



Stone Soup Academy News

Half Term 6

Stone Soup Finish the Term with a Blast



Duncan Bennett

Students visited Holme Pierrepont for the day to tackle assault courses, paddle boarding, canoeing and the wipe-out lagoon. This was an amazing day for all. Here are the student's thoughts

Joanne N

"When we went to Holme Pierrepont I had a really good time. It was joke, but the best part of it was when we were on the wipe-out lagoon, we were dashing people into the water and having a great time,. I got dashed in too many times. But I hope we can do it again. It was the best day of the term!"

Owen M

"Easily the best place to be in Nottingham. Being at Stone Soup is amazing!"

Suits Day



Suits were purchased from Slaters and a variety of shops in Victoria Centre

Oliver Sillito

Suits day is our biggest event of the year and a great tradition in the school. Each year the school purchases suits for year 11's. Once suits have been purchased a celebration begins with students, staff and parents joining together for one final send off. This year we held the event at The Broadway Cinema and celebrated with awards and food for all.

The award ceremony was held in one of the amazing screening rooms with each student receiving an award for completing the year with our academy. We then had some beautiful food put out in the upstairs bar. This added to the special day and the inclusion of parents, carers and family for the first time was amazing.

Suits day will be remembered by all and helped students leave with a special feeling towards Stone Soup Academy. It was a fantastic celebration for all that attended.

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Photography students take Trent Bridge Cricket over

Sally Croft

The Photography students at Stone Soup Academy have recently had an exciting visit to the Trent Bridge Cricket Ground. This is part of our mission to develop work experiences across the academy and give students ‘real’ experiences. Working with Positive Futures, the photography students will be working to an industry brief to cover several events. Taking images of charitable work to sporting events, all of which will be featured across several social media platforms and Trent Bridge cricket ground website.

Students even got the opportunity to walk on the same pitch that both India and England had touched a few weeks prior in the cricket world cup.

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Taster Days

Oliver Sillito

Multi Skills and Hair and Beauty

We have given students the opportunity to be involved in taster days for colleges for some of our courses next year. These are for our year 9s and 10s. This has been amazing and has started the buzz around the school for what they will be doing next year.

Students at Multi Skills



Students at Hair and Beauty





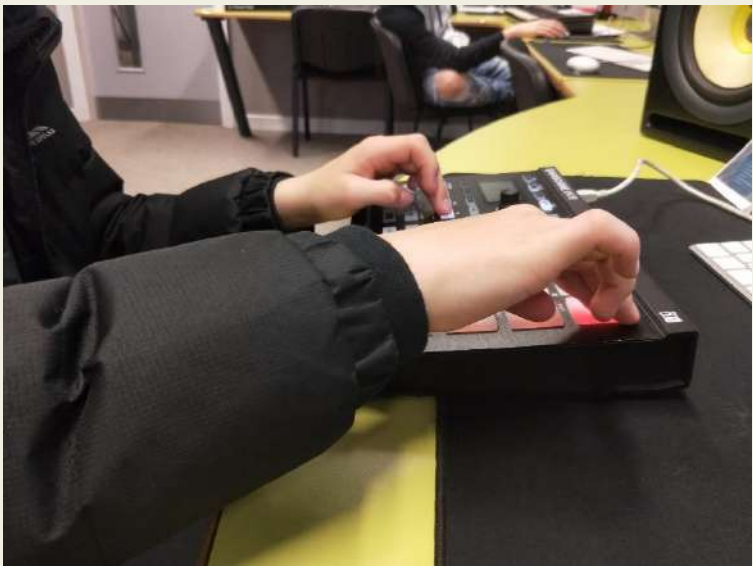
Music Sunshine Moments

Josh Glover

With our Y11s moving forward, and our Y10s now choosing their options the past two terms have been about showcasing the best of Music Technology. And I’ve been blown away by the results of our student’s work.

