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Welcome to the Inscape House School newsletter!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the Inscape team for your continued support throughout the academic year. We have had another successful year and watched our pupils grow and develop through the opportunities that we have been able to provide. We have secured many new partnerships, which have continued to expand our offer for pupils in all pathways.

A-Level results will be available on **17 August** and GCSE results on **24 August**. If letters are not returned for those pupils that have sat A-Level and GCSE, then we will presume that parents would like results to be sent via email.

We have sadly bided farewell to our Leavers and wish them all the very best for the future. I hope that we will keep in touch to find out more about their journeys after Inscape House.

I hope that you have a great summer and we look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on **7 September**.

Richard Nancollis,
Interim Head Teacher, Inscape House School

Dear all,

It's been lovely being part of an Inscape team that has continued to improve the education of our young people. We've had many highlights over this school year, and particular favourites of mine have been when students who have left in previous years have returned to share their experiences with our current students. They embody the long-term impact of the teaching and care provided by all staff and make us so proud of the amazing adults they've become.

All this, however, is always a team effort with families. Thank you all for your support and cooperation over the last year, working with us to ensure your child can self-regulate and learn to become as independent as they can be.

Goodbye and good luck to those students and staff moving on to their next adventure and I hope everyone has a great summer holiday.

Sara Bayley,
Executive Head of Education, Together Trust

Help shape our services through your feedback

If you haven't already, we would really appreciate if you would take the time to [complete the short survey here](#) to help us understand your experiences as a parent or carer of a student at Inscape House. Thank you!

An update from Animal Assisted Intervention (AAI)

Purr-fect cat visit

This term, our students had the opportunity to visit the **Cats Protection Centre** in Warrington. They learnt the care jobs and duties that staff complete daily, what's involved to prepare the cats find their new homes, and learn about the career opportunities that Cats Protection offer.

The highlight was definitely meeting over 100 cats and kittens at the centre - which certainly put a smile on their faces!



AAI programmes

This term, Danielle has extended the program that she offers within AAI by designing, differentiating, and implementing the Sensory Program, Animal Care Program, Mental Health and Wellbeing Program and Social Interaction and Communication Programs.

These programs support communication, fine motor skills, engagement, and more. AAI is now accessed by **over 87 students** weekly. The introduction of the sensory program has helped our students face and overcome sensory barriers which, for a lot of our students, can be challenging.

Through the support of animals, the students look at all seven senses within the program: sight (vision), hearing (auditory), taste (gustatory), smell (olfactory), touch (tactile), vestibular (movement) and proprioception (body position) using the animals to help them overcome sensory barriers.

Great work everyone!



The Great British Bark Off

Our students took part in the Great British Bark Off this term to raise money for **Underdog International**: a charity that provides therapy dogs in schools across the country, runs a dog rescue scheme, and manages animal welfare projects around the world.

Students wanted to support the charity and took part in a fun week of 'baking and barking' events and activities. The students learnt how therapy dogs can help pupils in the classroom, as well as the extensive training that a therapy dog undertakes to become an important member of the school.

One student said: "I am grateful for this charity as this means my brother and sister who are in a mainstream school could get to spend time with a dog at their school and it could help improve my sister's reading."

Inscape's own assistant dog trainer baked some tasty treats in food tech and

then led the bake sale which helped us raise £25 in total. It was lovely to see students and staff help support this cause!



One Big Paw Step for Animal Kind – AAI scoops second award

AAI has won a second award from [TT Education](#)! This time, Inscap has been awarded the **Positive Approach to Inclusion Award**. It is fantastic to be recognised for the brilliant work that Danielle and the animals do to help students reduce the barriers that they face.

Well done to Danielle and all the Inscap animals!



Animal School's out for summer

As we finish for the summer holidays, the animals are ready to have their well-deserved rest after supporting **over 95 students** every week.

We know some students may worry about the animals during the school holidays, however, they shall be spending the summer at Danielle's home where she'll be providing them with ongoing training, yummy treats, lots of love, and excellent care.

