



Why our Tyler is in a different league

DERBY County fan Tyler Colebourne was 'speechless' when he received a video message from Rams boss Paul Warne congratulating him on his school achievements.

Sixteen-year-old Tyler, who has been on a personalised programme for almost a year, was sent the message to encourage him to keep up his good work and enthusiasm.

The message was arranged by his teacher Marcus Marshall, a former professional footballer who played with Paul Warne, himself a trained teacher, at Rotherham United.

Tyler, who is a Derby County season ticket holder, said: "I knew my teacher used to play professional football, but I couldn't believe he spoke to Paul about me – it's absolutely sick.

"I was speechless when he showed me the video, I just couldn't believe it. I love that Paul is wearing his woolly hat too – I can't wait to show it to my mates. I go to all the home matches and it's been great to see The Rams winning.

"I've got it on my phone and I've shown it to my family who were really impressed. I do love it here - it's so much better than my previous school and the staff are kinder and really help me when I'm struggling. One of the things I'd like to do when I leave school is to be a football coach, so to get one of the best sending me a video is great."

Vicki Cutting, personalised programme coordinator, said: "We have a weekly meeting where staff decide who has gone above and beyond each week and Tyler's name is always put forward because he has such a good attitude. He is conscientious and hardworking, trustworthy and reliable and always here on time, in fact he's usually here before staff.

"The film from Paul Warne made his day and we are really proud that we could make that happen for him. He's a huge football fan and it meant such a lot to him, we're delighted that Tyler is flourishing in the right environment for him."

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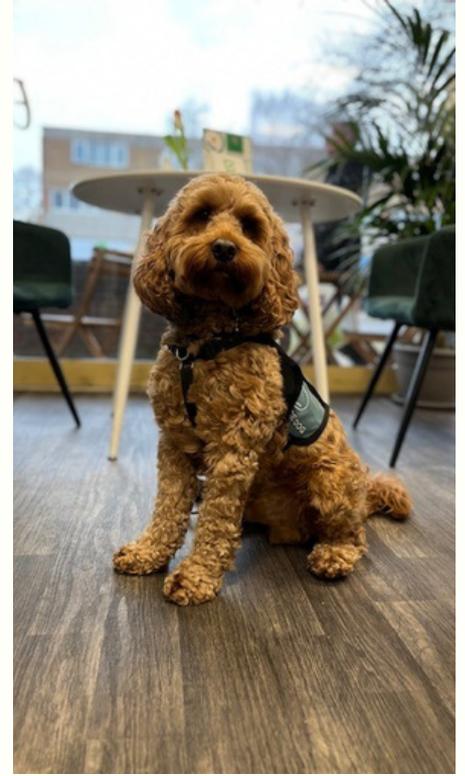


Anglers cast away for their land management course

It was a lovely fresh morning for the students at CAST Angling. Year 11s took part in some 'drop shot fishing' as part of their work towards their sport fisheries unit of their BTEC in Land Management. If only the fish were as enthusiastic!



Wilf is still our own Top Dog



We are very proud to say that Wilf has passed his reassessment with Darwin Dogs and remains a qualified therapy dog. He worked really hard (even when there were pesky squirrels to distract him) and got LOTS of help from the students.

means the amount of carbon emissions added is no more than the amount taken away.

height windows to provide views of the landscape for pupils and staff.

New school centres will focus on outdoor and construction classes

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TWO new centres are being set up in Derby to expand the range of activities available to pupils at a city special school.

One of them is an existing Derby outdoor activity centre, Darley Barn, which has been taken over by Kingsmead School so that its pupils can access outdoor activities such as canoeing, orienteering and environmental pursuits.

The activity centre is being transformed into a Forest School and outdoor education facility, designed to encourage students to learn in a natural environment.

The school's outdoor education courses include safe and effective use of edged tools and fire-lighting, treatment of water, purposeful shelter building, useful knots and tree identification.

On the water, out of their comfort zone, pupils will learn to canoe by



Pupils will have access to more outdoor learning from now on.

working together, using good communication skills and playing games to develop their skills.

The other site is in Liversage Street, where the school has taken over an empty building which is being transformed into a construction

unit offering vocational courses in bricklaying, carpentry and a range of other trades to follow.

Kingsmead School's construction courses provide a general insight into the industry and a suitable foundation for further study, an

apprenticeship or employment.

The two sites are currently only being used by pupils at the school, but from January the facilities will be available to hire through the school's Junction 16 programme, which offers alternative education to pupils from other schools either on a full or part time basis.

Mike Pride, executive head teacher of the school, said: "We are absolutely delighted to announce that we are opening these two brilliant facilities up to schools across the city and will be able to support other children with education outside of a normal classroom setting."

"Darley Barn has been under-utilised by the city council for some time and so we hope that the building and its wealth of equipment will be put to good use by students."

"We have already created a forest school setting within the grounds, and we know pupils are looking forward to getting out on the canoes and paddle boards."

"As well as opening this facility up to all the city schools, we will eventually run holiday clubs here too."

"The construction unit is already proving to be popular. Many young people can't see the point in learning from books and in classrooms, but here they will learn the same curriculum, just with a vocational focus."

Kingsmead School works with several independent providers, such as Baby People and YMCA Derbyshire, to offer alternative provision to Derby children.

These two new in-house facilities are in addition to the school's own specially equipped hair and beauty salon, which operates in Copeland Street.