I’m constantly amazed by our student’s ability to create and produce original music, with next year now approaching I’m looking forward to growing the potential in each and every one of our young producers.

Working collaboratively and creativity, our students have been developing their skills as musicians and young producers. There has been an incredible interest taking up piano, guitar, and ukulele, so much so that we’re starting an enrichment programme to channel their passion.



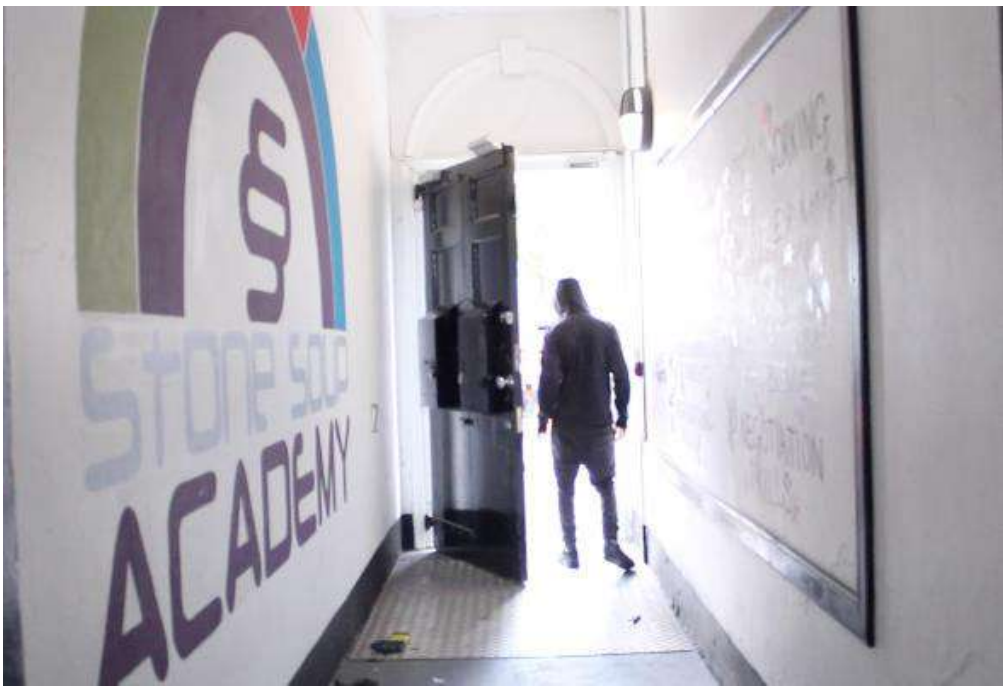
Dojo Rewards

Duncan Bennett

Elliott Hind was rewarded with the new Chelsea home kit for receiving no negatives throughout his time at Stone Soup Academy.



Well done Elliott. A real Souper star!



Media and Music day

Matt Murphy

This half-term, students took part in a whole-school media and music day. Students and staff worked collaboratively to create short films and original music. This is the first of many fun and engaging projects which the whole school will take part in this half term. Over the next week, students will work to complete the projects and show them to an audience at the Broadway Cinema.

Come Dine with Me

Duncan Bennett

Students have been sampling new menus to improve the food we serve at Stone Soup Academy. The students have approached this area of school in a mature manner and are cooking up a storm in the kitchens.



Future Thoughts

Jordan Senior

This term we visited both of the Nottingham Universities to help raise aspirations for our students and find out more about the different routes to apply and get into university. We also looked at a vast range of courses on offer for them to explore and prepare for further educational routes. Both trips were successful and the students took a lot from the experience as a whole.



Think For the Future

Michelle Rogers

10/06/2019 - Gang Culture - Students were taught about what makes a gang, rewards, risk, realities and getting out. Students discussed the stereotypes of gangs, the hierarchy, the circle of violence and what the students can do to get out if they are already involved. The facilitator spoke from a personal point of view and the impact on his life and the life of his family.

