

Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our last newsletter of this academic year. As always, its an ideal opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements and share photos of enrichment activities and personal development. I thought it would also be a good time to post a 'rogues' gallery of the current staff. This will help to put a face to a name when communicating with teachers and TA's through Tapestry or email. Tapestry has been a welcome addition to our communication strategy and a wonderful way to share the students' work and achievements on a daily basis. Thank you to all parents and carers who post regular updates, including photos of activities from the weekends and holidays. For those who don't use Tapestry as a means to communicate with school and need another reminder of log in details, please contact Suzanne who can reset your account - hopeadmin@hopehouseschool.co.uk We value your feedback with regards to Tapestry and all school matters, so if you have any concerns or celebrations please let me know - mmcrae@hopehouseschool.co.uk

Since September, staff have worked tirelessly to work on the areas that require improvement and have continued to further develop those areas celebrated by Ofsted such as relationships , personal development. and behaviour and attitudes. Enrichment activities and PE have provided extended opportunities for our students to add to their cultural capital, supporting the wonderful activities many of our children experience outside of school. Students have thoroughly enjoyed the new curriculum in key stage 3. It has been aspirational and challenging as we prepare them for taking accredited qualifications in year 10/11. This week saw the students visit Stratford upon Avon to celebrate the end of studying Shakesphere. I was extremely proud of their commitment to their studies and also their exemplary behaviour on the trip.

Thank you Emma for organising this amazing enrichment experience.



I am confident the curriculum offer at Hope House school is meeting the varied needs of our students, but we still have work to do to drive progress and ensure the Quality of Education is consistently good. Staff have benefited from bespoke training from various outside providers in areas of teaching and learning, leadership, and special needs, including specific autism training.

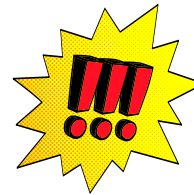
The year has seen a few staff changes to ensure we have knowledgeable and experienced teachers and well qualified TA's leading classroom areas. The journey to find exceptional staff has been challenging but Shirley has worked closely with recruitment agencies to ensure the calibre of staff is high. We look forward to welcoming several additional TAs in September.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming students back on the 6th of September.

Very Best Wishes

Michelle and staff at Hope House school

Dates for your Diary



- 6th September start of new school year for students
- 20th October last day of term
- 6th November start of New Term
- 15th December, Parents Open Day/Xmas Fayre
- 20th December last day of term
- 8th January 2024 students return after Xmas break

Messages from the Assistant Head Teachers

This year has gone really fast, and it has been amazing to see how well our pupils have progressed academically and in terms of their special educational needs. Our staff have undertaken regular training to ensure we support students accurately and that they stay in the centre of our attention. With continuing provision from Speech and Language therapist, Occupational therapist and Educational Psychology service we have made sure that students' needs are met and that they are being treated as individuals having their own wishes and aspirations for the future. I am proud of how determined and willing pupils have been to join us in the journey to improve their skills and abilities. They are now ready for a well-deserved break. I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday full of new experiences and fun!

*See you all in September!
Anna*

It's hard to believe that I have only been at Hope House since March - so much has happened in that time! If you haven't seen already, the school website has been updated and now includes a Parents page signposting to services available in your specific locality to support you and your child. There is also information regarding curriculum and term dates. It is updated regularly, so do please take time to take a look. As Michelle has mentioned, I have introduced Tapestry across school. It has been wonderful to see parent engagement increase through its use. Alongside this, I have also introduced an assessment platform called Earwig that staff have been using to inform their knowledge of and next steps for, our pupils. I am currently working hard on long term curriculum plans to support our pupils. So much has changed in the short time that I have been here, and I am looking forward to embedding and developing many of these changes from September.

*Wishing you a peaceful summer,
Miriam*



Parent Voice

"Good afternoon. Since today is xxx last day of school at Hope House, I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and care.

Thank you for accepting xxx to school. He was very happy to go to your school. I think he will miss you. Thank you for everything and all the best to your school. "

July 2023

"Just want to say thank you to everyone at the school for making xxx first year a really good one.

I'm not sure where the time has gone but he's achieving so much and you've all been amazing. "

July 2023

" I just wanted to take a few minutes to send a huge thank you to each and every one of you before the summer break.

This time last year we were beside ourselves with worry about xxx secondary school journey and he broke up from primary school without a new school to go to in September. Roll on 10 months and he is happy, settled and leaves for school each day with a spring in his step.

Thank you for all the support you give to xxx and us as parents. We're excited for xxx to continue his journey with you all next term and to see him continue to grow into such a funny, clever and awesome boy.

We hope you have a lovely summer break. You're all fabulous."

July 2023

Staff Voice

"I feel that the school is like a different place completely. This academic year has been really positive in terms of the focus on education for pupils and making them feel they can really achieve. I do feel that staff also feel positive on the whole and the recent uniform changes make people feel they are actively feel listened to. I am happy with the direction the school is heading in, it's lovely for the pupils and us to feel like we are a 'proper' school with the focus on good positive outcomes for pupils."

