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Dear parents and carers

POST-16

JULIET DOHERTY



Dear students, parents, and carers welcome to our post 16 newsletter.

Some dates for you to save; **Tuesday 5th July an evening to Celebrate our students' successes.** We have an incredible student DJ'ing for us, our band Electric Stars singing a medley of songs and a buffet to enjoy together, from **6:30 - 9:30 pm**. We hope as many of you as possible can attend to share in our evening. On the **13th July** the Post 16 students will be putting on a performance of their version of **Alice In Wonderland at the Burtonwood Community Centre**, details of times and address to follow. The students have worked hard rehearsing and are very excited to share the production with you. LEAP staff and students are pleased to introduce you to our newest members, our two beautiful little rabbits, Oreo and Origi, photos and updates to follow, we are hoping to have our chickens for the start of the new term.

Khovan has now been offered a **full day work placement with WN7 CIC Outreach sports** and fitness in Leigh, he works every Thursday alongside Tony training students from Wargrave and others who attend the gym across the day. We are very proud of Khovan's achievements. Another student who is developing his skills and knowledge in the workplace is **Brandon**, who is doing a fabulous job with **Galliford Try Builders**, please do follow his employment journey on Facebook; he is an outstanding role model. **Yanik and Alfie** hosted a pop up **Cosy Corner Cafe event on Wednesday at the Lyme and Wood Learning Hub**, for the **Natspec Northwest Principals** meeting, the comments in the visitors book are fabulous, everyone was very impressed by them. The Post 16 team and myself are very proud of each and every student, they demonstrate remarkable resilience and commitment to their studies and work placements, it is aspirational to be with them.

Take care and best wishes,

Julliet and the team at Post 16

Dear parents and carers

CEO UPDATE

ROBIN BUSH



Dear Parents, carers

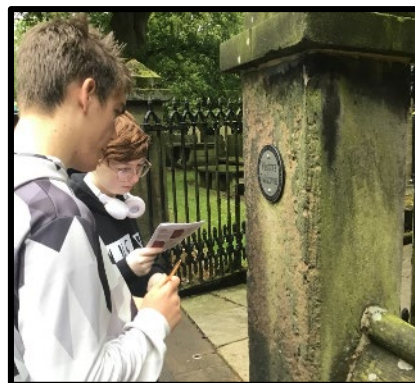
I hope you are enjoying the summer weather and encouraging your child to drink plenty of water and use some block appropriate as necessary. I am really looking forward to meeting a number of you at the forthcoming ASPIRE Celebration of achievement at the Mercure Hotel on Tuesday 5th July, between 6.30pm and 9.30pm. We anticipate that this event will be a fantastic opportunity to mark their significant achievements academically and highlight their energetic engagement in our Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. We look forward to welcoming a number of guests including the local Rotary Club group who will be presenting awards for both school and college leavers.

At Wargrave House we really value the impact that the expressive and performing arts have upon our young people. We are delighted that Post 16 students are working hard on their forthcoming pantomime Alice in Wonderland to be staged on Wednesday 13th July. My thanks go to Julliet Doherty and team in advance of this exciting performance.

Best wishes for your weekend, Robin.

LS1 & LS2

LS1 and 2 students have been honing their detective skills by taking part in two very different yet equally mentally stimulating 'treasure hunts'. The Alice in Wonderland treasure quest ties in nicely with the production. The students spent two hours following the clues around Daresbury (and the church) which took in a host of clues that related to Lewis Carroll and his fictional characters.



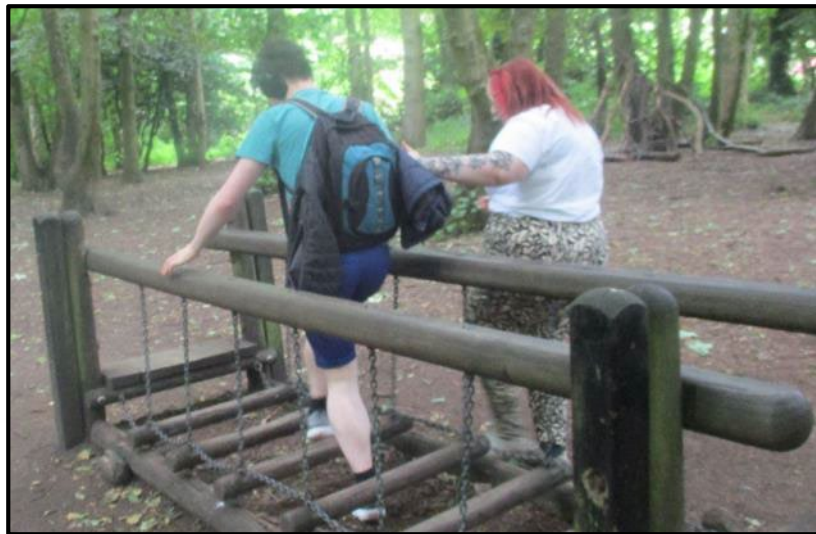
Escape Hunt took place at **Liverpool's Albert Dock** and had a more hi-tech feel about it. This time the students had just two hours to solve some very complex, interactive clues as part of Operation Mindfall and save the world. Fortunately our teams of spies managed to foil the plot with just minutes to spare.