17/06/2019 - Radicalisation and Extremism - Students learnt about radicalisation and extremism, giving a variety of examples and historical cases that have been in the media. Students did a stereotype exercise. They were shown a number of photos of people and asked to point out the one individual that was not involved in terrorism. Students surprisingly knew who the individuals were, as many had been following the cases in the media. The facilitator spoke about warning signs of being groomed and where to go for help and support if they suspect somebody they know are being groomed.

We are hoping to continue our great relationship with TFTF and run more sessions for the next academic year.

Year 9 National Justice Museum - Art Project

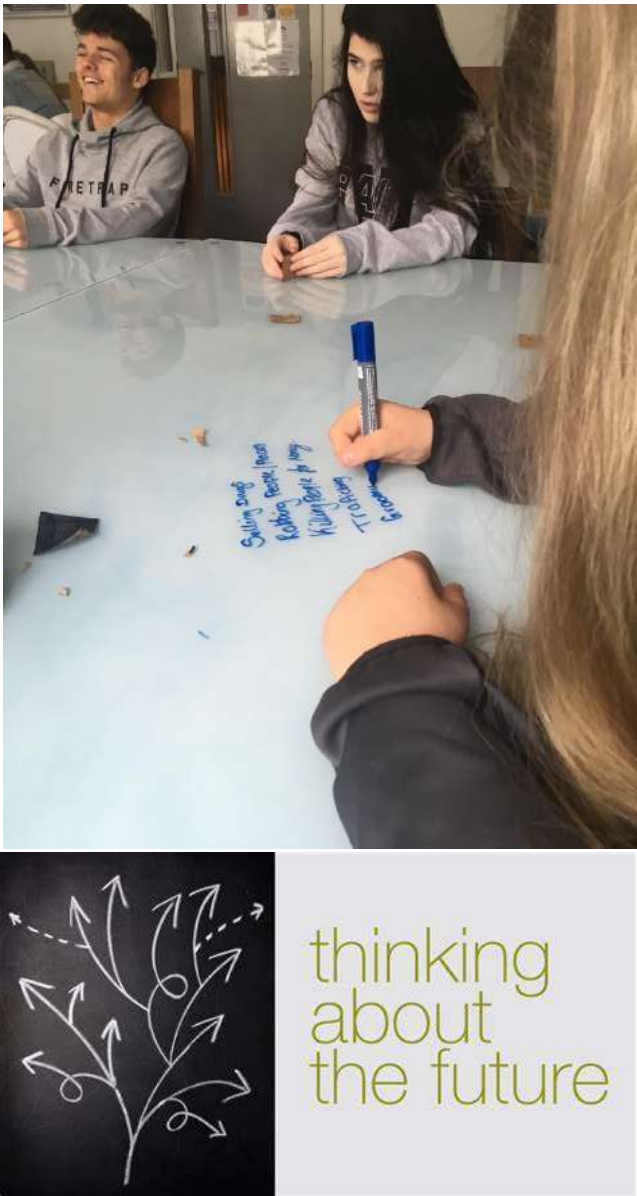
Steve Mckinley

The Year 9's have completed a fantastic project based on prisoner art through the ages with our neighbours The National Justice Museum.

Many thanks to Bev, the museum curator for showing us around the museum, the cells and previous prisoners 'secret art' that they have made going back over 100 years, when The museum was an actual Gaol / Prison!

Kyron, Kurtis, Jessica, Chloe, Armani, Jasmine all had their pieces of art selected to go on display at the Gallery for members of the public to view - amazing - well done!

Thanks to Imani, Sally and Holly for their help and support throughout the project



Work Experience Success at SSA

Kerrie Henton

Work experience is going from strength to strength at Stone Soup Academy. This year we have developed a strong working relationship with HMRC supporting their pilot work experience project for pre 16 students. It has been so successful that they will be running it again next year. We have also developed links with the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Trent Bridge Cricket and Nottingham Forest which is further developing work place learning. Our successes in this area were exemplified in our recent Gatsby benchmarking where we achieved 100% success across 6/8 areas.

