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Dear Parents & Carers



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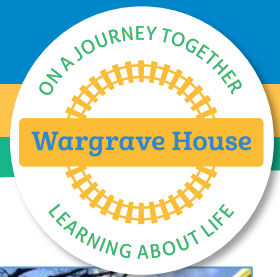
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Best wishes as always.

Information



Christmas Appeal

This year we are supporting a local charity for our Christmas appeal. We have offered our support to Terry McGuire and his Business For Youth (BFY) Christmas appeal. BFY are running a Christmas Toy Appeal by requesting donations of NEW unopened toys (and toiletries) in packaging that they will hand out to the families who are identified as most in need in the local community.

If you would like to contribute, please send unwrapped new toys or toiletries into school/college where Lisa (Residential Learning Support Assistant) is working with students and she will be dropping everything off to Terry by 10th December. This is a wonderful activity to support and we are proud to help our community so can you please have your donations in by **Monday 7th December** at the latest. Many thanks.

► **Karen Tarbuck** | Office & Communications Manager



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Staff Update

Helen Driver - In view of not being able to meet all our Wargrave House families face to face, Helen Driver our new Head of Therapy and Clinical Services would like to say hello virtually, please click [this link](#).

Sharon Prendergast: Teaching Support Assistant

Adam Thoday: Job Coach

Leavers: Laura Coburn – OT, Joanna Grimes – TSA.



Christmas Market

Watch this space for more information, including how you can get involved in our Christmas Market on:

Friday 11 December 2020





Lunchtime Menus

Available daily:
Bread rolls
Fresh fruit

Week Starting: 30 November

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY Burger Day	THURSDAY	FRIDAY Chippy Day
	Chicken & red pepper sauce -- or -- Diced Quorn & red pepper sauce (V)	Savoury Mince Hidden Veg -- or -- Vegetarian mince (V) Gravy	Beef Burger Chicken burger -- or -- Veggie quarter pounder (V)	Baked Beans Grated Cheese -- or -- Vegetarian Chili with Five beans (V)	Oven Baked Herby Crust Cod Fillet -- or -- Breadcrumbs Quorn fillet (V)
Starchy food	Wholegrain Pasta Garlic bread Slice	Turmeric Mashed Potatoes	Seeded Burger Buns	BAKED POTATO	Potato wedges
Granary or White					
Vegetables	Hidden veg	Carrots and peas	Corn on cob or onion rings	Coleslaw	Mushy peas
Sandwich fillings	Ham or Boiled Eggs	Tuna Mayo or Turkey	Sliced Cheese or Ham	Grated Cheese or Roast Beef	Pork or Egg Mayo
Dessert	Pear halves	Cherry Sponge & Custard	Strawberries in Angel Delight	Gingerbread men	Individual Ice Cream

Week Starting: 7 December

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY Roast Day	THURSDAY	FRIDAY Chippy Day
	Beef & Red Pepper Bolognese -- or -- Vegetarian Bolognese (V)	BBQ Sticky Chicken Drumsticks -- or -- BBQ Quorn Strips(V)	Roast Beef -- or -- Spicy bean burger (V) Gravy	Chinese Glazed Pork Steak -- or -- Chinese glazed Quorn fillet (V)	Fish Fingers -- or -- Veggie fingers (V)
Starchy Food	Wholegrain Pasta	Savoury Rice Crusty bread	Roast Potatoes Yorkshire puddings	Baby New Potatoes	Chips
Vegetables	Hidden Veg	Peas & Corn	Carrot & swede, Broccoli	Green Beans	Mushy Peas
Sandwich fillings	Ham or Tuna mayo	Egg Mayo or Pork	Beef or Salmon	Turkey or Boiled Eggs	Ham or Cheese
Dessert	Double choc chip cookies	Fresh fruit salad	Peach slices & cream	Apple Pie & custard	Ice cream pots



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Week Starting: 14 December

WEEK 3	MONDAY Meat-Free	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY Chippy Day
	Macaroni Cheese - - or - - Cheesy Quorn pasta (V)	Chicken Strips -- or -- Vegan nuggets (V)	Beef Hot Pot - Gravy -- or -- Quorn casserole (V)	Jumbo Hot Dogs -- or -- Linda McCartney sausages (V)	Fish Goujons oven baked -- or -- Veggie Quarter pounder (V)
Starchy foods	Wholegrain pasta Crusty bread	French fries	Pastry crust	Finger rolls	Oven wedges
Vegetables	Garden peas	Baked beans - - or - - corn on cob	Shredded cabbage	Onion rings	Mushy peas
Sandwich fillings	Boiled eggs or Tuna mayo (or Ham)	Cheese and onion or Beef	Chicken & sweetcorn or Boiled eggs	Turkey or Salmon	Ham or Grated cheese
Dessert	Fruit compote & natural yogurt	Oaty Apple Crumble & custard	Peach slices	Chocolate chip brownie	Choc Ices