If the students would like an update on the animals to help them over the summer holidays, you are welcome to email Danielle who can ensure that you receive an email written from the very clever animals and might include a picture or two.

We'd like to thank all the students, staff and parents that have supported AAI. We wish you a paws goodbye and when we return, we may have a little new four-legged friend joining the AAI animals. Watch this space!

Thank you from Danielle, Patch, Pandora, Davey, Simba & Charlie



An update from Careers



Gusto work experience completed

Six of our pupils have completed an **eight-week training course with Gusto Italian** in Cheadle Hulme and Alderley Edge. This was the first time that Gusto has delivered a programme like this, and we were very impressed with the staff's engagement and way of teaching pupils a range of new skills.

Having studied both front-of house and in the kitchen over this term, on the final day, pupils put their new skills to the test: working in the restaurant, waiting on customers, and even working behind the bar to make mocktails and coffees!

We are so proud of the pupils for their professional approach, focus, and excellent customer service skills. One pupil, who wants to pursue a career in catering, has been offered a work experience placement in the Alderley Edge restaurant.

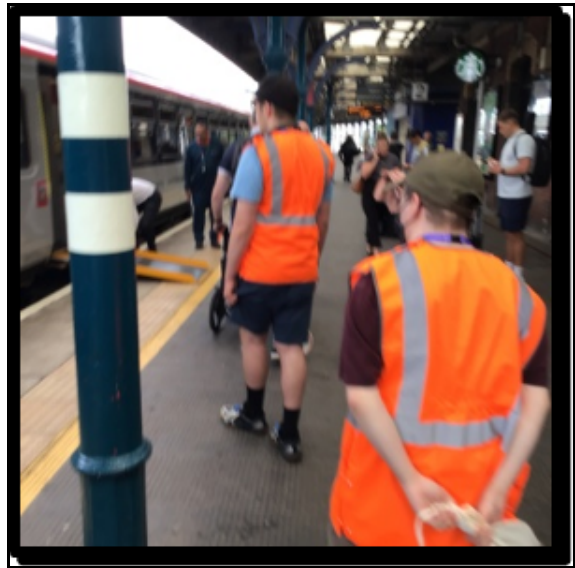
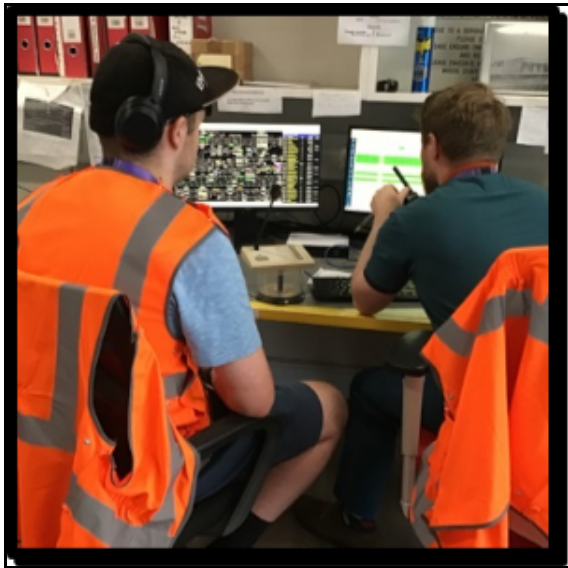
We look forward to working further with Gusto in the next academic year as they've generously offered more pupils this work experience opportunity.



Visit to Stockport Train Station

A group of students interested in pursuing a career in the railway industry were given the opportunity to visit **Stockport Train Station** this term, where they worked alongside Avanti staff members Mags and Amelia. Pupils got to announce train arrivals, platform changes, and even dispatch trains - which all students enthusiastically took part in!

We're looking forward to working more with Avanti next year, where one pupil has been offered a work experience placement for September. Our Speech and Language team are also working with Avanti staff on how to support neurodiverse employees in the workplace.



STEAM Careers Day

To finish the year with a bang, we had our third-annual **STEAM Careers Day** this month. The whole school had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities linked to science, engineering, computing, and the music industry.

