



Stone Soup Academy News

Half Term 2



Afternoon Hike

Edale 2018



Edale – One of the views from the hostel.

Edale 2018

Duncan Bennett

Laughing, cheering, enthusiasm and encouragement were seen throughout this year's Edale trip. A monumental success and one that will live long in the memory of students and teachers.

This trip is a Stone Soup tradition where students take part in a range of activities including caving, canoeing, high ropes, abseiling and leaps of faith. Caving and abseiling were highlights with students on this year's trip.

Thank you to all those involved. What an amazing adventure!



It was cold!

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Dallaglio

Each week students attended Dallaglio sessions and entered a tournament against other schools

Imani Lockhart-Davis

Dallaglio Rugby Works is an intensive, long-term skills development programme based on rugby, through which they aim to get teenagers outside of mainstream education into sustained education, employment or training. Our year ten boys attend Dallaglio on a weekly basis and thoroughly enjoy the Rugby based activities coupled with personal development. Recently our boys travelled to Loughborough to take part in Dallaglio's Winter Tournament with a number of other schools from Loughborough and Nottinghamshire. Dallaglio gives our young people at Stone Soup a chance to consider their future aspirations with the help and support of those at Dallaglio and learn the great sport of Rugby. We look forward to the next Rugby tournament and hope Stone Soup takes home the trophy!

Students enjoying rugby and football



World Skills Day

Duncan Bennett

The Uk’s largest skills, apprenticeships and careers event was held in November at NEC Birmingham.

The event was divided into four areas:

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Health, Hospitality and Lifestyle
- Digital, Business and Creative
- Engineering and Technology

The event helped students with career advice, ideas and planning for their future.

The day was incredibly successful and helped students focus and plan for their futures.

Yusupha John “Careers day was sick! It made me start to think of my future”

Matthew Perry “It was good to talk to people from specific careers. I was able to talk to people from the marines, army and even military chefs. It was all very useful”





BTEC Sport students demand more gym time!

Duncan Bennett

BTEC sport students have loved the use of this gym so far this year. It has been a great addition to the curriculum delivered at Stone Soup Academy.

Stand out studentds in the gym are:

Jahryah Swan – Jahryah has contributed massively to the atmosphere that has been created in the gym. Go hard or go home! She has created a variety of circuits for students to use and always demands a tough workout when shes in the gym.

Ethan Grice – Ethan is constantly pushing himself when he has the opportunity to use the gym. He has met some personal bests and improved his max press on the bench press throughout the term. Keep up the good work Ethan!

Matty Humphrey – Matty helped set up equipment and without Matty we wouldn’t be able to use the gym bikes. Special thanks to Matty!



Identity

Sally Croft

This term student's have been exploring the concept of 'Identity' through the medium of Photography. They considered what identity is to them, researched Photographer's work and gathered information from Nottingham Contemporary's exhibition, 'Still I Rise'. Through celebrating the diversity of the student's own identity, they have all interpreted the brief uniquely, creating imaginative and beautiful photographs! One student exploring different textures that symbolically represented themselves and photographed them, the leaf being the lines of a story our life can tell.

Photo credit.... Mask - Beth Bull / Leaf - Nathaniel Smith.

3D Art takes Stone Soup students by storm

Steph Carter

This term in art the students have been exploring a variety of different mask styles and designs, with the end point being a 3D final piece of their own creation.

Next term we will be gearing the students up for their GCSE exam on a topic that has yet to be released. The anticipation is overwhelming already as their eagerness to start is kicking in! We can't wait to see what can be achieved from all of our learners!

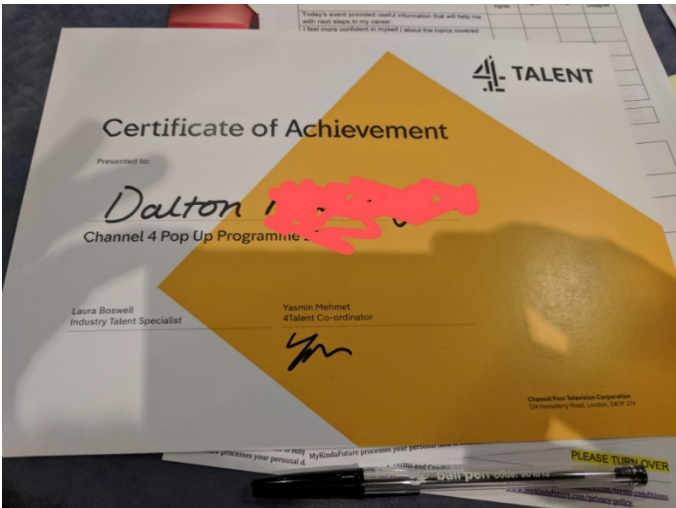


Channel 4 Stars

Matt Murphy

A group of 8 Stone Soup Academy students took a trip to Nottingham's Albert Hall to meet and work with media industry professionals from Channel 4 TV. Students were helped to come up with networking tips and job interview skills. Stone Soup Academy students impressed everyone at this event, with two students receiving Channel 4s "Certificate of Achievement"

Stone Soup Academy has also invested in resources needed to launch a podcast radio show. Students will be producing music, jingles and spoken content for this radio station. It will showcase all of the amazing things that happen day in, day out at Stone Soup Academy. These shows will soon be ready to download via the Stone Soup Academy website.



