

Respect Collaboration of Schools

Castle School - Bridge Street School - Kingsmead School



Pupils find orienteering skills at Cannock Chase Forest

This term KS2 pupils from Bridge Street School went on a full day orienteering challenge around Cannock Chase Forest - Forestry England in Staffordshire. Equipped with an orienteering map, a marker sheet and a sense of adventure, pupils successfully navigated their way through the varied terrain of Cannock Chase – keeping track of their position on the map, identifying a wide variety of flora and fauna, experiencing the wonders of winter and working together as an effective team.



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The High Sheriff enjoys a tour

We had a very special visitor this half term - and certainly one of the best dressed! The High Sheriff of Derbyshire, Theresa Peltier popped in to meet some of the team and talk about collaborating in the future.

Basketball team meet the players

Five students from Kingsmead's basketball club attended a match between the Derby Trailblazers and London Elite. Students cheered on staff member Simeon who plays in the Derby team - everyone was pleased they won! Students then had the opportunity to meet players after the game.



Preparing for the bronze award expedition

The Duke of Edinburgh bronze award students have been practising for their expedition which takes place in the summer. The conditions were not a reflection of the weather they will experience then (hopefully!) but helped provide a challenging and fun atmosphere!



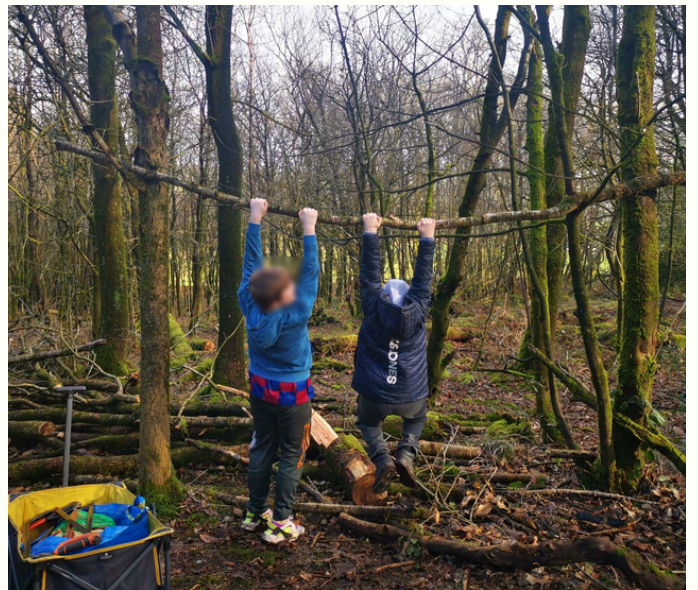
Why outdoor education offering is growing fast

The 23/24 academic year for Junction 16's Outdoor Education provision has been a period of exponential growth and opportunities for pupil's accessing the provision with implementation of bespoke programmes designed to support student social and emotional development.

These include the utilisation of our mobile climbing wall, various paddlesports skills and maintenance, mountain-biking skills and maintenance with our new fleet of high-end mountain bikes, staff training to enable access to the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and enrichment-based exploration and pursuits in the 'great outdoors'.

Pupils across the RESPECT Collaboration of Schools (and external pupils) get the opportunity to experience these activities as well as develop a wide range of Bushcraft skills at their respective schools, at our Darley Barn site and also at our leased woodland site in the Staffordshire Peak District - thanks to close work with the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) and the hard work and determination of our staff.

Nestled South of Buxton, The Hills Plantation is a 30-acre broadleaf woodland where pupils get the opportunity to further develop Bushcraft skills in a much more wild, natural and remote setting. This involves pupils putting their stamp on implementing and setting up their own pupil-centred 'camp' – i.e. area-clearing, development of long-term congregation areas and natural shelter, newly-created natural seating and much more.



Whilst on site, pupils are also responsible for setting up short-term hammocks, creating, maintaining and extinguishing a suitable fire and the typical tasks required to ensure all participants are warm and comfortable. In conjunction with the PDNPA's Wooded Landscapes Plan, pupils will also play a vital role in the regeneration and development of the woodland itself – utilising previously developed tool skills and developing additional bespoke skills.

The future is bright for Junction 16's Outdoor Education provision with the continued development of The Hills Plantation site, access to traditional outdoor climbing and mountain-biking/paddlesports further afield with the addition of a multi-purpose trailer to our fleet of vehicles – even more opportunities for our pupils to thrive and develop. It's never boring!



Board games mean there is no chance for boredom

Our brand new board games club is proving to be a massive hit. Open to years 7, 8 and 9 it gives our pupils something fun and constructive to do and prevents boredom setting in! It's open between 2.30 and 3.15pm every Tuesday in the Southgate canteen. Join us!



Army gives our pupils their marching orders

The Army gave a careers talk and carried out some team building exercises with our pupils in years 7 to 11 this term.

Pupils found out all about the different types of jobs the Army has to offer and they went on to build a communication tower. They really enjoyed playing a game around reaction times, competing against staff.

The day was a really positive experience for all involved.



Year seven pupils take a walk on the wild side with Jungle Jo

Year 7 want to thank Jungle Jo for bringing her animals in for them to meet. These two classes picked Jungle Jo as their end of term reward to celebrate all of the hard work and progress made over the past term. The students were very brave holding all the creatures and learnt lots of new facts about exotic animals.



Wisgreaves reopens to pupils and staff

We are pleased to report that our Wisgreaves site has fully reopened to pupils in years 9, 10 and 11 and their supporting staff, following the unanticipated closure due to emergency roofing repairs.

Staff including the site team, worked incredibly hard around lessons in the final week of closure, to get the building feeling ready and purposeful for the arrival of pupils. The building felt lovely and refreshed and pupils were happy to return to their original classrooms and spaces. The resilience of the pupils was most impressive and we were very proud of them.





Pupils enjoy a flipping great challenge on Shrove Tuesday

At Kingsmead School every student was given the opportunity to make pancakes! They all had lots of fun and did some impressive flipping! Some students also learnt about Shrove Tuesday in class.





First aid skills for Bridge Street

At Bridge Street our year 5 students have been learning about basic first aid skills in PSHE. The students were excited to learn and practice their CPR, using a defibrillator and bandaging skills with the help of our resident First aid trainer. All students were very mature and understood how important these life saving skills were.



Peak District challenge provides team building skills for students



Year 11 pupils enjoyed three days in the Peak District ahead of their mocks. They developed the following skills towards their Prince's Trust Qualification - teamwork, communication, resilience, confidence, problem solving, independence and leadership. Well done to all involved.

