MEADOWFIELD SCHOOL CAREERS AND COMMUNITY OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Kite College Visits

Pankhurst and Turing Classes recently visited Kite College to explore the different pathways and opportunities available to them as they begin to consider their next steps beyond Meadowfield. The visit provided a valuable insight into the range of courses and programmes on offer, helping pupils to think about their interests, develop their aspirations and discover potential routes into further education, training and future employment.

Kite College offers a wide variety of vocational courses, including hairdressing, catering and hospitality, construction, ICT, independent living skills and motor vehicle technology. These practical courses give students the opportunity to develop valuable skills, gain hands-on experience and explore subjects that could lead to future careers. Alongside these vocational options, students can also access core subjects such as English and maths, as well as Preparation for Learning, which supports the development of essential skills for further education and everyday life.



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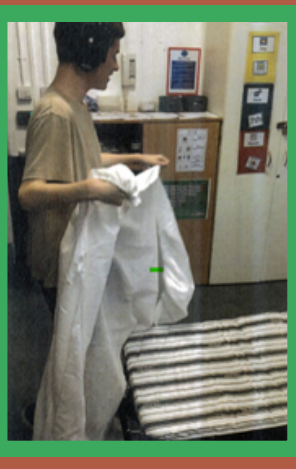
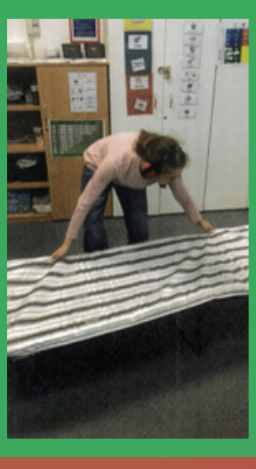
ATLANTIS CLASS

Atlantis Class have been developing their life skills and learning about preparing for adulthood. Through a range of practical, hands-on activities, pupils have been building their independence, confidence and skills to help them in everyday life.

Pupils have been learning how to make a bed, practising the steps involved in making sure their beds are neat, tidy and comfortable. They have also been learning about money, exploring how to recognise different coins and notes, understand their value and develop their skills in handling money for everyday purchases.

These activities provide valuable opportunities for pupils to practise following instructions, solving problems and completing tasks as independently as possible. By developing these essential life skills, Apollo Class are building confidence and preparing for greater independence in the future.




PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD

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LIFE SKILLS

Life Ready Route



Life and Independence Skills

APOLLO CLASS

Apollo Class have been developing their life skills and learning about preparing for adulthood. As part of this learning, pupils have been developing their independence, confidence and practical skills through a range of hands-on activities.

One of the skills they have been learning is how to safely change a lightbulb. Pupils were introduced to the different parts of a light fitting and discussed the importance of safety, including switching off the electricity before attempting to change a bulb. They had the opportunity to practise the steps involved, developing their ability to follow instructions, use equipment safely and complete a practical task as independently as possible.

These activities are helping pupils build important skills for everyday life and preparing them for greater independence in the future.



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Life and Independence Skills

FAVERSHAM umbrella SIXTH FORM

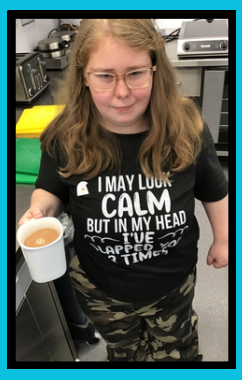


This term, our Hospitality Work Experience group has been attending the Umbrella Centre in Faversham, where students have developed and demonstrated a wide range of valuable catering and customer service skills. Throughout their placement, they have gained experience in food preparation, safe food handling, measuring ingredients, mixing and baking, following recipes, kitchen hygiene, teamwork, communication, and serving customers.

