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Welcome to the Inscape House School newsletter!

Dear Parents and Carers,

During the Spring term we have continued to focus on the development of our careers and employability offer with our “Learning to Earning Programme”, which SaLT and OT have supported. Their work has been exceptional and helped organisations to embrace neuro diversity in the workplace. Gusto, Dunham Massey, Manchester United and other organisations are providing great work placement opportunities and we have seen our pupils grow in confidence with the new experiences afforded. The school training café has also been relaunched and we now have more students from across the school engaged in varied hospitality roles across the week.

AAI (Animal Assisted Intervention) has gone from strength to strength, with Danielle making exciting new links with the Cat's Protection.

We have been visited by many guest speakers across the Spring term and the feedback from guest speakers has been heart-warming since they always comment on the abundance of talents that our students have.

Mock exams have taken place during the Spring term to prepare our students for the summer exam period and learners embraced this time with confidence

and determination.

We ended the Spring term with “Inscapes got Talent” which was just brilliant and showcased individuality, creativity, and togetherness. The students were fantastic, and the staff also got involved which was superb.

Richard Nancollis,
Interim Head Teacher, Inscape House School

News stories

Inscape certainly has talent!

On the last week of the Spring Term we held a week of activities to celebrate World Autism Acceptance Day. The week ended in spectacular fashion with our annual Inscape’s Got Talent Event.

We had an amazing display of talent with singing, dancing and Boomwhacker playing to name just a few.

The judges and audience were wowed with the performances and also by the support shown to each act. It was a fantastic event for everyone involved!

We have included a selection of photos from the event below. Well done Inscape, we are so proud of you all!





An Update from Careers

Gusto work experience

We are delighted to share that six of our pupils are half way through their work experience and training at Gusto, Cheadle Hulme.

This is what work experience is all about, giving our pupils lots of opportunities to develop their skills and create the positive mind-set "I can do this".

All six pupils have been very professional and excellent role models throughout their work experience. They have engaged with and made such an impact on the staff at Gusto, leading to them offering to deliver this training again in the next academic year.

One pupil has expressed an interest in being a chef and Gusto have offered him the opportunity to have work experience and training in their kitchen.

A big thank you to Mikey Rice and the team at Gusto for organising this and making it a real positive experience for our ambitious young people.



TT Gaming - Careers Workshop

TT Gaming, a gaming workshop has proven to be one of our most popular careers mornings of the year.

If you don't know who TT Gaming are, they design the Lego games for Nintendo Switch. Four members of staff from TT Gaming delivered a workshop with lots of creative activities to get our pupils thinking about and exploring different careers in the gaming industry.

The staff were blown away by the knowledge, creativity and enthusiasm everyone had.

After break pupils who had other activities planned cancelled these to return to

the workshop. The staff from TT Gaming were so impressed with the pupils that they have asked to come back to visit Inscape again.

I would highly recommend that TT Gaming hire our pupils to trial their games, since their feedback and recommendations would be invaluable. Here is some of the feedback that we received from the staff:-

Dear Marie,

Thank you so much for inviting us to your school. It was fantastic to interact with pupils who were so familiar and engaged with gaming both Lego and in general. During the workshop I was genuinely impressed by the level of artistic skill, creativity and design being demonstrated. I received an education myself about 'Weirdcore' art from a young girl, Amber, who's haunting game idea was set in a hospital trapped in a limbo world between life and death. She drew an amazing illustration of the character who'd be your companion throughout the game, a nurse with a flower-like head, and had fantastically gripping ideas for how to really keep the player on edge! Another girl had a great idea for a side scrolling game called Blockbuster Wars where your quirky blocky character can change the shape of their hands to overcome obstacles, defeat enemies and navigate differing environments. Having the opportunity to give an overview of what we do at the grass roots level was an absolute delight and hopefully gave them some clarity and perspective to this world of video games development.

If there are any opportunities for future engagement I'd be very interested and if any pupils have further questions, please do send them through, I'd be very happy to find answers.

Best wishes,

Keith.

To the Students of Inscape House,

Thank you so much for welcoming us four to your beautiful school. It was a pleasure to meet all of you and have you all so engaged in what we were speaking about.

The reason I personally wanted to get into games was so that I could recreate moments of wonder from my own childhood for other children. Meeting you all showed me that dream has been realised.

I hope that you enjoyed us showing you a little bit of what goes into making video games, and hopefully you picked up on the range of focus areas available. It is an amazing place to work and be part of a team that creates amazing things. So many of you had such big ideas, I would encourage you to work together to achieve them. Compromise is a hard skill to learn but one necessary to be a part of a huge team.

Your passion and creativity were amazing, it's something that keeps the games industry alive with cool ideas, beautiful art, and a desire to learn. We loved looking at your artwork and were honoured for you to share it with us. I know it meant a lot for some of you to show that personal work, so I just want to make sure you know it meant a lot to me to see it!

I really enjoyed your questions, and suggestions for making the game better. Having a critical eye and understanding how things can be improved is a great skill to have! Never stop being curious and asking questions, some might need to work on their timing instead of while people are talking, but I understand the excitement overflowing and wanting to get your thoughts out right now! I might suggest writing down any burning questions while people are talking, then you won't forget, and you can ask when they have finished.

