



# COLLEGE

## Newsletter



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## Welcome

We have had another busy term at college. It is always a pleasure to share the learner's successes and achievements with you all. Particular highlights included Purple Day, fundraising for Red Nose Day, and we have successfully opened the Hidden Treasure Boutique shop. We would also like to welcome Adam Turner (LSA), Nick Clark (LSA), and Katie Horn (LD Registered College Nurse) to our team. We hope you enjoy the updates and have had a wonderful break.

## Group 1

This half term we have been undertaking fantastic work in our sessions to support our City & Guilds qualifications. In mathematics, the learners have been learning about measurement. We have explored different ways in which we use measurement in our lives e.g. whilst cooking, buying new clothes and measuring furniture for our homes. The learners had a range of measuring equipment to explore and they were supported to use them to understand the purpose of each measuring tool. E.g. a jug to measure liquid, a ruler to measure small items.

The learners enjoyed visiting our Hidden Treasure Boutique to practice how we measure ourselves for clothing and find the right sizing when looking to purchase clothing. The learners also enjoyed maximising their measuring skills by participating in a range of cookery tasks.

## Monthly LEARNER Award

### Group 1 – Harley

For his positive contribution to Church Farm

### Group 2 – Aditya

For not opting out of tasks

### Group 3 – Gregory

For fantastic improvements in your attendance

## Employee of the month: Morgan

For behaving professionally in Hidden Treasures Boutique



## Group 2

Great Notley Country Park was a great success for Group 2 this half term. They each had the opportunity to explore the wide open spaces that the park has to offer. It was a wonderful opportunity to spend time together in the fresh air exploring different wildlife whilst getting lots of exercise. For their qualification, the learners then went to a local café together where they shared a small meal and drink together. This further supported our financial awareness and social skills with our peer group.



## Group 3

Group 3 had a fantastic enrichment activity at McGullians Golf in Stevenage. The learners were able to choose their desired game of either a jungle or ocean theme. The highlight was the learner's enthusiasm in taking part in crazy golf and cheering each other on to do well. Everyone shared when undertaking their evaluations that they enjoyed the experience and was great fun to participate in.



## Ashvale

In Ashvale, the learners have been learning about parts of a plant and what plants need to survive. Each learner has now planted onions, sunflowers and their own tomato plants. Some of the learners have also taken part in the chicken care routines by feeding the chickens and then collecting and washing the eggs ready to be sold throughout the week.

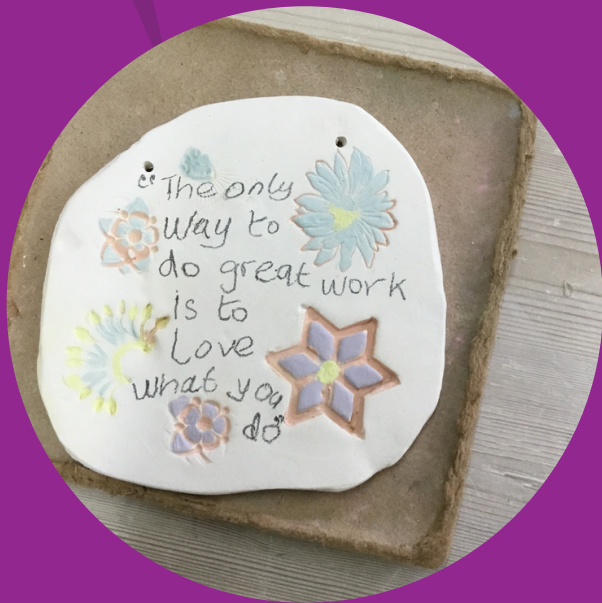


# The Drawing Room

It has been another fun and creative term in the Drawing Room. The learners have been practicing lots of new skills, as well as building upon their previous learning.

Beautiful collages have been created by the learners using eye catching colours and drawing images of their college experience. They will be displayed in the college very soon!

