



# Respect Collaboration of Schools

*Castle School - Bridge Street School - Kingsmead School*



## Pupils get a Lidl look at retail work

As part of the careers work carried out at Castle School, students visited the local Lidl shop to explore the various roles within the store.

They spoke with employees at different levels to understand their career journeys, salaries and the qualifications required and obtained.

During the visit, students took part in a range of hands-on activities to better understand the day-to-day running of the store. They had the chance to work in the checkout area, learning how to operate the cash register with guidance from the duty manager.

They also received a briefing on the store's health and safety regulations, gaining a valuable understanding of the importance of these rules in a working environment.

In addition, students learned about Lidl's stock-taking and ordering systems, including how technology helps track inventory and automatically schedules deliveries. This gave them a broader view of the logistics and operations behind the scenes.

The visit was a valuable experience that gave students a real insight into the world of retail and the skills required for a successful career in the industry and the students represented the school fantastically.

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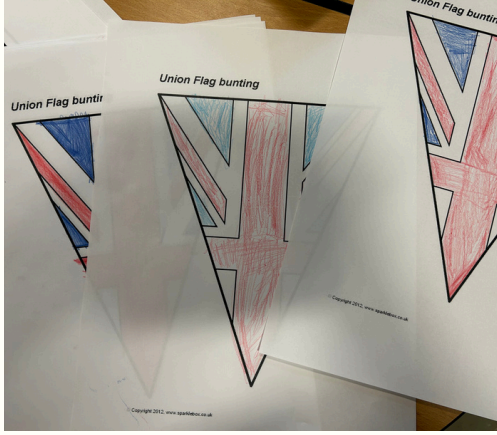
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## Kingsmead marches back in time for VE Day

Kingsmead School had a fantastic time marking VE Day with a school-wide celebration filled with history, reflection and fun.

From toasting marshmallows at a picnic to taking part in a picture trail and playing traditional 1945 games, our students got a real taste of how children celebrated Victory in Europe Day all those years ago. It was heart-warming to see the whole school community come together.

We're also proud to be part of the VE Mail initiative, which connects young people with WWII veterans through letter writing. We were honoured to receive a moving letter from a veteran sharing their personal story of the war and VE Day.

Our students are now writing back, thanking them for their bravery and sacrifice.

It's been a meaningful reminder of the importance of remembrance and a chance for our young people to connect with the past in a truly special way.



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## Gratitude for building a bright future

We were delighted to receive a thoughtful thank you card from the parents of a young person who recently completed their placement with J16 Construction. Their kind words highlighted the positive impact the experience had on their child and it's lovely to hear how our work is making a difference.

It's moments like these that remind us why we do what we do - supporting young people to develop skills, grow in confidence and take meaningful steps towards their future.

Thank you to the family for taking the time to share such lovely feedback with us.

***"To all at Junction 16 Construction, Thank you so much for all you have done for Ben\* during his short time with you. He started with you low in confidence and self-esteem and with no confidence or faith in education or educators. He now leaves you today a different person, more like our 'old' Ben; a Ben who can see he has real potential in the future. We know the impact you have had on him will last him through life. Thank you again."***

*\*Name has been changed*







## Paws for thought as we say goodbye to Wilf

We're saying a heartfelt goodbye to a very special member of our school community — our wonderful assistance dog, Wilf — who will be leaving us on June 18.

Wilf has been more than just a school dog. He's been a source of calm, comfort and confidence for so many of our students. Whether it was a reassuring presence during a tough day or a cheerful companion in the corridor, Wilf's gentle nature and wagging tail made a lasting difference in our school.

As he heads off on his next adventure, we'll be taking time to celebrate all the joy he's brought to our lives. Wilf will be deeply missed by students and staff alike, but we'll always be grateful for the paw prints he's left on our hearts.

Thank you, Wilf — you'll always be part of the Kingsmead family.





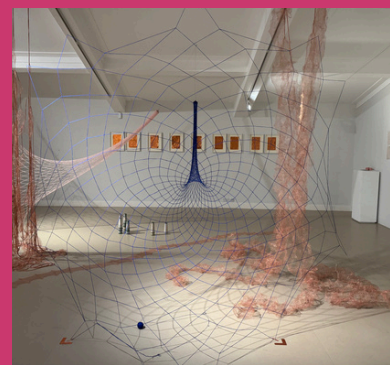
# A Universe of inspiration for Kingsmead pupils

Students from Kingsmead School visited the Lakeside Gallery in Nottingham to explore a truly unique exhibition that blends art with quantum physics.

From multiverses to the Quantum Decision-Making Machine, the exhibition sparked real fascination and curiosity among our students. Pupils also had the chance to get creative in the education room, where they designed their own interpretations of the Big Bang.

The visit offered more than just science and art; being on a university campus gave students a glimpse into university life, with helpful conversations with the gallery guides about what studying at university is really like.

Our students were an absolute credit to Kingsmead - engaged, respectful, and full of thoughtful questions. We're incredibly proud of how they represented the school throughout this trip.



## Powering up potential with Rolls-Royce

We were thrilled to welcome Rolls-Royce and Balfour Beatty to Castle School. Both companies are working together on the development of the Submarine Programme and we're proud to be partnering with them to help our students explore future opportunities through their respected apprenticeship schemes.

Rolls-Royce is working closely with Castle School to help identify the next generation of talent. Their inclusive training programme celebrates the unique strengths of neurodivergent individuals and values different ways of thinking in the workplace.

Students took part in a range of hands-on engineering

activities throughout the day. Some explored tabletop games and discussion-based tasks to enhance their understanding of engineering, while others stripped down and rebuilt replica jet engines to learn about the principles behind take-off, flight and landing.

There was even a bit of friendly competition as they raced to assemble and disassemble the engines.

Students also used endoscopes to simulate how engineers inspect engines pre- and post-flight – searching through obstacles to find hidden items and better understand the real-world tools and techniques used in the industry.