June 2023

"I enjoy working at Hope House and I feel positive about the future." June 2023

Feedback from ASDAN

"Dear Emma,

I have attached the feedback for xxx and your school feedback.

All I can say is wow! This is an amazing portfolio.

xxx has worked extremely hard, as have the staff that have supported him.

Please share the feedback slip with him and let him know I think this is one of the best portfolios I have seen. I enjoyed looking at all of his activities.

Have a super summer break."

June 2023

"I feel the school has steadily improved as the year has gone on, and when I look back to this time last year I feel there is a vast improvement across the board which is a really positive thing for the staff and the students. I feel proud of what we have achieved as a team so far." June 2023

International Mud Day 29th June



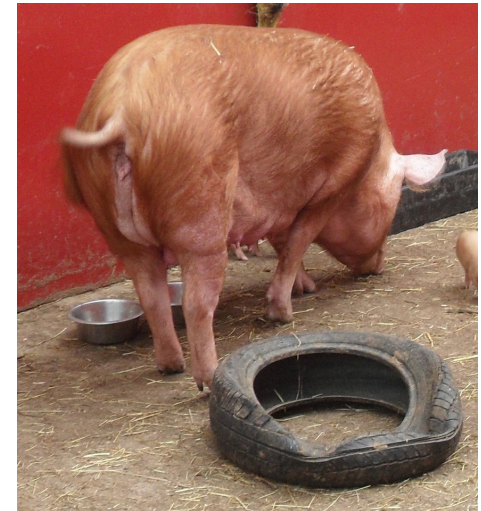
Post 16 Enterprise project



Moon had an amazing visit to Twinlakes to support their topic of Scream Machine.

The whole group bonded so well, and everybody looked after everybody else. They behaved so well and really made it a day to remember for me! Isabella even looked after me, squeezing my hand on the high swing when it suddenly went really fast and I got the heebie jeebies!!

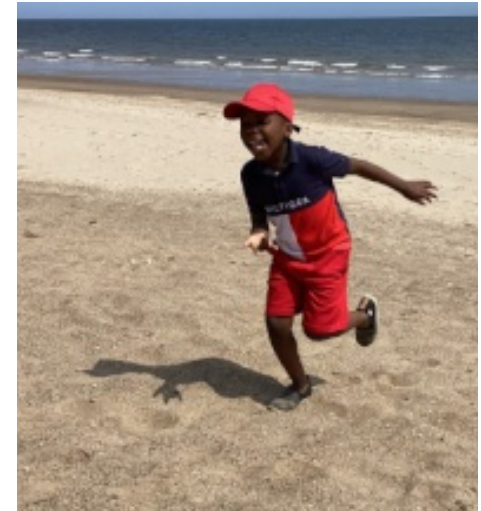
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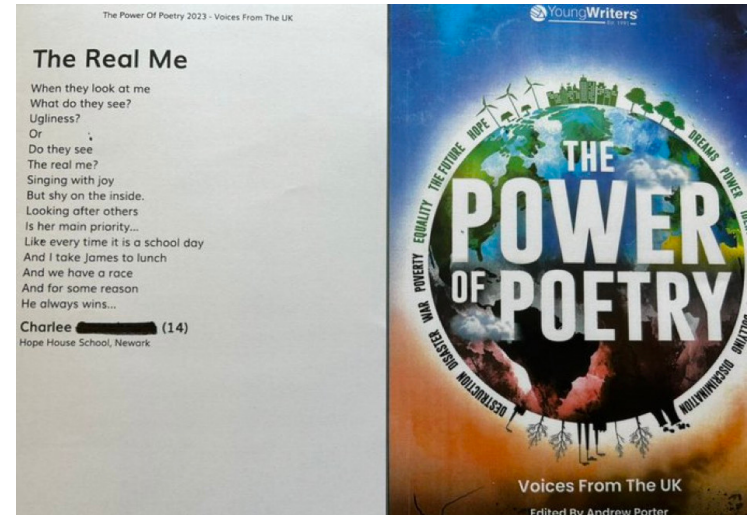


*Work experience
@Hope House workshop*



Visit to Stapleford Woods





**Neptune had a wonderful cultural
experience visiting
Stratford upon Avon,
Shakespeare's birth place**

**We have a famous author at Hope House
School.
Well Done Charlee, we are very proud of
you!**



The Neurodiversity Umbrella Foundation

Installation

17th May



Sportsday





Michelle-Headteacher



Anna-Asst Hd/Senco



Miriam -Asst Hd T&L



Katie-lunchtime staff



Karen-Subject Lead



Liam-TA



Mark-Site Manager



Nicola-TA



Luis-Class Lead



Paula-TA



Gary-TA



Kirsty-Pastoral



Emma-Subject Lead



Rebecca-Class Lead



Claire-TA



Gary-TA



Amy-Pastoral



Wai-TA



Chloe-TA



Trish-TA



Kev-TA



Suzanne-Admin



Wendy-Class Lead



Kimberley-TA



Teacher-Subject Lead



Amanda-Subject Lead



HR



Rob-TA



Trudy-Intervention TA



Sherrell-TA