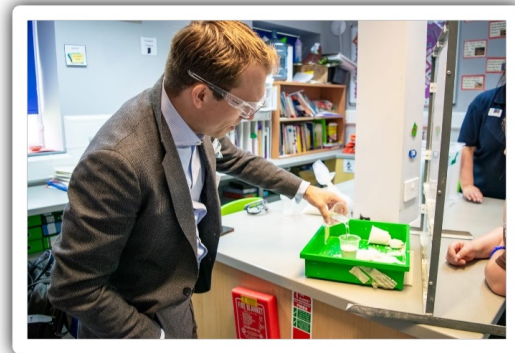
Our STEAM Ambassador, Jess Bates from Atkins Engineering, provided a plethora of workshops for our pupils to engage with:

- **Spot the Robotic Dog** from Sellafield entertained all our pupils and introduced them to the world of robotics.
- **Flo from Paws4Conservation**, who works to secure the safety of small animals where areas of land are being excavated for development, showcased her detection skills.
- A **coding workshop** and **engineering workshop** introduced pupils to different careers and skills. At the engineering table, students had to construct their biggest possible tower out of paper - which certainly brought out everyone's competitiveness!

Staff also organised workshops where they linked their subjects to the world of work: in Maths class, pupils designed bridges, in Music, pupils worked on writing lyrics and adding music, and in Horticulture, pupils potted plants.

Other visitors included **Dunham Massey**, where pupils learnt about science in the outdoors, **Sam the Midwife**, who introduced pupils to the NHS and working as a nurse or midwife, and Joe from the **Quarries in Buxton**, who introduced pupils to chemistry and working with limestone.

Thank you to all our contributors and participators - what a fantastic event!



News stories

An update from Food Tech

This year, several students have completed their **Level 2 BTEC Food Technology** qualification.

The final part of their qualification called for the students to independently create a two-course meal. One of the students chose to make spaghetti bolognese and a Victoria sponge (pictured). They both looked amazing and tasted even better. Well done everyone!



Students reach new heights

A group of pupils have had the opportunity to go rock climbing at **Awesome Walls** and have all done brilliantly! Pupils have learnt how to behave safely within the climbing centre, tie knots, belay, boulder, and top rope climb.

Congratulations to Kaidyn-Lee Barnes who has achieved his **Level 1 NICAS qualification** and will continue to Level 2 in September. This opportunity will be open to more students in the next school year, and we look forward to seeing more and more pupils' progress.

Alfie particularly enjoys the auto belays and is getting very brave, reaching higher each week. Alice has developed her confidence massively since beginning her climbing sessions and is now attempting new climbs each week. Jacob got to the top of one of the highest walls at the centre. His confidence has improved massively in such a short space of time, and he even enjoys hanging upside down in the bouldering room!



Pride celebrations

In a vibrant display of unity and celebration, the spirited students of Inscape House School came together to take part in a joyous student pride parade!

Adorned with glitter, face paint, colourful clothes and decoration, they took to the streets around our campus to celebrate LGBTQ+ month.

Each class participated with their own entry, choosing messages close to their hearts and making banners. Staff from Central Office joined to watch the parade and cheer for our young campaigners.

Following the huge success of Inscape's first-ever Pride Parade, parents, carers, and young people are invited to join the Together Trust and be part of Manchester Pride on **Saturday 26 August**. Get in touch with Stéphane if you're interested to find out more.



A memorable year in the library

There has been a continuous bustle of students attending the library this year, excited to choose their next read. The strong reading culture is apparent across the school. We have had many inspirational authors visiting the students, with students keen to know when our next author event will be.

We have had some new recruits to our pupil librarian programme. A special mention to Kai for helping to host Empathy Day after only a few weeks of him taking on his new role in our library. Well done!

Talia Marcus' fantastic contributions to our school library were celebrated at the **Pupil Librarian Assistant of the Year Awards** in London, hosted by the School Library Association, CILIP, and the School Libraries Group. Talia was one of the eight finalists out of all secondary school pupil librarian nominations in the country. Talia was represented during the celebration by the fabulous poet Laura Mucha and had the exceptional experience of sharing her own writing ideas with several other award-winning authors such as Jo Cotterill and Steve Cole.

