

# School News



## Dear Parents & Carers



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Returned to a full time provision for all students, supported by the return of staff to their usual role and responsibilities. This in turn enables us to offer our full broad and balanced curriculum. Whilst there has inevitably been some disruption due to Covid-19, we have been hugely impressed and immensely proud of the way that our students have returned to full time education and the content within this newsletter reflects this. We intend to send out a link to a parent/carer survey next week and would welcome your views and feedback on how the term is progressing for our students and their wider family. Please look out for this. Wishing you all the very best. Stay safe. ► **Best wishes, Richard.**

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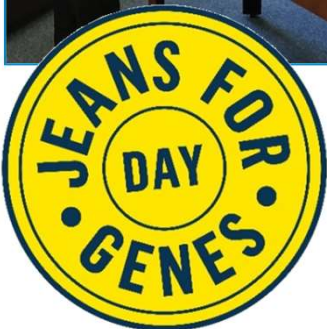
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## ENGAGE

► Our new Engage Sensory Room, where our Engage students can relax, access and explore a range of sensory objects and environments. This helps with calming and mindfulness at intervals throughout the day.

▼ The students in BASE4 enjoy their leisure time playing on the Football Table that was donated by Sam Woods from Vista Avenue Newton-le-Willows. We would all like to say a big thank you to Sam for her kind donation



Last Friday, staff and students were invited to attend school wearing jeans for a £1 contribution towards [Jeans for Genes](#); a charity set up to help young people with genetic disorders. Despite some staff working from home and some staff and students isolating at home, we were still able to raise £57.90 for this cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed! | **Joan.**

## Staying Safe Online

A reminder to everyone spending more time at home and engaging more with technology, to be vigilant when playing online games or chatting to people you don't know, online.

- People aren't always who they say they are
- DO NOT answer personal questions (your address, your location etc)
- Tell your parents if something happens online that you are not sure about

Even without the Internet, it is important to limit the amount of time you spend using technology (phones, computers) as this can interfere with your sleep and social interactions with people around you. | **Mr W**



## Student Admissions & Safeguarding Officer – Natalie Molyneux

Hello all! Some of you already know me, but for those who don't, I am the newly appointed 'Student Admissions & Safeguarding Officer'. For many years I have worked within Wargrave House supporting the residential and education departments before assisting the SENSE team as Interim Family Liaison Officer. It is now my job to work with local authorities and lead as the first point of contact for prospective new children and young people, supporting their admission into our school and college. I am also appointed as one of the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL), working to ensure that your son/daughter's health, wellbeing and safety is made a priority. I look forward to continuing to work with and supporting our children and young people and working with families both old and new.





# RISE

▼RISE1 and RISE2 have been working hard in their phonics groups. Everyone has been practising Read Write Inc. sounds and developing their reading skills in fun and exciting ways.



## Outdoor Learning

▼RISE1 and RISE2 have been having great fun during Outdoor Learning as part of Personal Development. The theme for this half term is Autumn. The group have enjoyed stories, looking for signs of Autumn and have loved exploring natural resources. The use of imagination has been amazing such as creating hats, broomsticks and generating ideas for games. Well done RISE!



You're a wizard El-Jay!





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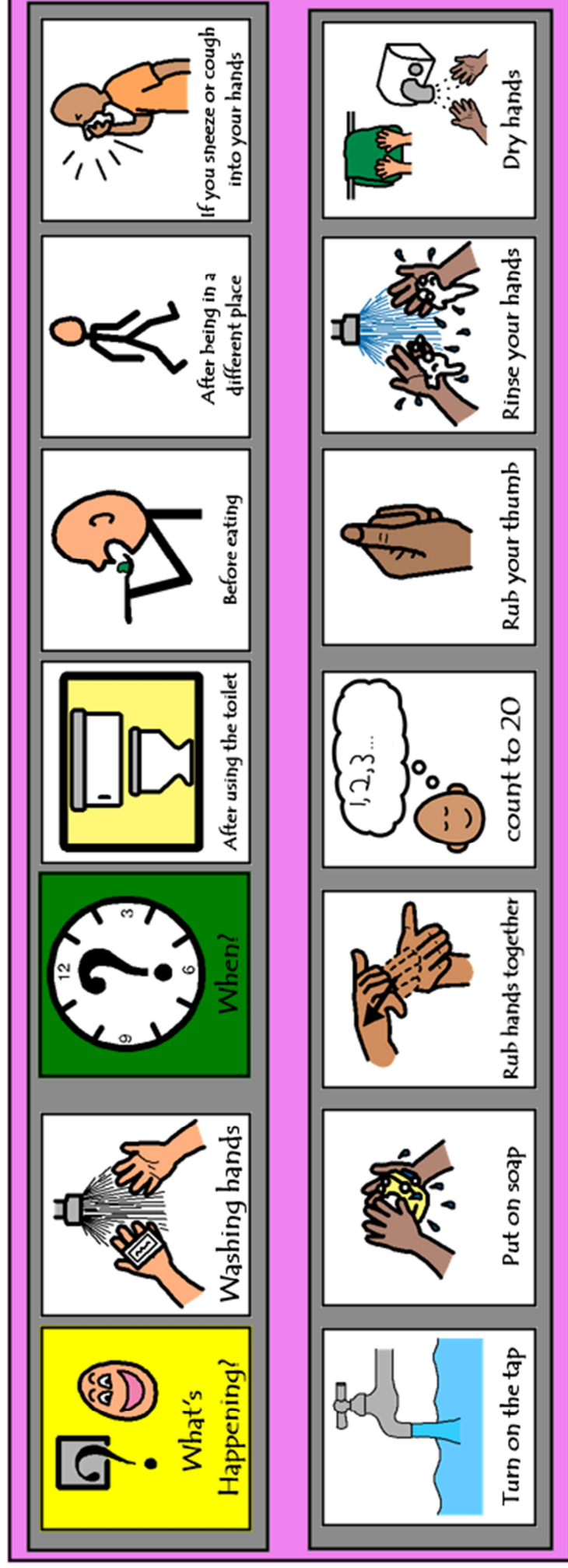
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# COLLEGE NEWS



