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## Welcome to the Inscape newsletter!

Dear families and students,

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year. Fourteen new students joined us at the start of September, and we are delighted how well they have settled in. We also welcome three new teachers; Alyssa Winstanley, Becki Kite and Rachel Honan. Julie Stockwell, one of our Associate Teachers is retiring and we wish her all the very best for a happy retirement!

We had our first Parent Partnership Event of the year on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September with a focus on Positive Behaviour Support. This was really well attended by lots of families. Our next Parent Partnership event will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November with a focus on Sensory Integration, Zones of Regulation and Occupational Therapy. Watch this space for further details!

We had a visit this month from the Shamah Autism Centre in Saudi Arabia, they are very interested in our education and therapeutic offer and are looking to set up possible future links with us.



We are currently engaged with an exciting project with [LuxAI - Award winning social robots for autism and special needs education](#). This is being trialled in our Nurture class. We have been working with Aida from LuxAI as well as colleagues from Bridge College and Rodney House Special School.

Our Animal Assisted Intervention Programme won the NASS Breaking Barriers Award – Danielle Eaton collected the trophy at the conference in Brighton earlier this month.

Back in September we had a quality assurance visit from Stockport Local Authority. They met with leaders and students and were pleased with the provision on offer at Inscape House School.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming students back into school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Hannah Stollar,**  
**Interim Head of School**



# News stories

## Animal magic!

Our dog intervention room changed locations and also got an upgrade this summer. Our new room also got a new name which is the P.A.W.S Intervention room which stands for Personalised, Animal, Working, Services room.

We have a wild animal theme for our students to work with our reading and support dogs who join us twice a week in group session to target and achieve their Therapeutic goals. We have two new support dogs joining us on a Thursday and Friday morning called Rooney and Charlie, they will be visited by groups of our students that will help their sensory input and build social skills.

We are very excited to welcome Rooney and Charlie to the AAI department. AAI has grown in a short period of time. At the end of July we had a quarter of our students accessing AAI, as we end our first half-term of the new Academic Year we are currently helping half of our students at Inscape.

Animals really do have a magic touch and make a difference to our students lives. We can't wait to show you the journey of AAI as we progress in the future.





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## Walking on the wild side

We celebrated World animal day on the 4<sup>th</sup> October with a school wide event in the hall. Our students started the day by dressing up as an animal, going on an animal scavenger hunt and then got to meet the Inscape guinea pigs and baby tortoises.

They got the fantastic opportunity to meet a millipede which we are very grateful to one of our students for bringing in. There were lots of sensory activities; search and rescue, animal track making, melting the ice to free the animals, deforestation by knocking down the trees and building houses, saving our ocean from rubbish and making bird feeders.

We addressed the issues animals face such as global warming, polluting our environment, deforestation and not littering our oceans by completing a recycling task, finding endangered animal across the world and saving the animals from cruelty and hunger. Many of our students watched the live penguin feeding and finished the event by making a pledge as to how we can help the animals.

We certainly took a walk on the wild side!



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## NASS breaking barriers winners!

Congratulations to Danielle Eaton and the Inscape House School team on scooping the NASS Breaking Barriers Award at the Grand Hotel in Brighton.

It was just over a year ago that Danielle presented the idea of animal-assisted intervention to the heads of Inscape, and since then, it has had a huge positive impact on the students.



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## A new arrival

On Sunday 16th October, our Post

16 Student Henry, was given an amazing opportunity to be a ball assistant at the Manchester United vs Newcastle game at Old Trafford.

He sat pitch side for the match, where he was ready to throw the ball back into play when required. Henry said it was an unreal experience and even though he didn't get chance to throw the ball back into play, he loved being pitch side near to the players and seeing their skills up close.



Hopefully, there will be more opportunities for students to experience being a ball assistant in the future.

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## Reaching New Heights in Vocabulary!

Students from a KS4 class visited Awesome Walls Climbing Centre in Stockport to deepen their understanding of key vocabulary while exposing students to new experiences. *Touching the Void*, a mountaineering biography detailing the near disaster climb of Siula Grande by Joe Simpson is a key text being studied in a non-fiction reading and writing unit at Inscape House School.

Students got to experience what words like 'belay,' 'traverse,' and 'abseiling' mean and feel like in real life, as well as see some of the tools that climbers use regularly. One student reported that, "the words make a lot more sense now, I can see what they are doing!" while a parent commented that their child "really enjoyed climbing and would like to do it again."

