

#### Castle School - Bridge Street School - Kingsmead School





### Manny and Jason bring valuable lessons back to our schools

We were thrilled to welcome back Dr Manny Barot and Jason Farmer to all three of our Respect schools this term. Both Manny and Jason have enjoyed successful careers in the police force and now work with Derby City Council as part of The Prevent Strategy, helping to safeguard young people from radicalisation and extremism.

At our schools, we are committed to protecting children from extremist and violent views, teaching the values of tolerance and mutual respect, and providing a safe space for open discussions.

During their visit, Manny and Jason shared their wealth of knowledge and personal experiences, offering impactful stories on tackling issues like racism, knife crime, gangs, and drugs.

They also emphasised the importance of listening, kindness, family, and self-belief—messages that resonated deeply with both staff and students.

We're incredibly grateful to Manny and Jason for another inspiring visit and look forward to more valuable sessions in the future!

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KS3 students from Kingsmead took part in their first rock climbing session with Junction 16 Outdoor Education. They all showed great determination and resilience, completing both team and personal challenges.

The activity supports their personal development by exposing them to hazards and risks, where staff teach them how to navigate environments to keep themselves and others safe.



# Pupils have a tee-rific time at Morley Hayes Golf Club

Two Year 9 students from Bridge Street School enjoyed a fantastic PE rewards trip to Morley Hayes Golf Club. The trip was a well-deserved reward for their consistent participation and engagement in weekly PE lessons being held at Willows Sports Centre since September.

Both students were given 100 balls on the driving range and took part in two fun competitions: longest drive and closest to the pin, using the TrackMan system to assess ball flights and distances. There was plenty of healthy competition, with both students winning one contest each.







## A festive morning for a A great cause A

Staff and students at Kingsmead School got into the festive spirit by hosting a wonderful Christmas coffee morning for parents and carers. The event was full of fun with hot chocolate, delicious cakes and activities including a lucky dip, Pin the Nose on the Reindeer, and guessing the number of baubles in a jar.

Our KS4 students also joined the celebrations, taking a break from lessons to enjoy their own holiday-themed event. Together, they raised an impressive £80 for Save the Children. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and donated to this amazing cause.





# Dishing out lessons on healthy eating

Students in years 7-9 at Castle School enjoyed a taste of the Mediterranean during their Spanish lessons.

The activity introduced them to a variety of traditional Spanish dishes, helping them to explore Spanish culture and cuisine as part of their language studies.

What a great opportunity for students to try something new and learn more about traditions and flavours of Spain.





### Students read all about it on trip

A group of year 11 students from Castle took a trip to town to visit Waterstones. TAs Sophie and Jelena organised this trip as a way for the students to socialise in the community and practice being independent by taking public transport.

This was also the perfect way to promote a love for reading and we allowed the students to choose some books for our school library. They looked at a range of different genres and had great fun picking books for their peers.

The trip was a great success and the students are hoping to have some more similar experience.





### He's behind you! (Oh no he isn't!)



Castle School had a trip to see the Pantomine 'Cinderella' at Derby Arena and thoroughly enjoyed the performance starring Meera Syal as the Fairy Godmother.

We all returned with hoarse voices from shouting "he's behind you", "oh yes, it is!" and "oh no, it isn't!" and plenty of booing, hissing and singing!

Our students were impeccably well behaved and were a real credit to Castle School.



#### Building Christmas baubles one triangle at a time...





Students at Castle School put their maths skills to the test with a creative construction project. Using compasses and rulers, they constructed an equilateral triangle to build an icosahedron. Not only does this help them practice their compass skills, but it also builds patience, resilience, and hand-eye coordination.

The final result - a festive Christmas bauble!