Khovan recently had his first full day working with Tony from Try Fitness, putting his peers from the college through their paces in the gym. Khovan then spent the evening completing his own Brazilian Jiu Jitsu training at his own club (Hardwire Fitness & MMA). No wonder the club has awarded him a **free lifetime membership for martial arts training** in recognition of his dedication, enthusiasm and willingness to help others.



Tarran has been working on preparing for and taking part in an interview as part of his Open Awards qualifications. Tarran decided that to prepare himself fully for the interview, he would have a haircut and shave. He decided the style he wanted and I think you will agree that the result would impress any prospective employer!

We have been to Speke Hall and Greg did some problem solving and practised making choices in the maze. Rhys challenged his proprioception by trying out the activities in the woods.



Greg has had a great workout at the gym. Khovan gave peer to peer support in a range of activities which Greg thoroughly enjoyed.



Greg also had a lovely therapy session with Nico, and is becoming much more relaxed around him.



Dylan and Rhys are leaving us at the end of the summer term. They have made memory boxes, which will hold some photographs to remind them of their time at Wargrave.



Nicky continues his hard work at the RSPCA on his Supported Internship since returning after the half term.



He has supported Mark by completing maintenance jobs to get the site ready for the Fun Day on Saturday 18th June.



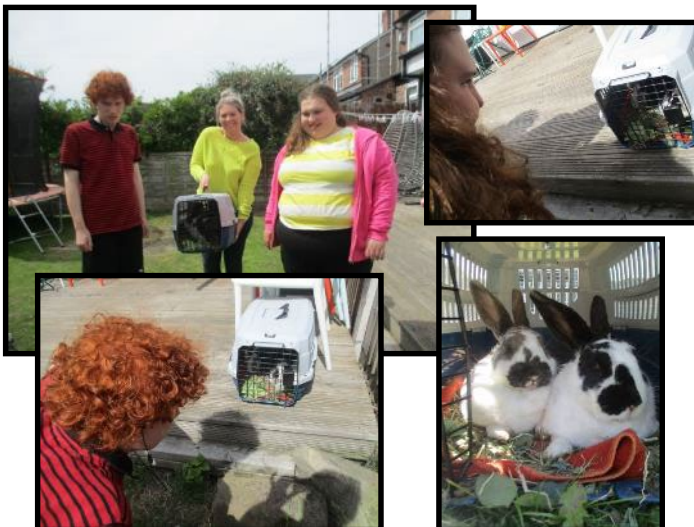
LEAP 3

LEAP 3 have been working hard to complete their **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award**. Everyone have participated in volunteer work at Alexandra Care Home, students have been jet washing the flags and garden furniture for the residents to use in the summe.



Benji and Ruby have enjoyed looking and caring for plants and herbs. They have planted herbs and been looking after them in preparation to sell on **Friday's market stall**.

Students have also been developing their **employability skills** whilst working at the **Griffin Pub**. On a weekly basis students go to complete jobs given by the landlord Jo. These jobs consist of polishing, hoovering, window cleaning, stock taking, refilling the fridge and litter picking. Students follow their work system with staff support to complete their jobs.



We have also completed practise walks over the past few months, we have improved our walking techniques which has developed our stamina when walking long distances. We have walked around **Pennington Flash, Carr Mill Dam, Rivington Pike, Marbury Park** ready for our final expedition to **Lymm Dam** this week were all students showed amazing resilience. **We have now achieved our Bronze Award.**

We have welcomed **two new rabbits** into our LEAP community. **Oreo** and **Origi** arrived this week. All the students are looking forward to watching them making themselves at home. Students are preparing themselves to develop their skills in nurturing, looking after and caring for animals. Students will participate in petting, feeding and keeping their homes clean.