I hope you all make use of the resources we left, whether your passion is art or coding, getting started learning through free software is a wonderful way to hone your skills. There are lots of free assets online to help you get started, and thousands of tutorials of how to use the engines we suggested.

I wish you all the very best and hope we get to meet again!

Aish (Programmer)

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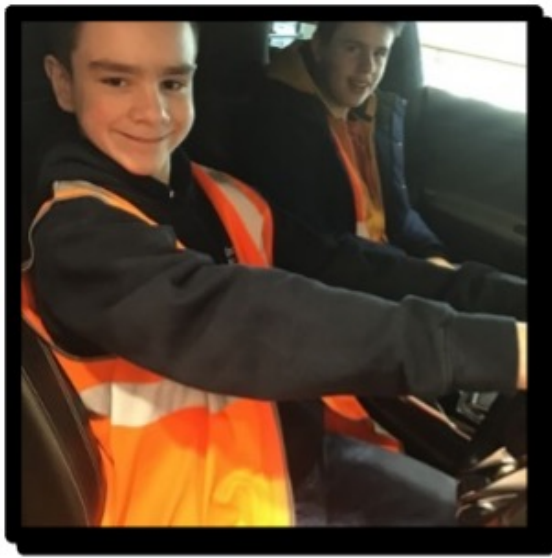
Mercedes Stockport - Careers Morning

Middle School had a morning to remember at Mercedes Stockport with all students having a blast. Who wouldn't want to sit in lots of different amazing cars and talk about engines and features!

The staff looked after everyone so well, our pupils had a tour and got to meet lots of different staff and had opportunities to talk about different jobs and apprenticeships on offer at Mercedes.

To end the event everyone had a buffet lunch in the boardroom and were presented with Mercedes baseball hats. Mercedes have asked for us to come back again and want to talk about work experience opportunities.

A big thank you to Mercedes and more importantly our pupils for showing how amazing they are at representing themselves and the school.



What's coming next?

- STEAM Careers Day
- Careers in the Curriculum
- Futures for All
- Manchester United Mega Store – Work Experience

Red Nose Dog

This month, students took part in Red Nose Day activities with support dogs Rooney and Charlie.

They hid treats for the dogs to find in the magic red noses. They also took part in red nose bowling and red nose spoon races to help with our students fine motor skills.

Well done everyone!



Thank you for supporting our partnership with New Horizon Special School in Ghana

A big thank you to everyone who chose to support our new partnership with New Horizon Special School in Ghana by signing up to send a shoe box of gifts to a child at New Horizon. We were overwhelmed by the time and effort that students and parents/carers put into their boxes.

Over Easter we packed a 40ft container full of spare resources and donations that we have collected along with the shoe boxes. The container set sail on

14th April and is due to arrive in Ghana later this month. We look forward to sharing some more photos with you once the container has reached the school!



The hungry Guinea Pigs

This year the guinea pigs certainly didn't miss out on reading, choosing the book 'The hungry caterpillar'. The Guinea pigs helped to re-enact the story of The hungry caterpillar and they enjoyed eating different kinds of vegetables. We also used the book to assist our champions and explorers to look at the life cycle of a caterpillar.

Our older students made hungry caterpillars out of vegetables and designed and created cardboard food (that the guinea pigs couldn't eat, which was identified by a primary student!).

Pictures included below...



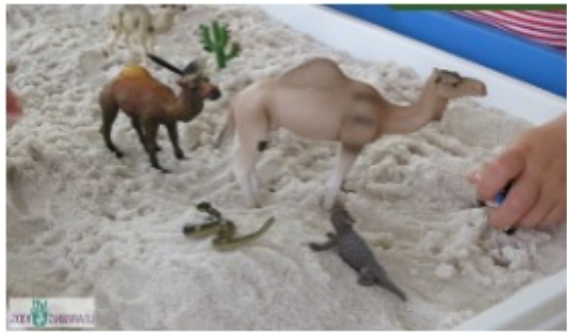


TT Educational services go Wild

Animal Assisted Intervention (AAI) recently ran a competition to find the wildest class at Inscape House School, Ashcroft School and Bridge College.

We had a roaringly successful competition with everyone getting creative by adapting their classrooms into a habitat suitable for an animal of their choice.

We travelled across the world from the sandy Sahara desert at Ashcroft traveling deep in the humidity of the Amazon Rainforest at Bridge and then to Inscape's icy Arctic. TT educational services definitely took a walk on the wild side this term!



Dog trainers

Last month we had Laura and Noah from Dog Spirit, a local business training dogs to become assistance dogs for people with autism, come into Inscape.

Laura shared her own personal experiences from being diagnosed with Autism at 19 years old, and talked about Summer her assistance dog who helped her overcome the barriers that university presented to help her graduate with a degree.

They also brought along Summer, who is a 5 year old golden retriever who helps Laura in her day-to-day activities. Students got hands on experience of some task work and discovered their business and job role. Summer showed the students tasks including retrieving items such as credit cards, a phone, her lead and many more, taking off Laura's coat, reassurance when experiencing anxiety and hitting crisis points and applying deep pressure.

Summer was certainly a very clever dog....and our own support dogs (Rooney and Charlie) are now in training to be able to apply deep pressure to our students. So watch this space!



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