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Welcome to the Inscape House School newsletter!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly had a very busy period on our return after the Christmas break with many fantastic events planned and organised by the Inscape House team, which you can read about in our Newsletter.

Our students have enjoyed the vast range of events and opportunities that have been afforded and which have continued to broaden their unique experiences and interests. We have many more exciting activities and events planned for our return to school and I hope that you have a restful break.

I look forward to the pupils returning to school on the 27th of February refreshed and revitalised in preparation for another exciting half term.

Richard Nancollis,
Interim Head Teacher, Inscape House School

News stories

A partnership across the world

Inscape House School have recently launched a project, embarking on an exciting new collaboration and programme of activities with staff and students from New Horizon, Ghana's first SEND school.

The partnership will provide exciting opportunities for students and staff from Inscape House and New Horizon to engage with each other from across the world, as well as an opportunity to share good practice, resources, and knowledge. The Together Trust will also be making available a wealth of knowledge and expertise from across its support functions to support New Horizon.

New Horizon is a non-profitable day school in Accra, the capital of Ghana, that delivers specialist education to children and young people 4-17, as well as vocational and living skills training for young people aged 17 and above.

With the same vision and values as Inscape House, there is immense potential for the two schools to work together from across the world. We are launching this exciting new partnership after Sam Ofori, the School Business Manager at Inscape House School, travelled to the school three years ago.

The partnership will provide the opportunity for learners in both schools to participate in culturally enriching exchange activities, such as participating in African drumming workshops online.

Some of Inscape House's Post-16 learners are taking part in the nationwide 'Young Enterprise' project this year, and are going to provide a platform to help sell some of the beautiful handicrafts made by new Horizon's vocational students.



An Update from Careers

A fantastic speech from an Inscape House School alumni

This month, we were honoured to have a past pupil come back to school to tell us what he has been doing since he left Inscape five years ago.

Paul was very inspirational, he delivered his presentation with confidence and brought a tear to many an eye of staff who had worked with him while he was at Inscape House. Paul now has a permanent job at a Toby Carvery and travels to and from work independently on his electric bike.

Paul talked about his first work experience which was in our school café. Paul's speech definitely had an impact as, this week, we had pupils referring to Paul whilst working in the café. One pupil said "did Paul do this; I want to be like Paul".

Thank you Paul for such an inspiring speech!

[Read more about Paul's speech](#)



A first class experience at Trans Penine

Lisa Yemm, Recruitment Officer for Trans Pennine treated us to a careers day at their training centre in Huddersfield. We were very well looked after and were spoiled with a first class trip both to and from the event.

During the journey and whilst on the platforms the pupils were able to speak to lots of different people about their jobs and apprenticeships and how they started their working career within the rail sector. For National Careers Week in March Lisa will be delivering a workshop at school where any pupils interested in trains can come and have a chat and get some information.

Since this event one of our pupils has shown an interest in an apprenticeship with British Rail and has applied to a training a provider who can start the first steps in this journey.



Learning about Apprenticeships

We have also recently had Matt Leigh from ASK Apprenticeship delivered an informative presentation on apprenticeships which was very well received by our Post 16 and key stage 4 pupils.

Matt will keep in touch with Inscape House School and our pupils if they need any further information on apprenticeships.

**Did you know: -
Apprenticeships
are the
most direct route
into the
workplace
with **90% of
apprentices
staying
employed.****

Careers afternoon a huge success

We had a fantastic careers afternoon this month where a variety of colleges came into Inscape House to talk about their offers to our young people after they finish school. Organisations including Cheadle & Marple College, Manchester & Trafford College, PINC College, the David Lewis Centre and more came to the event.

We had a presentation from Zoe from Cheshire East where she talked about supported internships and a very inspirational talk from our ex-pupil Jacob who talked about his journey after coming to Inscape House and how he is now applying for university.

One of our students Finley also came to the event and used his amazing personality and sales skills to sell items from our enterprise project, well done Finley.



Young Enterprise at the Trafford Centre

We recently had the opportunity to sell the products from our enterprise project at the Trafford Centre at a Young Enterprise event. Inscape House School students sold from their own stall alongside stalls from other schools; the event was a great

success.

The pupils were amazing and really pushed themselves out of their comfort zone, it was great to see their confidence develop whilst speaking to customers.



Learning from a BBC journalist

Nick Ransom – a TV Journalist shared his story and diagnosis of autism in a recent talk at Inscap House.

He talked about how he turned his passion for interviewing his family and friends from a young age into a career as a TV journalist. Nick has worked on Chris Packham's documentary Inside my Autism Mind, which is being aired on BBC2 in February.

This month, Nick has been interviewing some of our pupils for BBC Manchester Radio where they have talked openly about their selective mutism, another moment where our pupils have done themselves proud.

You can watch Nick's presentation to the pupils on our website, where he also talked about jobs in TV, radio, newspaper, and film.

[Watch Nick's speech here](#)



What's coming next?

