

THE NEST

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2



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A note from the staff:

Have a fantastic
Christmas!

Back to School:

Tuesday 7th
January

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TRIPS

A whole school trip to the National Memorial Arboretum was an incredibly enriching experience that helped to maximise our learning and engaged our students.

The Arboretum is a site of remembrance and reflection with over 400 memorials, honouring military and civilian contributions to the nation. It offers a blend of education, history, nature, and personal reflection



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STUDENT FEEDBACK

I enjoyed the trip,
especially the history of
the air force - RR

I liked when Matt told me all
about how they played football
on Christmas Day - WS

I enjoyed the mini train -
KC



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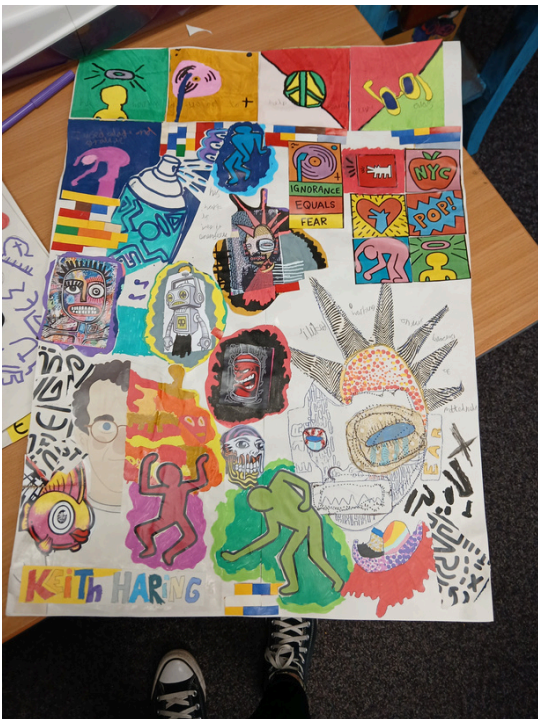


The year 7's have settled in well this term, building relationships with staff and peers and setting the building blocks to their learning.

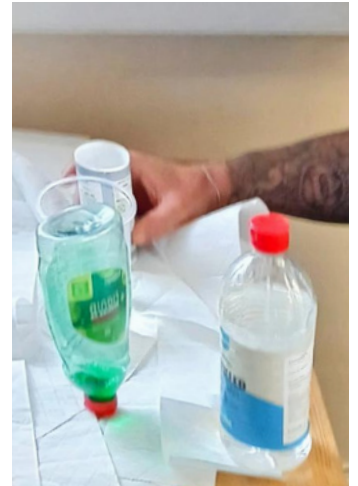


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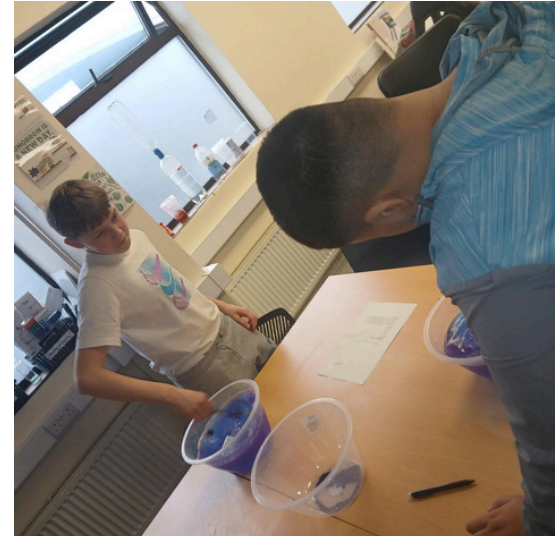
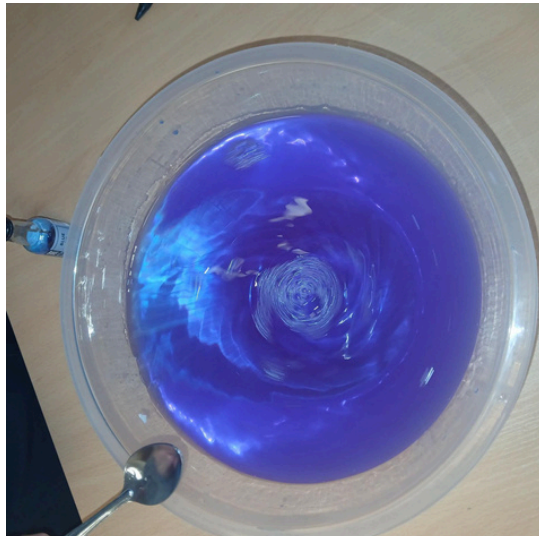
The year 9's have shown some great team work this term, and have done some FANTASTIC art work



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In year 10 we have been looking at natural disasters and the impact of extreme weather on our environment. We have conducted a range of experiments, including making a tornado in a bottle and an erupting volcano.