Some more moments from the year.



USA Day

Duncan Bennett

Students have enjoyed themed dinner days this term with the USA day being a big hit.

Students loved the food and there will be more themed days next academic year student led.

Watch this space!



Stand up to Knife Crime

Oliver Sillito

We had our first ever “Stand up to knife crime event” at the Academy on Monday 1st July from 6:30pm - 8:30pm! Our aim was to raise awareness of serious crime through the medium of comedy. There was a full show with comedians performing as well as having food and drink.

The reason behind this event is to raise awareness of, and support with, serious crime in the city. We wanted to do it our own Stone Soup way. We had different agencies attending offering support and guidance that helped with any questions parents might have and where to find support if needed.

Working together is vitally important and this evening gave us an opportunity to come together as a school and community as this is how we feel we can best help. The evening was a massive success with Notts TV attending and reporting the event on an evening show

There is no quick fix or easy answer when it comes to serious crime but we do want to help and support the people closest to us.



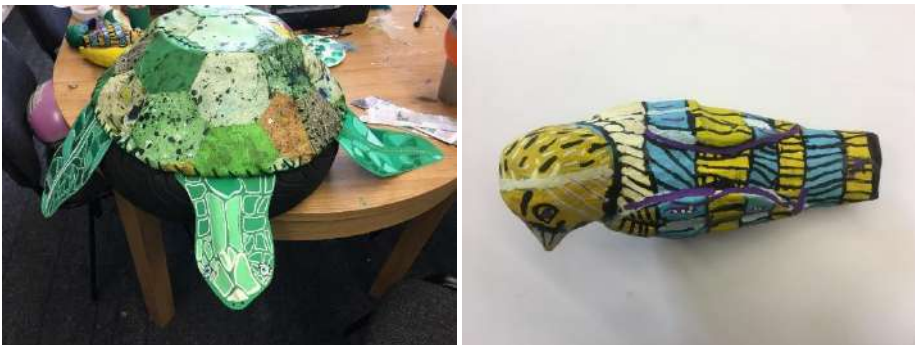
Pollution in the Ocean and Over Our Heads

Holly Lee

Titled 'Pollution in the Ocean and over Our Heads', pupils are working together to create a series of sculptures that symbolise the impact pollution is having on the environment. The 'Over Our Heads' refers to the sculptures hanging as well as the topic often being ignored.

Pupils have learnt new art techniques and all contributed towards the different sculptures demonstrating real team work and the start of building positive relationships with the pupils as their new Art Teacher.

In September pupils will begin their GCSE, the projects will be based on either tropical or under the sea themes and create work with individuality that really builds and develops their skills as an artist.



Examples of student work

BTEC Sport

Duncan Bennett

Another fantastic year for BTEC Sport with students achieving great grades in the overall assessment. A highlight of the year was Owen achieving a merit pass in year 10 allowing him to focus on achieving even more qualifications next academic year. A big well done to all involved with Sport this. Sports day coming soon. Be ready!



SOME OF THE EXCITING EVENTS COMING UP

Sports Day



Broadway Media Presentations



Drayton and Manor Theme Park



An Important Thank you:

A big thank you to Crowne Plaza working together with our students and offering work experience and job opportunities after Stone Soup Life.

Creating Unimagined Futures

How this award-winning teacher helps students learn by creating video games

Nottingham Post

A teacher at a school for children who have been excluded from mainstream education has been handed an award for his innovative skills which include teaching students how to make video games.

Matt Murphy, 43, joined Stone Soup Academy in High Pavement in 2015 as a media teacher.

Before joining the school Mr Murphy, who lives in [Gedling](#), had worked as a music teacher at Redhill Academy, Holgate Academy and Colonel Frank Seely.