Week Starting: January 2021

WEEK 4	MONDAY Meat Free	TUESDAY Burger Day	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY Chippy Day
	Spiced Quorn, chickpea & vegetable Tikka masala (V)	Beef burger, Chicken burger -- or -- spicy Bean burger (V)	Peri Peri Chicken drumsticks -- or -- Peri Peri Strips (V)	Mince beef and potato pie - gravy -- or -- Veggie Pie (V)	Grilled Salmon fillet -- or -- Quorn fillet
Starchy Food	Wholegrain Rice	Seeded burger buns French fries	Baby new potatoes Tortilla wraps	Pastry crust	Sauté potatoes
Vegetables	Hidden veg	Baked beans Onion rings	Sweetcorn	Carrots & Green beans	Petit pois
Sandwich Fillings	Tuna mayo Or Cheese (Or Ham)	Sliced cheese Or Turkey	Ham Or Tuna Mayo	Sliced chicken Or Egg Mayo	Beef Or Boiled Eggs
Dessert	Blueberry Muffins	Cherry Crumble & Custard	Peach Slices	Eves Pudding & cream	Individual Ice cream

School news

ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER

Wargrave House

LEARNING ABOUT LIFE

RISE1



Engage

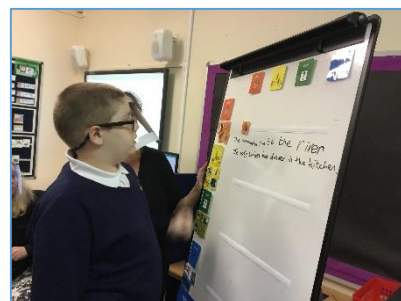
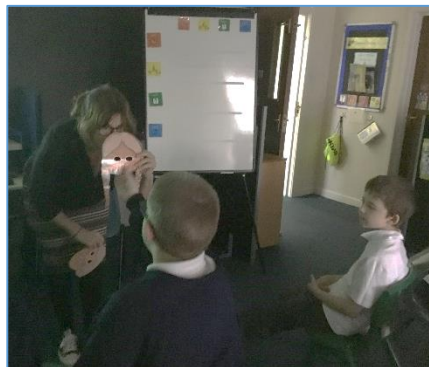
Engage have had plenty of experiences getting creative with rainbow rice, paint and spaghetti. They have really enjoyed their visits to the park and their relaxation time.



Colourful Semantics

Students in RISE have been using a recently-introduced approach called Colourful Semantics. The approach supports our young people with sentence structure and sentence building. Some students in RISE had great fun with Glenda using colourful semantics, Makaton signs and props to re-tell the story of The Gingerbread Man.

► Nic Brown



Mandy's Birthday

BASE4 students all planned a surprise party for Mandy as part of our work on the Wargrave values. Everyone had a good time.

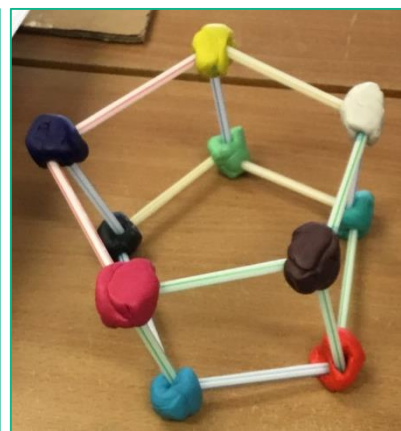


BASE2

Max & Ritchie
doing the Trust Fall

Circuit Training

3D shapes in
maths with
plasticine and
straws



Anti-bullying week

As part of anti-bullying week Base 3 students created their own "odd sock" designs to show that we are all different. Some students created designs using spots and stripes while others used swirls and zig zagging lines. The students also wore odd socks to school to reinforce that we are not all the same. All our designs hang on a "washing line" in base 3 so everyone can see our individual differences and our designs.