The learners have also made a spring plaque for their gardens. They used different objects to embellish them. Lots of attention was given to the details to produced very attractive designs, which required lots of patience and thought. The plaque was then carefully painted with pastel colours and a meaningful spring quote was added. After the holidays the plaques will be glazed when they come out of the kiln.



# Work Experience

The college students have been enjoying work experience during the term at the charity shops in Ware and Staple Tye in Harlow. The main duties included the hanging and pricing of clothes, stock rotation and quality checks. The learners continue to learn of the responsibilities required of having a job such as being punctual; being professional to colleagues and customers; and following instructions to ensure the shop is a safe environment for all.

# Church Farm

As part of our St Elizabeth curriculum some learners access Church Farm to further develop their work related learning skills and undertake rural qualifications. The learners help out in a variety of tasks such as working in the orchards by picking the apples and maintaining the environment; looking after the animal's needs; and also by learning about plants and crops. We were exceptionally proud that some learners have achieved a City & Guilds qualification in greeting visitors and showing them around them farm.

## Hello from Katie!

Hello, I am Katie Horn Registered Learning Disability Nurse. I am currently designing and delivering a programme of learning to the learners covering health and wellbeing to the groups across college. The learners have been learning about healthy eating and the importance of hydration for our bodies. The learners thoroughly enjoyed making smoothies as part of this. In more recent weeks, we have explored what mental health is and how our moods can make us feel whether it be positive or negative. Everyone had the opportunity to share how they improve their mood e.g. through physical exercise, sharing their worries and everyone made a stress ball.

In the upcoming term, we have some exciting opportunities of taking the learners on different health care trips including a visit to the Herts and Essex air ambulance service. We will be visiting local parks to improve our fitness and to keep active. We have a specialist dental service coming to visit us at college to talk to us about the importance of good oral hygiene. I hope to improve the learner's knowledge on fitness and teach them skills to improve their lives within and after college. I will also support the learner's skills in helping to reduce anxiety around health appointments and procedures that they may experience.



# Purple Day

On Tuesday 26th March everyone in the centre celebrated in Purple Day. This was to raise awareness of Epilepsy and the impact it has on lives, whether that be for parents, staff or people that access our service. Everyone was invited to our college sports hall to have a drink and share their experiences of Epilepsy. All departments created a display which was thought-provoking and encouraged conversations. Our learners created some wonderful art work, which we later shared with our college governors.

# Red Nose Day

This year for Red Nose Day we help a basketball shoot out sponsorship. The learners each went into the sports hall to score as many basketball hoops as possible. The learner's attitude to this was incredible. They cheered each other on and willed each other to not give up. Funds raised to date for this charity at the college, is an incredible £314! the most ever! We are exceptionally proud of the learners for dressing up, getting involved and not giving up.



# Gentle Reminder:

The college day starts at 9:20am and ends at 3:30pm. It is important for the learners that this is adhered to where possible to ensure they can transition smoothly into their lessons and not disrupt the learning of others.

Should your son /daughter or need a period of absence such as a holiday outside of the term, this needs to be authorised in advance by Vicki Ingram. Please email at [vicki.ingram@stelizabeths.org.uk](mailto:vicki.ingram@stelizabeths.org.uk). Additionally, it would be very helpful to be advised in advance of any upcoming appointments so that we can plan and support your son/daughter in case of any learning that may be missed. Thank you.

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday 28th March 2024 - Easter Break

College will end at 3.30pm and return on the 16th April at 9.20 am.

### WB 20th May 2024 - Enrichment Day

Each class have chosen a fun experience day with their peer group.

### Friday 5th July - Sports Day

The learners will undertake their sports day followed by refreshments in the Pavilion.

### Thursday 18th July - Prom

All learners are invited to have a dance and buffet in the sports hall with a DJ.

### Friday 19th July - Graduation

An opportunity to celebrate the success of our learners that are graduating from college. Families of our leavers are welcome.

### Friday 19th July - Summer Break

College will end at 3.30pm.