

Family Update

18th February 2022



Updates

Hello everyone, I hope you have all managed to keep safe today from the wind and floods. As I write this at 5:30pm we still have some children on-site as their transport has been stuck in the floods or traffic. What a strange end to a half term! I hope this isn't a bad omen for the rest of the holiday ;)

With the sad news of losing the lovely Kyle Brookes earlier this week, children and staff have struggled through and have been supporting each other as well as possible.

The week has been mixed with some lovely moments too as you can see from the photos below of the wheelchair football event, the art work, the accessible gaming in Sleepover Club and the 'Puppy Therapy'.

Please note the **Virtual Transition Event** flyer below. All families of pupils in Year 9 and upwards are encouraged to attend or 'dip into' sessions presented by a variety of post-19 education or service providers. This will be an invaluable insight into the opportunities on offer when your child leaves Saxon Hill. It's never too early to take a peek, it might be a relief to know some options.

You may have heard in the news that the **Covid vaccine** will now be offered to all 5-11year olds. We know how difficult it has been to obtain one so far, and hope that this means there will be a well planned roll-out soon.

We hope you have a wonderful half term break with the family. From Your Leadership Team

Photos from the Week



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COVID phone for reports of a pupil's Covid symptoms or positive test 07957 309912

Wheelchair Football Taster Session

We had a fantastic electric wheelchair football taster session from the wonder Paul and Pete at Burton Albion. Pupils loved trialling the football wheelchairs, practising their driving skills, scoring goals and having mini football games. We can't wait for our next taster session, where hopefully even more pupils can have a go!



Parents Recommend

Please see out first recommendation below!

"I am a regular user of S.N.A.P. It has an indoor soft play area, giant outdoor adventure playground, sensory room, toys, computer room but most importantly a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere! A great place to meet other parents too. Its £6 for an hour and a half."

S.N.A.P Special Needs Adventure Playground
Pye Green Road
Cannock
Staffordshire
WS11 5RW
Tel: 01543 579286
www.cannocksnap.com



www.facebook.com/snapplayground

If you have any further recommendations you would like to share, please email it to:

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Key Dates

21st—25th February—Half-Term

1st March—Virtual Transition Event for pupils in Year 9 upwards

3rd March—World Book Day

7th March—Adventurers Learning Conference Week

14th March—British Science Week

18th March—Red Nose Day

21st March—Towards Independence Learning Conference

31st March—Full Governors



Sleepover Club Gaming Station

Sleepover staff have adapted the controllers for the X Box and PS4 so that everyone can play.



Getting a bit of Puppy Love

Arlo our very own Therapy Dog is getting bigger and bigger everyday. Some children are still a little shy with him as he learns to be really careful when with the children. Others are more than happy to let him cuddle up.





Virtual Transition Event

Tuesday 1st March 2022

We would like to invite all parents and carers of pupils in Year 9 or above to attend our Virtual Transition event on Tuesday March 1st. The whole event is online and you will be able to access it through a Microsoft Teams link which will be sent to all parents of these pupils on Monday 28th February. If your child is younger than Year 9 but you would still like to attend please let your child's teacher know and they can also forward the link to you.

We hope that you will find it useful – we will also put information provided by the settings who attend (as well as others) onto our website after the event so if you cannot attend for all of the sessions or you need to dip in and out then you can do.

Timetable for Information Sessions

We would like to record the sessions so that parents have access to the information at a later date – if you do not give consent for this please do let us know as soon as possible

10.00 - 10.15am	Welcome and Introduction	Mel Suzanne
10.15-10.45am	Queen Alexandra College Harborne, Birmingham	Lottie Reid
10.45-11.15am	Catherine Care	Rebecca Pearson
11:15-11.45am	Liberty Staffordshire CIC	Heidi Benton
11.45-12.15pm	Saxon Hill: Preparation for Adulthood and Accreditations	Emily Wendy
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12.45-1.15pm	South Staffordshire College FUTURES provision TORC and Rodbaston	Hadyn Thompson Carmen Davis Kim Stoddard
1.15pm-1.45pm	Trinity College Sutton Coldfield	Angela Hackett
1.45pm-2.15pm	Care First	Wayne Heyes
2.15pm-2.30pm	Next Steps / Feedback	Suzanne

DerwenCollege **OPEN DAY**



- young people, their families, carers and supporting professionals
- day or residential
- for admission in 2023 only



Wednesday 16 March 2022

- tour the campus
- meet staff and students
- chat to the admissions team

To register, or for more information:

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**We are super
excited to
welcome our
visitors back!**

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