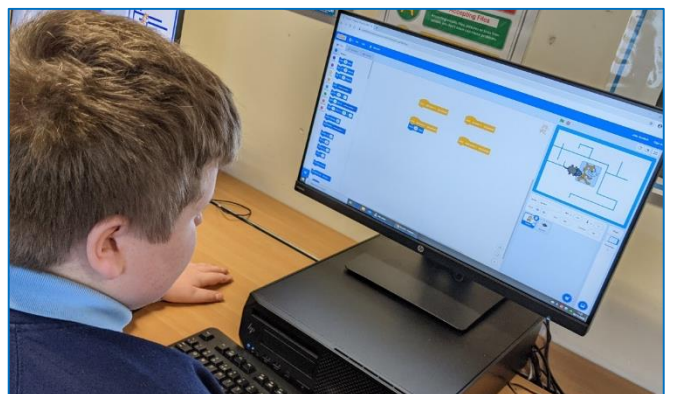
Christopher's 13th birthday



On Friday 27th of November Christopher Lunt celebrated his 13th birthday. Base 3 learners helped Christopher celebrate his birthday at a party in class where we all enjoyed cake, crisps, and fruit juice. We sang "Happy birthday" to Christopher and chatted with him about what he got for his birthday.

Computing

This term in Computing, students have been completing Scratch programs, which they use to instruct characters to move as part of a game.





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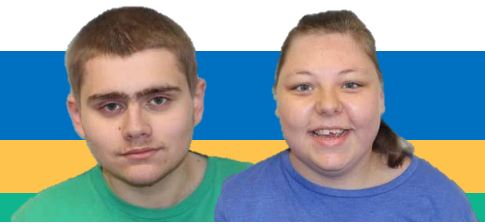
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Post-16

Juliet Doherty

We have been very busy in Post 16 over these past few weeks since returning from half term. We have so many projects that we are supporting from; The Business For Youth, donate a Toy or Gift Set to a child in need this Christmas, plant a tree to support mental health, wellbeing and the environment following the BBC Countryfile project and the Governments Green Industrial revolution 10 Point Plan and restoring a heritage site off Vista Road to commemorate the subway entrance used by miners when working in the local pits. Our students are making such a difference within the local community and adding value with their Green Initiatives to Build Back Better. All our activities are Risk Assessed dynamically according to the government guidelines and all follow strict hygiene rules and regulations. Thank you to all the parents/carers who virtually attended Parents evening and for those who have recently attended annual review meetings.

Your support is very much appreciated, and your views and opinions valued. Together we make a difference and together we can improve our young adults' future opportunities, developing a greater quality of life for all. To further support our young people, I will share with you each term our curriculum themes, if you feel you would like to discuss how you can develop some of these areas in the home please do not hesitate to call the class teacher. Take care and thank you.

► **Juliet and the all the staff in Post-16.**

Key Curriculum Areas

covered between September – December 2020 (Term 1)

Entry Level 1 – Level 2

Community Skills:-

- Road Safety
- Travelling in the community
- My Community – using local facilities
- Rights and responsibilities

Functional Skills:-

- Maths City and Guilds awards – Number, Measure, Shape, Space,
- English City and Guilds awards – Writing, reading, Speaking and Listening
- ICT Open Awards – developing, presenting and communicating information

Health and fitness:-

- Accessing leisure services

Independent Living Skills:-

- Looking after clothes
- Looking after a home
- Food preparation, Cooking Skills
- Budgeting

Employability:-

- Open Awards Skills for Further Learning and Employment bespoke pathways – Event Planning, Environment, Horticulture, food and drink preparation, construction.
- Responsibilities in the workplace

We also have one student studying for an Access to HE qualification at Level 3 and a Supported Intern. Both on bespoke pathways to achieve vocational aspirations. Please do contact the class teacher of your young person to discuss these areas of study and to find out how we can work together to ensure continuity and skill building is maintained.

Green revolution & BBC Countryfile

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Post 16 Provision at Wargrave House School and college, autism specialists, are supporting the Governments GREEN REVOLUTION along with BBC Countryfile who have launched a tree-planting project in bid to tackle climate change.

Students and staff at Wargrave House Post 16 Provision have developed their curriculum over the Covid 19 period that is creative, aspirational and supportive of the newly released Government Green Revolution and the Countryfile project. We are proud to work alongside our partners such as , Enovert, Mercure, Galliford Try, WiHa, Earlestown Cricket Club, Mersey Forest Rangers and many more who have identified exciting community projects, and supplied us with necessary resources, that the students can work on to further develop skills, gain experience and ultimately become employable.

So which point of the 10 point Government plan are we reinforcing?

Nature: Protecting and restoring the natural environment, planting 30,000 hectares of trees every year, creating and retaining thousands of jobs.

How are we supporting the BBC Countryfile project?

Project to plant 750,000 trees has been unveiled by BBC's Countryfile programme. The two-year initiative, called Plant Britain will aim to improve mental health, wellbeing and the environment.