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The Year 11's have worked really hard this term on their assessments, but have also made time to have fun!



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Site visit to Illam National Trust



We are thrilled to share that The Nest is collaborating with the National Trust to design and create fifteen peace poles, which will be exhibited at Illam next year. Recently, our Year 9 students took a site visit to this stunning location, where they enjoyed a guided tour that delved into its rich history.

They gathered photographs and inspiration for inscriptions, which will inform their creative process.

We are excited to see how this project unfolds!



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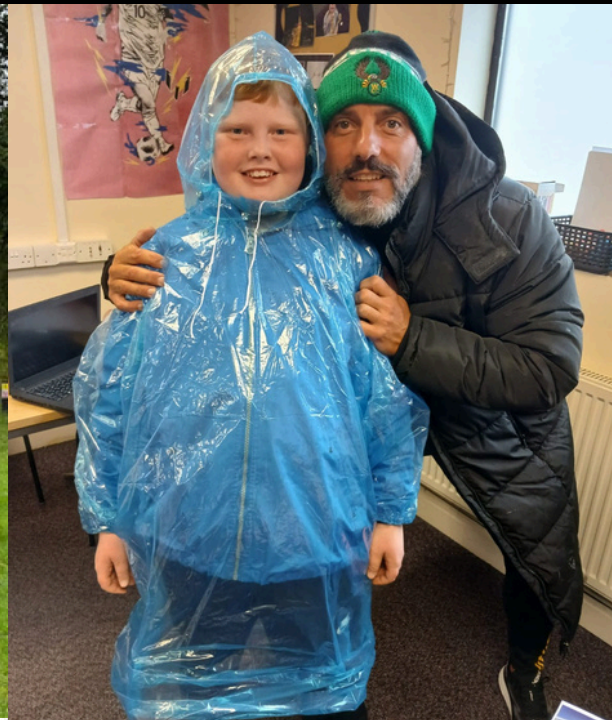


Our students have spent a number of Friday's at Alderford Lake. One of our students have learned to swim in the lake this year! They have had the opportunities to kayak, paddleboard, wild water swim and challenge themselves to the inflatable course. When the weather became too cold for this, we began to go to swimming at the Jubilee 2 which the students have engaged in brilliantly and given all positive feedback.



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The students have started to learn expedition skills as well as individual skills



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Key Stage 4 have been working on problem solving and map reading skills whilst undertaking Geo-caching. The weather has not stopped D of E from taking place this term!



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CAREERS

There are a variety of school links courses on offer with Stoke on trent College. These include:

- Health and Social Care
- Construction
- Motor Vehicle
- Gaming/Designing apps
- Hairdressing Public services



We now have a link with Fast Lane Karting for motor vehicle level 1 course

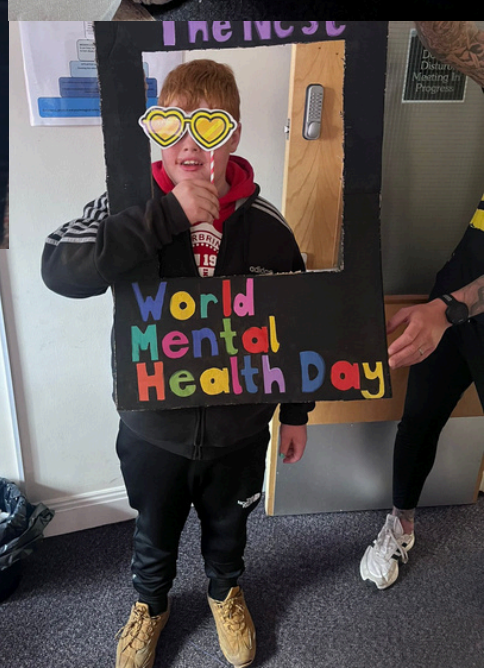


We are welcoming parents into the Nest in the first half term to discuss our careers curriculum and offer to the children to access college courses - more info to follow

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



We celebrated world mental health day by wearing yellow and students worked with staff to discuss the importance of our mental health and who can help us if we are struggling



CHARITY



Our Year 9 students recently came together to deliver a specially crafted peace pole to the local children's hospice, a symbol of unity and hope created in collaboration with the community.

In addition to this heartfelt gesture, the students also raised **£144.65** through their bake sales, which they proudly donated to support the incredible work of the hospice.

This initiative highlights the power of teamwork, creativity, and compassion, demonstrating how small acts can create meaningful change.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this project!



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LAST WEEK OF TERM



Whole school Santa run

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Ice Skating Fun!