Ms Pride added: "Our staff work with some of the most complex children in the city and having sites like this enables us to connect with hard-to-reach students and to educate and nurture them in an alternative environment."

Why Kingsmead has been making the headlines

This half term we have been in the news regarding our two new sites. Derbyshire Live and Derby Telegraph covered the story about our outdoor education centre and our newly-created construction unit.

We are really proud to be extending our provision in this way and we are confident that through Junction 16, pupils across the city will have access to these facilities.



Burning ambition to follow fire safety rules

A pupil from the PRU started his responsible fire-lighting journey and had a brilliant session this term.

Following on from Fire Safety and Fire Triangle revision, he independently prepared his firewood, gathered various sources of tinder, persevered with his flint and steel, ignited his first tinder bundle and then created a 'teepee-style' fire.

In line with the 'Leave no Trace' ethos, the fire was extinguished safely and responsibly until the area was safe to leave before heading home.



PUPILS CAST A SPELL ON PARK

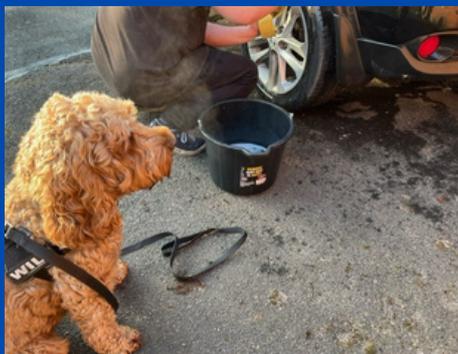
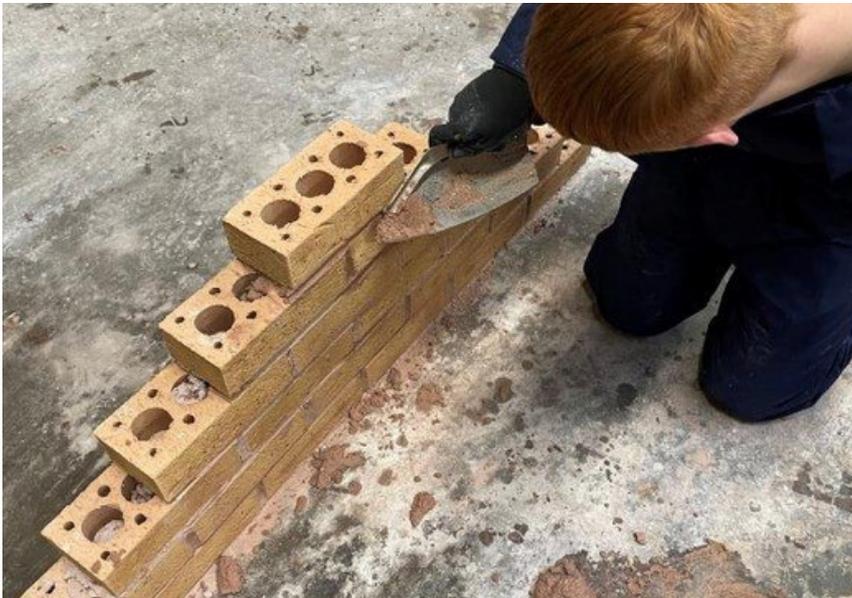
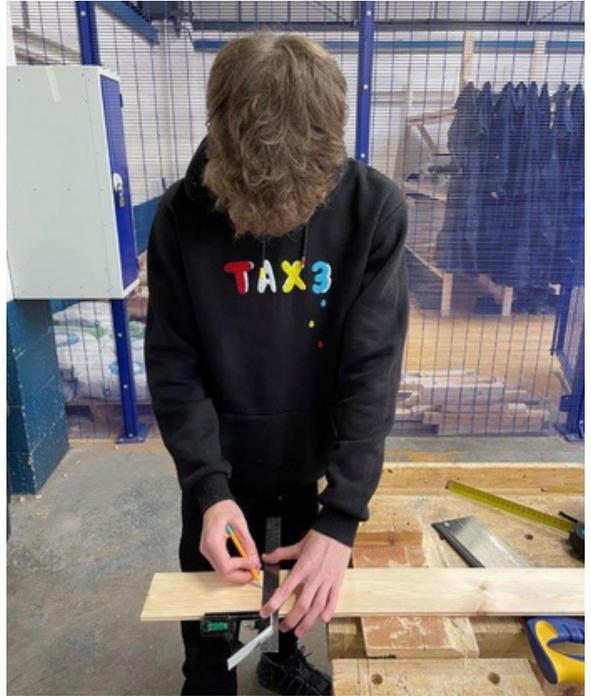
Primary pupils at Kingsmead PRU helped out with the fairy house shortage in Darley Park. Using a variety of natural elements, they created miniature dwellings at the bases of numerous pine and fir trees and provided shelter for all the hardworking fairies in the forest. It was a great opportunity to learn about shelters, be a valuable member of a team and get their hands dirty!



Building a better future at construction facility



Students at Kingsmead Construction have been developing their skills in brickwork and carpentry & joinery. They have been constructing a range of projects including a half brick wall, brick pillar and garden planter; all of which form part of the evidence for their level 1/ 2 construction qualification. Great work!



CHARITY CAR WASH FOR TURKEY & SYRIA

The pupils in year 11 at the Special School, with help from some students in year 9, took part in a charity car wash, raising money for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. So far we have raised £60. As you can see, Wilf took on the role of supervisor.