Think for the Future

Michelle Rogers

Think for the future is an organisation, not-for-profit, educational social enterprise that delivers bespoke wellbeing and resilience education in a form of workshops and assemblies. Their focus is to empower young people with the knowledge and resilience to overcome barriers they face in modern day Britain and make positive change. All workshops and assemblies are focused around four main themes: Sex and relationships, Wellbeing and resilience, Aspirations and life skills, Equality and Citizenship. All sessions are delivered by a team of mentors with real life experience.

[See back page for more details \(TFTF\).](#)



Stone Soup Bake Off



Osiris Santana

Newly introduced this year, Catering has quickly etched itself into the fabric of Stone Soup Academy. Every Thursday, students travel to Clarendon College to partake in theory and practical lessons, encompassing both the business aspects of catering as well as the baking. Each week, the students bring home a batch of fresh baked goods to be enjoyed by family and friends, proudly showing off their newfound technical skills and culinary creations.



Capturing Stone Soup Life

Sally Croft

Coming to 2019 is a brand new face to the Stone Soup Academy website. Budding photographers Jake and Elliott are working alongside the iconic web design agency, fifteen, to capture photographs that will be published on the new site. Already having had a meeting with fifteen, they’re working to a real world brief and will use their skills to capture life within Stone Soup Academy. Watch this space!



Stone Soup Work Experience

Jordan Senior

Over this past year we have done various different activities and visits to:

- Apprenticeship fairs
- College Visits
- One to One sessions with Jordan
- Visits from independent provider (Futures)
- Work Experience
- CV building workshops

So far, five students have attend work experience at HMRC. There are two more students who have work experience scheduled for January and more will follow. Watch this space!



HM Revenue & Customs

Turning our learning into qualifications

Clare Barlow

This half term has seen a flurry of exam activity from our Year 11s as they prepare for their bright futures. In the space of a few weeks, students have passed no fewer than 53 Level 1 Functional Skills exams, readying them for employment and apprenticeships.

We have conducted 4 mock exams across English, Maths, Construction and Media and the staff team and students alike are ready for the challenge of the last few months of Year 11, confident that our learners are on a path to success.

As adults, we remember with dread the pressure of exams and the anticipation of results. At Stone Soup we are mindful of these pressures on our young people, which is why it is so important to give them the opportunity to practice these mocks before the real event! One of our students explained the impact of this as ‘Making the difference between knowing what’s coming, and the fear of the unknown. I know I’m going to do ok in the real thing because I know what to expect, and I can get better with each mock.’

So a big congratulations for all the achievement made so far - and Good Luck to our students in their January exams!

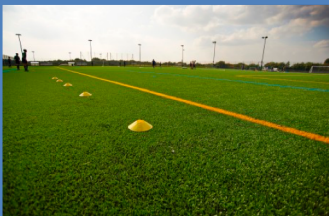


SOME OF THE EXCITING EVENTS NEXT TERM

Macbeth Trip



School Football Team



Work Experience



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Michelle Rogers

The workshops chosen are:
Consent and control (22nd October 2018) - This covered what is consent, sexual pressures, personal space and boundaries, forms of breached consent and how to say no.
Sex Education, including pregnancy just for the females (26th November 2018) - Biology of sexual organs, masturbation, types of contraception, how to safely put on a condom and STI’s. Pregnancy covered - Conception, stages of pregnancy, possible complications, Infertility and life after birth.
Self - esteem and Confidence (10th December 2018) - What is self-esteem, low vs high self-esteem, Influences and impacts, how to raise self-esteem and maintaining a healthy mind.
Managing conflict (28th January 2019) - Online vs offline conflict, how things escalate, de-escalation strategies, emotional management and healthy conflict.
Money, Money, Money (11th February 2019) - The cost of living, wants vs need, credit and debit, savings and ISA’s and planning for unexpected costs.
Communication 101 (11th March 2019) - Types: verbal vs non-verbal, effective body language, effective listening skills, use of pitch, pace, tone and showing confidence.
Gang Culture (6th May 2019) - Gang characteristic, motivation for membership, recruitment tactics, dangers and cost and resistance and exit strategies.
Radicalisation and Extremism (17th June 2019) - Tackling inner bias, what is extremism, what is radicalisation, steps of conditioning and tackling terrorism.