



Respect Collaboration of Schools

Castle School - Bridge Street School - Kingsmead School



Career aspirations take off during airport visit

Year 10 students from Kingsmead School had an amazing visit to Aerozone at East Midlands Airport, where their career ambitions really took off. They enjoyed a fantastic day filled with exciting activities including a flight simulator and role-playing exercises.

The highlight was a tour of the airport with a member of the accessibility team, where they got to see the terminal, check-in desks and watch flights take off.

A big thank you to East Midlands Airport for providing such a fantastic day out!



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Castle stages first ever prom party for the Class of 2024

In recognition of their effort and hard work in preparing for and sitting their GCSEs, Castle School hosted its first-ever Year 11 Leavers Prom.

Many students arrived in style accompanied by proud parents, carers and other family members.

As the Year 11s entered Castle, they were greeted with decorations galore, reflecting the black and gold theme.

The common room was transformed into a disco and DJ Fish, also known as the Nurture Teacher, was on the decks, playing today's hits along with some classics from the '80s.

After all the dancing, staff and students took a well-earned break to enjoy a buffet and mocktails provided by Castle School. Special thanks to one of the parents for donating a cake and gifts.

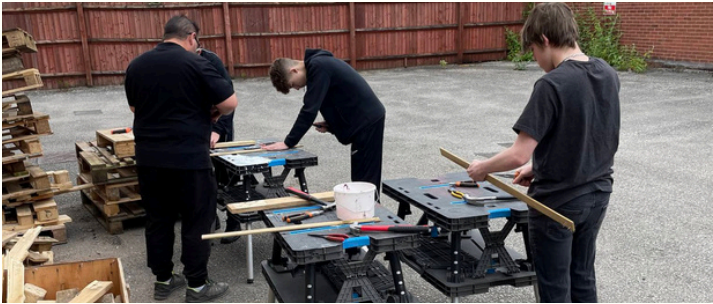
We look forward to seeing 'Castle's Class of 2024' on results day in August and wish them the very best as they embark on their next steps in their Post-16 courses and continue their educational journey.





Construction students get their bearings with pallets

Reduce, reuse, repurpose, recycle, refuse! A donation of pallets to J16 Construction from our neighbours at Derby Bearings gave students at our provision some food for thought about sustainability and how these materials could be incorporated into future projects. A huge thank you to Derby Bearings for the donation.



Beautiful display of creativity on our mood boards



Pupils studying Hair and Beauty were tasked with creating mood boards to showcase their creativity. Staff and students voted on their favourites and we're thrilled to announce that two shared placement students claimed 1st (£30) and 2nd (£20) place, with a Castle School student gaining 3rd (£10) place. A huge thank you to all the staff and students who participated and voted. We are incredibly proud of the effort and creativity displayed by all our students on the course.

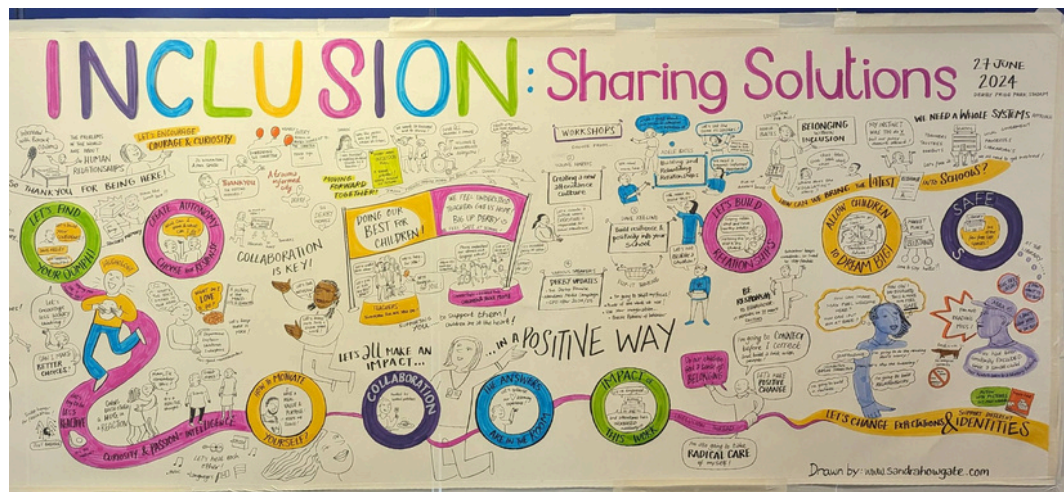




All our students keep moving for improved mental health

We recently celebrated Mental Health Week across all of our schools and this year's message was 'keep moving for mental health'. Students (and staff!) were eager to carry out various activities from Minecraft yoga, running the daily mile, penalty shoot outs and art activities. Staff at Bridge Street also wore green to celebrate this event.





Competition builds on creativity in the classroom



Students in year nine tested their skills of creativity, resilience and motivation in their PSHE enterprise topic. With only foil, straws and Play-doh they attempted to build the tallest free-standing tower. We had a clear winner from Bridge Street at just under 1.5m.

Praise for inclusion conference that connects colleagues and services

J16 were excited to have had a marketplace stand at the annual Derby City Inclusion Conference, held in June. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with primary and secondary colleagues, as well as other services supporting inclusion. A huge thank you to Derby County Community Trust for hosting this incredible event and to everyone who attended. Together we're taking steps towards a more inclusive community!

Sports morning at Castle means improved fitness and coordination skills

This term we had our first sports morning at Castle School, which was organised by the Derbyshire Institute Of Sport. During the morning learners enjoyed a really fun session involving learning coordination and functional movement skills, that are important in life and sports. There was a real emphasis on fun and building positive relationships to exercise and sport. During the session pupils learned how to mimic animal movements, built on their hand eye co-ordination and eye foot coordination movements. We received extremely positive feedback from pupils!





Duke of Edinburgh scheme puts students through paces

A group of students from Kingsmead School were the first to take part in the DofE Bronze award as part of the Junction 16 outdoor education adventurous programme. They embarked on a two-day, one-night mountain bike expedition which took place at Cannock Chase forest trails.

They've been working through the Mountain bike Instructors' Awards Scheme junior mountain bike leader scheme to get them ready for the event, ensuring they had fully prepared themselves. Basic trailside mechanics, personal riding, packing for a journey, emergency situations and understanding the weather were all a part of the planning phase.

Alongside this, they also had to cook a meal, set up tents and manage areas of a campsite. The group fully committed themselves to the trip, ensuring successful outcomes for all.

