Why it's fun to be at the YMCA

An event was held at YMCA Derbyshire to celebrate the achievements of students and staff. The YMCA offers various vocational courses to students across the city, including Hospitality and Catering.

Students from The Kingsmead School and Junction 16 have achieved great results, with a number of former students, last year's year 11s, receiving their certificates at the event.

Keron, a former Derby Moor student who joined the course through Junction 16, was one of the students who gained recognition for successfully completing the Entry Level course and also continuing his education journey with YMCA as part of their post 16 programme. Well done to all of our learners and thank you to the staff who made their successes possible.

Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside

At the end of last term, our special school pupils were taken to the seaside - and, as you can see from these photographs, a brilliant time was had by all. For some of our students it was the first time they had seen the sea and it was a joy to see them experiencing all that the English seaside resort has to offer.