Students have successfully prepared a variety of refreshments, including hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, muffins, and scones. A particular highlight of the term was when the café opened to a selected group of members of the public on Monday 19th October. Our students rose to the occasion, serving customers with confidence, professionalism, and excellent customer service skills.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements. Every item available in the café was freshly made by our students, demonstrating not only their growing culinary abilities but also their dedication, teamwork, and commitment to providing a positive experience for their customers

Hospitality Work Experience























Work Ready Route

THE ALLOTMENT

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Students from our Year 6th Form Work Ready Route have been working with Oasis Community Hub on the Isle of Sheppey, a vibrant community centre dedicated to supporting young people, local families and the wider community. With a vision of creating a thriving community where everyone feels supported and inspired, the Hub provides a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop practical skills and gain valuable work-related experience.

Students have been getting hands-on with a range of horticultural activities at the Hubs Allotment.. They have explored the allotment and polytunnel, prepared raised beds by spreading and raking compost, planted spinach and watered the vegetables.

More recently, students harvested parsnips, separated the tops from the roots, took weeds to the compost bin and picked fresh peppers to take home. They also brought some of their freshly harvested parsnips back to school, ready to make a delicious homemade soup!

These meaningful experiences support students' Preparation for Adulthood and Skills Builder development. Through their work at the allotment, students are practising important skills such as listening, following instructions, communicating with staff, sharing equipment and using their initiative.

Alongside learning about horticulture, sustainability and where our food comes from, students are building confidence, independence and valuable skills for future employment and everyday life.

We are grateful to Phil and the team at Oasis Community Hub for this opportunity












Work Ready Route

Horticulture Work Experience

Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

MILTON CREEK COUNTRY PARK

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Our Sixth Form students will be gaining valuable work experience at Milton Creek Country Park, where they will be working alongside the Park Ranger to help keep the park clean, tidy and welcoming for visitors.

As part of this exciting opportunity, students will support the park's horticulture team, taking part in a range of practical outdoor activities, including gardening, caring for green spaces and helping with general park maintenance tasks. These hands-on experiences will give students the opportunity to develop their horticultural skills, learn about the importance of looking after the environment and understand the different roles involved in maintaining a public green space.

This work experience placement is about much more than developing practical skills. It provides our young people with the opportunity to experience a real working environment, understand workplace expectations and develop the essential soft skills needed for future employment. By working alongside the Park Ranger and other team members, students will practise communicating with others, following instructions, listening carefully, solving problems and taking responsibility for their tasks.





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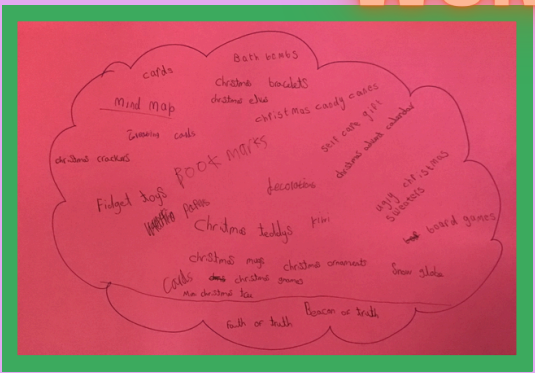
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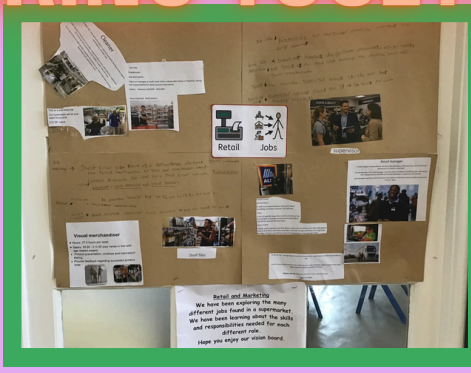
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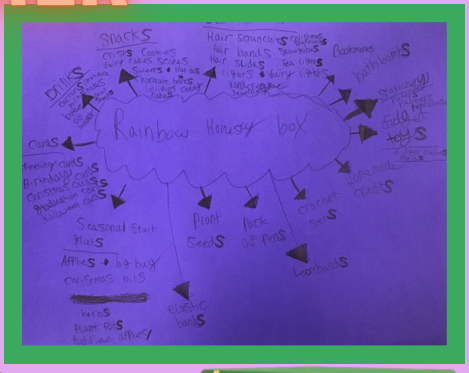
FRESH IDEAS