This really is an exceptional achievement; Talia was the only finalist to represent a specialist school such as ours. We are so incredibly proud! We know that Talia and all our fabulous pupil librarians will continue to share their passion for reading with their peers.



Students perform at the Lowry

Pupils from Inscape House School impressed the audience at the Together Trust's annual **Music and Performing Arts Festival**, held at the Lowry Theatre in Salford.

The 'Inscape Boomwhackers Band' and a duo of singers performed renditions of songs by Adele, arranged for Boomwhackers and vocals which has set the bar high for next year's show. Our pupils coped really well with the delayed start (that's show business!) and performed with confidence and flair. A big well done to everyone involved!

One student said: "I loved it, it was amazing. I've never been on a stage before and I was excited. I got to use the Boomwhackers which is my favourite. My mum was there, she nearly cried!"



A big thank you from the students at New Horizon!

The Together Trust has embarked on an exciting new collaboration and programme of activities with staff and students from [New Horizon School](#); the first SEND school in Ghana.

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.

The partnership is providing exciting opportunities for students and staff from Inscape House School and New Horizon to engage with each other from across the world, as well as an opportunity to share good practices, resources, and knowledge.

As part of this initiative, Inscape House School has led in collecting resources to send to New Horizon and in April shipped a 40ft container to the school. We invited students from Inscape to send a shoe box of gifts to a child at New

Horizon. We matched students and staff with a child at New Horizon and shared some of their individual interests with them. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our students and their families.

The children of New Horizon were overjoyed when they received their boxes. We will soon be sharing some beautiful video footage with you. The students are also in the process of making individual 'thank-you' cards for our students. They have asked us to express their sincere thanks to you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.





Taekwondo visit

Students from across school visited the **Olympic Taekwondo Centre** this term

to put their hard work from sessions into practice. They spent time watching the professionals train and they then took part in a Taekwondo session, showing off the moves they learnt with paralympic Taekwondo athlete, Amy Truesdale.

They also took part in a workshop with Paralympic Silver Medallist Beth Munro, where they learnt about what it takes to be an athlete, how she got into the sport and what her day-to-day training life is like. The students also had the opportunity to ask her questions about her life, including what she did before Taekwondo. The students engaged brilliantly and were all inquisitive about her life and the sport.

The students had a great time learning the sport of Taekwondo during the last half term and visiting the Centre was an amazing brand-new experience for them all which they thoroughly enjoyed!



Manchester United work experience

Post-16 students have continued their weekly work experience at Manchester United's Megastore this term. They have carried out many different retail activities in the store, including pricing items, accessing the stock room to

restock products on the shop floor, answering customer queries, and making sure the store looked neat and tidy for the customers.

They have developed vital skills to add to their CVs for future employers and the growth in their confidence and independence during their time at the Megastore has been amazing to witness. The Megastore staff are so grateful for all of Post-16's hard work and have loved having the students as part of their team!

To celebrate their success in taking part in the **Premier League Inspires Programme** with the Manchester United Foundation, as well as completing their work experience, students attended a celebration event at Old Trafford with other participating schools from across Manchester. The students got to meet a Manchester United Legend, Wes Brown, who presented them with a certificate for their achievements.



An update from Nurture

This half term, the **Nurture class** have been practising their money skills in maths. They ran an ice cream stall and sold raffle tickets to raise money for the

Rachel Coram Foundation. Gemma Bradbury - who plays a big part in Nurture class and the students know her well - wanted to help raise money for a very worthwhile cause and support her sister, a former staff member at Inscape who is currently battling cancer.

The Nurture class raised an **amazing £500** and thoroughly enjoyed putting their money skills to good use. Great work team!



To sign off this bumper update from Inscape House School, please enjoy below the latest video from the Together Trust and take a look at what happens across all our services.

Thank you and have a fantastic summer from all of us here at the Together Trust!



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