Wargrave House Post 16 staff and students are proud to be part of these two fabulous initiatives which aim to 'Build Back Better'.

We have the following projects underway that will support, develop and underpin these projects within the local community:-

- Bird feeding recording station
- Brickwork repairs and removing some graffiti from local heritage sites
- Conservation
- Tree Planting/Forestry Skills
- Ecological Surveys

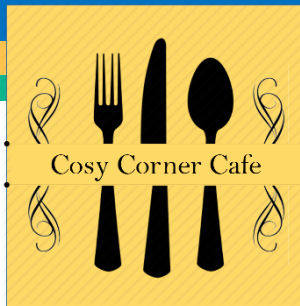
Julliet Doherty, Head of Post 16 learning said 'it is very important that the students are environmentally aware and prepared socially and employability wise to work in line with current Government opportunities and initiatives. It is so rewarding to hear the feedback from our partners and to see the progress and impact on our students that being involved in such exciting and socially responsible projects embeds'.

Scott Lancaster Enovert Community Trust Ranger said 'The Wargrave Post 16 Students endeavours are always 100% committed to the job in hand and it's not always about the outcome but the process sometimes that underpins their work. It is a pleasure working with them and their staff'.

These development projects provide the much needed step up into work for our students by equipping them with the skills, knowledge and ability that empower them to gain full time employment/supported internships.

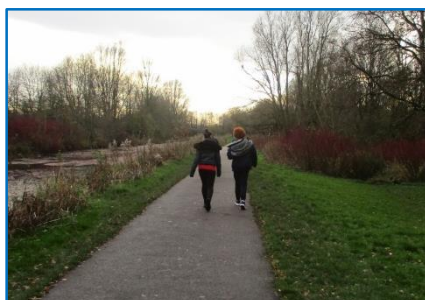
Cosy Corner Café

Cosy Corner Café students ran a COVID-safe, take-away service from the lodge serving a range of hot snacks to all staff and students. We are grateful for the help of former student Jack, our post-16 volunteer TSA and we look forward to welcoming back our chef, Alfie.



Out & about

LS2 out and about in the community, went to Walton Gardens and Sankey Valley.



Renovating a piece of history

LEAP1 have begun renovating a local piece of history under the guidance of Scott Lancaster, Enover's Park Ranger. Over the next few weeks the students will prepare the brickwork, of the sealed up entrance of a subway, which was used by Lyme & Wood miners over sixty years ago on their daily journey to the pithead. Scott will instruct the students to remove graffiti, clean existing brickwork, prepare cement and replace missing bricks.

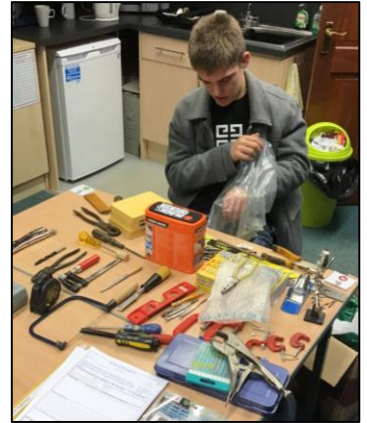


You Tube

Please subscribe to our "Wargrave House School & College" YouTube channel, as we will be posting videos of our students and their hard work at sites like this.

Tool appeal

We have received an excellent response from people who have started donating tools towards for our Post 16 projects. We will be recognising those people and companies that have made donations in a more detailed report over the next few weeks. Watch this space for details! In the meantime we have been hard at work checking the condition of the tools and cataloguing them.



Driver theory

A number of LS1 learners have shown an interest in driving. To support this, we have included the Driver Theory into our Travel Training programme to supplement the road safety units. One of our alumni, Jack, who has been volunteering as a TSA has already provided some personal tuition with this. Brandon has already had an attempt at completing the test and said: "The Theory Test is quite hard but I am sure with all the work that we are going to do in class it will get easier".



Personal Protective Equipment

Post-16 are now starting to get measured up for the new full PPE kit that they will need as they 'branch out' in their community project work and break down the barriers to employment. Owen recently decided what PPE we would need in order to carry out our forestry work with the Mersey Forest and Enovert.



Hedgehog house

This week our supported intern, Will, made a hedgehog house for a member of staff, from scrap wood. The request was made to house two hedgehogs in her garden who will need somewhere safe and warm for the winter. Not only is this providing a great service to wildlife but it is also an excellent way for Will to develop lots of skills he will need for his future career in maintenance, such as sawing, measuring, drilling and painting. The final coat of paint will be applied next week and photos of the finished product and the happy customer will follow. In the meantime here are some photos of Will's excellent work.



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