Sixth Form students have been developing their retail, marketing and teamwork skills as part of their work experience programme, while preparing for their upcoming Honesty Box sale.
Students recently held a staff-style meeting, where they had the opportunity to share ideas, listen to one another's suggestions and work together to plan the next steps for their project. They discussed the direction they would like to take, explored new ideas and began thinking about the different projects they would like to develop as part of their work experience.
These meetings are a valuable opportunity for students to develop their communication, decision-making, problem-solving and planning skills, while learning the importance of working together as a team. By having a say in the projects they undertake, students are encouraged to take ownership of their work, build confidence and develop greater independence as they prepare for adulthood and the world of work.
There were some fantastic ideas shared, and we are excited to see how the students' plans develop into real projects and opportunities. We look forward to sharing their progress with you!
Watch this space!

WORKING TOGETHER



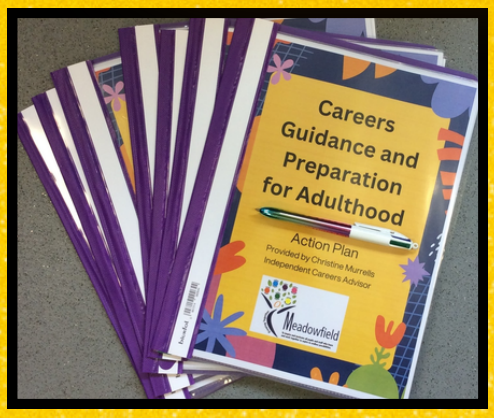






Marketing & Retail Work Experience

Careers GUIDANCE





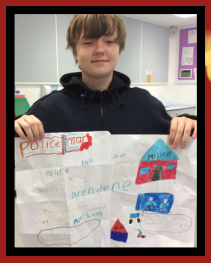
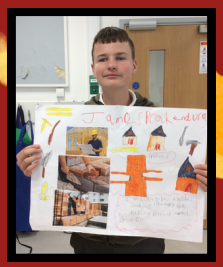
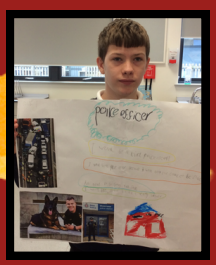
Some of our pupils in Years 9, 11 and our Year 13 Sixth Form students were visited by Christine Murrells, our Independent Careers Adviser, this week to discuss their future plans and aspirations beyond Meadowfield.

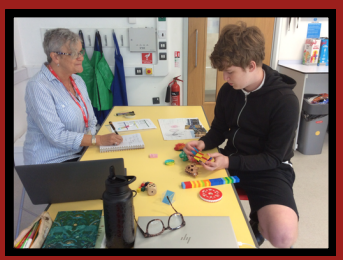
Our students have worked incredibly hard on creating vision boards, giving them the opportunity to reflect on their hopes, dreams and ambitions for the future. They have also explored the different pathways and opportunities available to them as they move forward, including education, employment, training and other options.

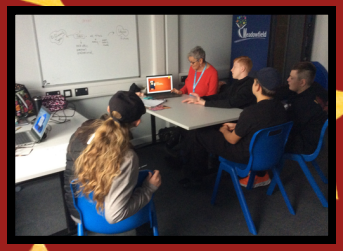
An individual action plan will be shared with parents and carers in Term 2, outlining possible next steps and ways each young person can work towards achieving their goals and preparing for life beyond Meadowfield.

https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/educators/gatsby-benchmarks-and-statutory-guidance








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SOCIAL CARE

SUPPORTED Employment

APPRENTICESHIPS

Volunteering

Pumpkin Picking Community Visit 🎃🍂

Our Work Experience group enjoyed a fantastic day in the community during a visit to a local pumpkin farm. Learners were welcomed onto the site and given a guided tour, where they learned about the opportunities and support available through social care provision for adults with SEND. This provided valuable insight into some of the options that may be available to them as they prepare for adulthood and consider their future pathways.