He decided to make a change and started teaching at the school because he said he was making a difference to young people's lives.

He said: "What we do at this school on paper may look impossible but what we do is take children who the rest of the system might have given up on and we give them skills, teaching and help them to leave here with lots of qualifications under their belts.

"It is so important and that is why I got into teaching in the first place - to make a difference to young people's lives.



"I decided to come here exactly for that reason and I am not saying it is all easy, sometimes it is very challenging."

Mr Murphy was nominated by a colleague for the award and in June he found out he had won a silver award.

Selected from thousands of nominations, Matt Murphy is one of a few winners across the country who will be celebrated at the Pearson National Teaching Awards.

He was presented with the trophy at the school and will also head down to London for a ceremony at the Houses of Parliament on Thursday (July 10).



The Pearson National **Teaching** Awards is an annual celebration of exceptional teachers, founded in 1998 by Lord Puttnam to recognise the life-changing impact an inspirational teacher can have on the lives of the young people.

Mr Murphy won the 'Digital Innovator of the Year' category due to his teaching style.

He said: "I need to make sure I keep them interested and the best way to do that is by teaching them about subjects they actually want to know about.

"So we have created video games, we start off 2D and then move on to 3D and they really enjoy it.

"We have also done some visual reality too which went down really well. We created a visual tour of the school.

"Working here we have the ability to try new things and experiment a bit and it is the whole reason I got into teaching."

The unique school was judged to be 'outstanding' by Ofsted in 2014 and when inspectors returned in March 2019 they found the school had "maintained its quality of education."

Mr Murphy added: "I love working here and one of the really nice things about this school, which I think is a brilliant idea and shows exactly what we are all about, is our 'suits day.'

"Our students come from all over Nottingham so having a prom isn't always ideal. Instead we take the boys to Slaters and the girls to the Victoria Centre and we buy them a suit to help them in their future career or for interviews.

"That is what we are all about to be honest and the day is so emotional seeing how much the students have grown since they first started to seeing them suited up and ready for adulthood at the end."

Bucket Collection

Josh Glover

At SSA we're always looking at the best ways to spread news of all the wonderful things we do. Working with the local community, and local businesses we've started holding fundraisers at the local theatre.

Providing our students with cultural experiences is a priority and we'd like to thank everybody who donated these experiences.



Student Rewards

Duncan Bennett

Creativity, perseverance, most improved, enterprise and outstanding student were awards nominated by Stone Soup Academy staff. These awards were sponsored by local companies including Nottingham Forest, St Marys Chambers, Fifteen and Monarch Recruitment.



Easter Eggs



Duncan Bennett

Students were rewarded with end of term Easter eggs for all their hard work during the term.

Happy times all round and a wonderful way to break up for half term.

Thank you to Crowne Plaza Hotel for their generosity in supplying these eggs.

A subject change to get our teeth into

Leona Dunleavy

In an exciting change at the Academy, plans are underway for the construction room to be transformed into a food technology classroom over the summer break. This will enable us to offer another exciting subject to our students. Students will study towards a qualification in Food and Cookery Skills. This change of subject has been greeted with great enthusiasm by students and was a very popular choice when selecting options. We are really looking forward to getting stuck in to practical lessons and making some delicious products.

Over the last few weeks we have started looking at food theory in preparation for September. We have been focussing on eating well, discussing the impact of eating too much sugar, including how much sugar is in our drinks, with some surprising results. Students are desperate to get cooking, but have been very patient with the subject, embraced the theory work and worked hard this term and it's been great to hear what they want to cook. We are so excited to see our young people start cooking in school in September and look forward to updating you with a glimpse of the new food room in the very near future.

Dallaglio Rugbyworks Summer Tournament

Robin Jarvis

The Summer Tournament saw our student's team up with students from Maple-Annex in Newark to form Team Nottingham, making us the underdog team. In spite of this, the team spirit was high and our students played extremely well with the Maple students, winning the first match easily.