- Four pupils have been offered work experience at Manchester United Mega Store. They will do six weeks each (1/2 days) between now and July. Well done to Emily Read our Manchester United Foundation SEND Officer for organising and supporting this.
- Six pupils will be starting their work experience with Gusto at Cheadle Hulme. Gusto have designed an eight-week training programme where the pupils get to try different aspects of working in a restaurant.
- Middle school are on a careers day at Mercedes, Stockport.
- A Trans Pennine Workshop.
- Careers in the Curriculum week.
- Gaming Day's workshop with TT-Fusion.

An update from the Animal Assisted Intervention team

Careers with cats

The Animal Assisted Intervention team have held a few events throughout January to help promote the wide range of careers that involve working with animals and educating our young people on how to look after animals.

Firstly, we had Cats Protection who delivered workshops to all our students on our STEM Day. Alice from the Charity was able to adapt the online training sessions to a Face-to-Face workshop at Inscape House where she covered a range of different topics to our students. This included how to keep a cat healthy and happy, cats body language, careers with cats, and how, as a charity, they help cats across the UK.

Alice provided a fun and interactive talk that tied in with the curriculum and helped to promote responsible pet ownership, respect for animals and animal welfare. We went Meow Mad!





Learning how to look after animals

We also had Ema from Pretty Pawtastic, who is an experienced Animal groomer that has worked with a number of different animals including dogs, rabbits, cats, horses, guinea pigs and many more to provide them with a shinny coat.

Ema talked to students about her business and her daily job role. She also brought along her Rabbit so that the students could interact with them afterwards and experience grooming different types of animals correctly.



Why did the animals cross the road?... to teach road safety!

Our Inscape House School animals have been hard at work teaching our students road safety this week.

Simba and Davey, our baby tortoises, helped to teach our students about road

safety in our AAI sessions.

We then progressed to some real-life experience with Charlie and Rooney our support dogs, who helped Josh oversee Charlie in the community when focusing on improving road safety skills.

Great work everyone!



Meet our new counsellor Kate

Hi Everyone.

My name is Kate Coshall and I am the new School Counsellor here at Inscape House School. I have been

a qualified Person-Centred counsellor for 13 years and I am currently coming to the end of a Trauma Informed Practitioner Diploma. I have 15 years of mainstream education experience.

Thank you for all the warm welcomes from staff and students I have received so far.

I look forward to meeting many more of you along the way.
Kate



More success on the football pitch

This half term the Inscape House football team returned to football for first time in 2023. They did fantastically winning 3 games, drawing 2 games and losing one game (albeit against a mainstream football team)

They are still confident that they will bring the SEN Shield home in May!

Good luck team!





Plenty going on at the library

We had such a fun time in the library this half term. We enjoyed a visit from the award-winning poet and lyricist Terry Caffrey. The students (and staff!) were enthused and inspired by his hilarious poetry performance and have been practicing the techniques that Terry suggested during the workshops in their lessons.

We have been feeling the love of Valentines Day in the library, celebrating by adding a little fun to our usual Book Exchange sessions by playing 'Blind Date With A Book'. Library books were wrapped in paper with only minimal information written on the paper about the book inside. With only a genre and a few words to guide the student's choice, there were some surprises when the students unwrapped their book for the week. Many students were really excited about trying a different kind of read!

We are looking forward to another library event in March when author Chris Bonello will be visiting us to talk about his fabulous book series Underdogs. What better way to celebrate World Book Day together?!



Safer Internet Day

This month, the staff and students at Inscape House took part in activities to support Safer Internet Day.

Activities included looking at ways of staying safe online and safe ways to engage with online games.

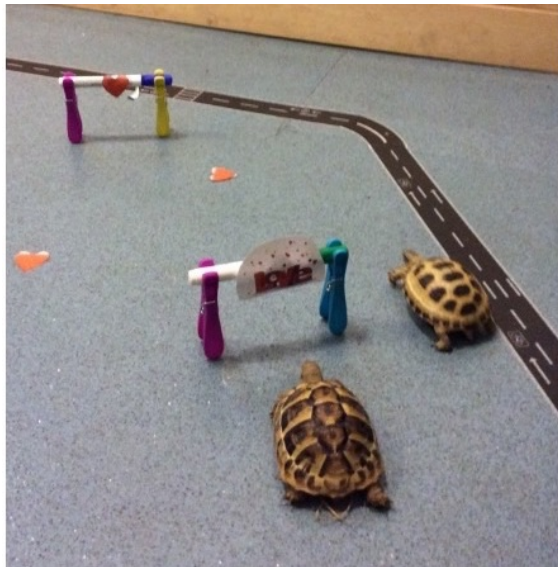
Great work everyone!



The tortoise and the heart

Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in our hearts, this was certainly true with Davey and Simba our baby tortoises helping our students with valentines being our theme.

Our students had hands on experience with maths skills and counting up the hearts of the tortoise Scute, creating Valentine's Day shapes in the tortoise food, and a heart obstacle course for the tortoises to move around. The pictures show the love the students have for our animals ❤️ 🐢



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