The group then had the opportunity to pick their own pumpkins and practise important life skills by making choices, handling money and paying for their purchases independently or with support. Learners also enjoyed lunch and refreshments in the café, explored the farm shop and charity shop, and visited the garden centre.

Throughout the visit, learners developed a wide range of Preparation for Adulthood (PfA) skills, including independence, communication, decision-making, community participation, confidence and social interaction. The experience also supported the development of key employability skills, such as following instructions, interacting appropriately with staff and members of the public, problem-solving, teamwork, making informed choices and building confidence in unfamiliar environments.

Visits such as these help prepare our learners for their next steps after sixth form, whether that is further education, supported internships, employment, volunteering, social care provision or living more independently within their local community.

The learners represented Meadowfield Sixth Form brilliantly throughout the day, demonstrating excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement. Everyone had a wonderful time, gained valuable real-life experiences and returned with plenty of pumpkins and happy memories! 🎃🍁



SIXTH FORM

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Careers and community visits

BRIGHT FUTURES

🌱🍪 Exploring Future Opportunities at Craftworks College!

Our Enquire Department pupils who have chosen Hospitality and Horticulture as their options have enjoyed some fantastic visits to Craftworks College, giving them a taste of the exciting opportunities available to them after Meadowfield.

🌿 Horticulture Group

Our Horticulture group enjoyed visiting the beautiful Walled Garden in Faversham and Muddy Wellies in Ashford. During their visits, pupils had the opportunity to meet tutors, explore the facilities and learn more about the different pathways available in horticulture. They also took part in practical planting activities, giving them hands-on experience and helping them understand what a future in horticulture could look like.

🍪 Hospitality Group

Our Hospitality group visited Food with Friends in Ashford, where they discovered more about the hospitality pathway and the opportunities available to develop their skills for the future. They enjoyed a tour of the facilities, learned about the courses and experiences on offer, and even had the chance to get hands-on by making their own delicious shortbread!

🐑 Animal Care at Brogdale Farm

Our Year 13 sixth form students also enjoyed a visit to Brogdale Farm in Faversham to explore the Animal Care pathway. During their visit, they had the opportunity to meet some of the animals, learn more about the course and discover the skills and knowledge needed to work with animals. They also spent time talking to students currently attending, giving them a valuable insight into college life and what they could expect if they chose this pathway in the future.

The visits are helping our pupils think about their next steps after Meadowfield, explore their interests and discover the opportunities available to them as they prepare for adulthood.

Craftworks College

College visits













Beauty and Spa day

Sensory Spa, Pamper & Wellbeing Day!

Our Discovery and Emeralds classes enjoyed a Sensory Spa, Pamper and Wellbeing Day, with classrooms transformed into relaxing beauty spa spaces!

Pupils explored a range of lovely activities, including foot spas, gentle hand and head massages, hair brushing, nail painting, scented creams and sensory shaves.

The day was all about preparing for adulthood, making choices, building confidence, relaxation and having fun! Ou students were supported by familiar adults and encouraged to explore activities at their own pace, following their individual sensory needs and preferences.

The students enjoyed a chance to try something different, enjoy positive sensory experiences and practise valuable self-care skills in a calm and supportive environment.












Beauty Salon

DISCOVERY & EMERALDS CLASS

POST 16 -19 SEND PATHWAY PLANNING EVENT

TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER FROM 10AM TILL 2PM



This event will provide valuable information and guidance to help young people and their families navigate the transition into further education, training, supported employment, or social care placements. Whether your child is approaching the end of Year 11 or considering options beyond 19, this event is tailored to meet diverse ambitions and aspirations.

Be Future Ready!

"Post-16-19 pupils, along with their families, who do not currently attend Meadowfield School are warmly invited to join us between 12 noon and 1pm



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