Spurred on by this, Team Nottingham proceeded to win every match following this, playing incredibly well together and against all odds ended up playing in the Final.

The game itself was a close call, with the opposing team just one point ahead when the whistle was blown. The success of our team on the day is a testament to the ability of our students to adapt to changing situations and overcome adversity.

“The young people from both provisions mixed very well and developed a very strong relationship throughout the day from the beginning to the end. To not only work so well as a team, and not only proceed through the group stages, but to become runners-up in the first tournament for every young person present, was extraordinary and exceeded expectations.” Luke Brookes, Dallaglio Rugbyworks coach



Student Leadership

Becky Ashmore

This year the student council have been working on their SSAT student leadership qualifications. They have all created portfolios providing evidence of leadership skills they have shown within the academy such as commitment, organisation and planning, communication and team work. The students have helped plan trip days, had a meeting with a school governor, created student well-being questionnaires and shown great behaviour and attendance. All these things and much more were added to their portfolios and have contributed to them receiving silver and gold student leadership awards. We are extremely proud of all of them and it is hoped the SSAT student leadership qualification will capture the attention of future colleges and employers. The experiences they have and the skills they have acquired will be taken with them and be used to help them become successful young adults.

Tackling the stigma at Stone Soup Academy

Kerry Day

This term we have focused more on the topic of mental health as an entire school. We recognise that mental health is an ever-growing issue in schools across the UK and we feel it is paramount to address the issue. We aim to remove the stigma that surrounds mental health and make students more reflective of their own mental wellbeing. We have created a mental health display board in the games room and this has resources attached that can help students with their different mental health issues. The resources are currently focused on anger, self-esteem, anxiety, depression, body image, panic attacks and sleeping problems but these will be frequently updated. Staff at Stone Soup are aiming to use these resources to help students in times of need.

Furthermore this term staff will be taking part in four sessions of mental health training which will enable them to be even more perceptive to any mental health issues in the Academy. Also we are looking at developing an innovative system of recording and helping students with their mental health. We aim to be able to tell you more in the next instalment of the newspaper, so keep your eyes open for more exciting news about this topic!



Stone Soup Academy Option Days

Youners Henini

Stone Soup Academy held the option days on Monday the 17th and Tuesday 18th of June from 9am to 4 pm. The two days were very successful, students and parents had the opportunity to meet with various members of staff including the senior leadership team. During the meeting the students and parents had the chance to get as much information as possible and ask questions before deciding on their option choices. Prior to that meeting all students received the option booklets with precise details about all the courses and qualifications. They also had numerous conversations with specialist teachers and personal coaches. All students take GCSE Maths and GCSE English Language and English Literature. They also make four choices from Sports, Food, Art, Music, Media, Photography, Fashion and Textile, Religious Education and Health and Social. All students had the choice to complete a vocational course at college for one day a week. These courses are: Creative Media, Multi-skills, Motor Vehicle, Hair and Beauty and Catering. On the 2nd of July all students started their new timetable and met their new teachers. They are very pleased with their choices and they are looking forward to completing their courses to achieve their qualifications.



Staff vs Student Football

Duncan Bennett

Staff vs student football was a massive success and a great event to end the year with. The staff team played well to recover from some early goals scored by the students with the game eventually going to penalties.

The game was full of drama, twists and turns with the height of the drama being saved until the last few minutes of the game with Trevase committing a handball in the box forcing Robin to step up and score a winner! The penalty was saved and the game finished a draw. Up stepped Imani, Osiris and Robin to take the penalties for the staff and Leo, Owen and Josh B for the students. Imani and Owen put there penalties away comfortably with Leo and Osiris missing theirs. Josh B didn't hesitate under pressure making sure he finished his penalty. Up stepped Robin again to redeem himself from his last miss. Matthew P dived to his right making an unbelievable save making sure the students got the win. Well done students and staff for all their efforts. Great fun all round.