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**Post-16**

**Julliet**

## Dear Students, Parents & Carers

We are very pleased to warmly welcome you all back to Post 16 provision at Wargrave House School and College. It has been a great start to our new term and very quickly our young adults have settled into their new classes and are following all the stringent Covid 19 policies and procedures. We have two new students to LEAP college who have settled in very well, along with some new members of staff. Post 16 are pleased to introduce you to our new Job Coach - Danny Kenny and our new TSA's across Lakeside and Leap: Joanna Grimes, Melissa Boyle, Debbie Shaw, Liz Mansfield, Adam Thoday and Esta Williams, welcome to them all. The students have embraced their return positively and are following all the Public Health Guidance whilst continuing to follow their daily timetable of activities. We are dynamically monitoring all situations

and ensuring all activities undertaken are risk assessed carefully so everyone can enjoy their time together safely. We were very proud to receive news from our awarding bodies that despite the national trend that some students had underachieved during the pandemic, the Post 16 Lakeside and Leap students not only achieved expected accredited outcomes but some students exceeded expectations. This is due to the collaborative work that students, parents/carers, and staff resolutely did together over the difficult summer term. We will contact you all very soon to discuss a virtual certificate giving celebration. More good news arrived this week when the students in Post 16 received their Award in recognition of their achievement at winning the 'Partnership Working' element of the Natspec Awards ceremony 2020. We look forward to sharing further good news stories celebrating your sons/daughters outstanding achievements. Take care and best wishes. ► **Julliet and all the staff at Post 16.**

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▼ **LS1** students have taken part in Shireen's martial arts session, learning self-defence methods.



▼ **LS1** students enjoyed working at the Enovert site where they made a great start on helping with the drainage, general weeding and preparing an area for LEAP students to plant bulbs. Owen acted as the site health and safety manager to ensure that students and staff followed the health and safety guidelines.



We are extremely proud of the LS1 Woodland Volunteers who rose to the challenge of tackling the overgrown trees and bushes on land adjacent to Lyme Primary School, under the watchful eye of Scott- our Enovert work placement Ranger. Strict COVID mitigation measures were followed by all students and staff through careful liaison with Scott and Marie Cribb (Headteacher) to ensure that that we worked in isolation and everybody was safe. It's important to maintain community relationships and support each other during these testing times. LS1 has proved that with careful planning and by following the correct procedures, post-16 students can continue to support local people.





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▼ **LS2:** As a part of Attention Autism and Independent Living Skills sessions LS2 have been baking cakes and cookies.



▼ **LEAP1** showing their skills during their mixed martial arts class. They are being graded at the end of this half term for their first belt.



## NATSPEC: Partnership Working

The students in Post-16 received their Award late last week in recognition of their achievement at winning the 'Partnership Working' element of the Natspec Awards ceremony 2020. They are going from strength to strength building community partnerships whilst following the strict PHE Covid 19 guidelines whilst in the workplace. I and all the team in Post 16 are so very proud of their achievement's past, present and we look forward to many more in the future. Well done to all the students in Post 16! Juliet





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▼ During their Community Day visit to Knowsley Safari Park, **LEAP2** enjoyed looking at all the animals and listening to the information in the shows.



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