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## Inscape Students Celebrate National Poetry Day!

To celebrate National Poetry Day on October 6th, students at Inscape

House School created found poems in the school Reading for Pleasure Library. Found poetry is when you take pre-existing words, images and ideas and re-create or re-order them to design your message. During the creative process, students listening to spoken word poet Karl Nova to inspire them.



Students who participated have been entered in a draw for prizes. Well done poets!

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## Working with Manchester United

This half term has been very busy for students taking part in sessions with our Manchester United Foundation SEND Officer. Students from U1, C1 and C2 have been taking part in Inclusive Cycling sessions at Seashell Trust, using their brand-new cycling track. The track is unique because it is laid out like a road, with roundabouts, traffic signals, speed bumps and road signs. The students have thoroughly enjoyed riding around it on different bikes and scooters.

A new partnership with Manchester United's Careers team has been created this term with our Post 16 students taking part in careers and employability sessions with Manchester United. The sessions will hopefully lead into work experience at Old Trafford early next year – which is very exciting!

Lastly, 2 students from M3 attend a Technology event at Old Trafford for the launch of their new sponsor DXC Technology. The students were part of a small cohort who were invited to come and take part in designing new games and apps at the event. The students had a great day out and were very proud of their creations.



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## **Inscape are proud together!**

A big thank you to all the parents who attending our parent workshop on the 27<sup>th</sup> September focussing on understanding behaviour and Positive Behaviour Support.

We had a great turn out and received some lovely feedback to let us know that the parents that attended found it really useful!

Our parent events also provide a good opportunity for parents to socialise and chat with other parents in the same boat.

Our next event will take place next half term and will focus on Sensory strategies and we would love to see you there!





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## A message from Alex, one of our work experience students

Hi I am Alex one of the students in Post 16 at Inscape House. I have been doing work experience at Kitsch Republic since February 2022. I really enjoy my time here and I go once a week on a Thursday. I have learnt lots of new skills here, it's a homeware company that sells lots of unique designs that are printed mainly on to cushions, coasters, mugs and lampshades.

I am really creative but since joining here I have found other products that I like to make too. It's a really nice working environment I have been supported well here too. I mainly help with the production and help prepare items to go into the heat press, I help print on to the velvet and cotton fabric. My favourite to make is the lampshades which we make in a variety of different sizes from 20cm, 30cm and 40cm.

To make the lamp shade you have to be very precise and accurate and make sure that you measure properly. I really enjoy this process. I love going to Kitsch Republic as it's the highlight of my week and I feel like the skills I have learned here will help me in a creative job when I am older. This company is based in Reddish in Stockport and they make very bespoke and quirky products.

This is the link to the website if you would like to browse it.

<https://www.kitschrepublic.co.uk/>



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Children are in need of foster carers in Manchester, Stockport, Lancashire and Merseyside.

We are a not-for-profit charity championing the rights, needs and ambitions of looked-after children, people with disabilities, autism and mental health difficulties across the North West. And we've been doing it for nearly 150 years!

For over 20 years we've been recruiting foster carers to provide stable homes to young people who may not be able to live with their birth families.

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## Do you know any organisations?

I'm Lottie and I'm new to the Fundraising team. Your young person at Inscape will likely have benefitted from income raised through fundraising as it has helped to pay for new projects, items, trips, and even members of staff.

Part of my role is looking after the lovely organisations, clubs, and groups that want to support the Together Trust and I'm trying to reach out to as many as possible and I need your help.

If you're involved with or know of any organisations/clubs/groups that might want to support us, please let me know! This includes Guide/Scout groups as I want to help support the children in getting their badges whilst also fundraising for us.

I know with the cost of living crisis that giving money in support of the Together Trust may not be possible for many. This is a completely free additional way that you can support us and the people we support.

Please get in touch on 07436 051245 or [charlotte.jordan@togethertrust.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.jordan@togethertrust.org.uk).

Thank you so much!

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## **Pop up clothes shop at Cheadle campus!**

Come down to the Together Trust charity and bag yourself a bargain deal on women's and men's clothes!

We are opening a pop up clothes, footwear and accessories shop at our campus in Cheadle with all items donated by generous local shops.

All money raised from sales will go towards our life changing services across Greater Manchester.

The shop will be open for 2 days, 10am until 8pm Monday 31st October & 8am until 8pm on Tuesday 1st November.

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