

Stone Soup Academy News



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Celebrating 10 years of Stone Soup Academy

Kerrie Henton

Stone Soup Academy has now been operating as an outstanding academy for 10 years this year. In true, Stone Soup fashion, we decided to celebrate this event in a number of ways throughout this academic year.

We started with an amazing residential to New York city in Easter for our young people, more of which you can read about in this edition of our newspaper. We then decided that it would be a good opportunity to mark this event by creating a 10 year anniversary film, charting the development and growth of the academy. We are hoping to place this on our website so you can also see the journey that the academy has been on.

Finally, at the end of this academic year, staff, trustees and members got together to celebrate this momentous occasion, and of course the end of another hugely successful year, it was wonderful to see our Stone Soup family gathered together, enjoying this momentous achievement.

As we move into our next decade of operation, we have lots to look forward to, including the expansion of Stone Soup Academy. Enabling us to support more young people to thrive and we intend to do this whilst remaining at the heart of our community of Nottingham.

Stone Soup Academy, winners again!

As Principal I was honoured to be recognised at the Worshipful Educators Awards in the category of Inspirational Educators Award for alternative Education in April of this year. This was a very proud moment that also demonstrated that our vision of creating unimagined futures holds true for students and staff alike.

I was invited to travel down to London to be presented with the award at an annual event. It was held in one of the oldest halls in London and it was a very proud moment to be representing our academy and it was made especially special as we also celebrated the 10th year anniversary for Stone Soup Academy this year.



Suits Day 2023

Oli Sillito

Suits Day was another huge success this year as we celebrated our students completing their time with us with their families.

Suits Day is the crowning event in the Stone Soup calendar, it is when we celebrate all our students' achievements. We start this event by taking all our year 11 students out into Nottingham to buy suits for them to wear on our annual awards ceremony. We then review their time at Stone Soup Academy at Broadway Cinema.

All involved had the best time and we could not be prouder of all of our year 11's.

The afternoon at the Broadway cinema was filled with laughter and applause as we first watched a film of the year 11 journey through Stone Soup Academy. We then went onto the awards ceremony, where awards were given provided by local businesses including, Nottingham Forest, Fifteen, St Mary's Chamber, SAAF Education, Ideagen and Monarch Recruitment.

Our main awards were for :

- Think Big
- Innovation & Impact
- Creativity
- Enterprise
- Not giving up
- Educational Excellence
- Most improved
- Outstanding Student



Preparation for Adulthood

Jordan Senior

When it comes to our Pastoral Sixth Form and Alumni we decided to switch our Stone Soup Awards focus a little.

Recognising the need for continued education post 16 we wanted to offer our Alumni the chance to:

- Resits Maths & English GCSE in June and November
- Fund a range of work related online courses
- Fund and support to achieve CSCS Card.

To do this we will be:

Supporting NEET students to re do Maths and English GCSEs by paying for entries, offering onsite tuition for all courses offered, offering bus cards to get students into the academy to complete the tuition and purchasing revision guides. We are calling this our SSA Plus offer.

After operating for a year with a model in collaboration and partnership with Nottingham College we have been recognised for Impact through Working in Partnership.

Careers Education continues to be an essential and important part of our academy offer. This year we have given our young people the opportunity to complete over 30 activities including:

- A workplace visit with three students to a local Software company Serif
- Work experience at Ideagen
- Apprenticeship assembly from Nottingham College
- Seminars | Workshops at Nottingham Trent University
- Hospitality Takeover Event 2023 at Cleaver and Wake

- Galliford Try Open Doors event
- Careers Talk from Nurses from The Queen's Medical Center

We have also planned Nottingham college transition meetings for our Year 11s to meet their college wellbeing mentors to make transition to college easier. We have completed Year 9 college events at Nottingham College enabling pupils to have the chance to participate in fun interactive activities and create unforgettable memories. Students took part in engaging presentations about college life and pupils had the opportunity to ask questions and interact with tutors.



Alternative Provision Football Festival

Duncan Bennett

Stone Soup Academy was selected to take part in the first ever Midland's football festival, bringing the top three teams in each area of the midlands together for a competition. Nottingham Forest supported the competition and helped organise the event. We had three teams from Birmingham, Warwickshire, Coventry and Nottingham playing in the event. This was the first event of its kind and was an amazing success. The event will now be repeated throughout the next academic year with the opportunity to travel to different parts of the midlands taking part in these festivals.

Stone Soup Academy did us proud! They were excellent on and off the pitch and we breezed through the group stages of the games. We had a tough game in the semi final and ended the game 3-0 up from some strong performances from our attacking front three. Onto the final and another tough opponent. The game was tight and the other school was difficult to break down. The game went to penalties and unfortunately we didn't get the victory this time but we are looking forward to getting on the road and visiting some of the other counties to bring home the trophy. We are extremely

proud of the students and their efforts on the day were superb. Well done everyone involved and we can't wait to get the team playing again!



University Placements

Younes Henini

Since the start of this academic year 2022-2023, Stone Soup Academy has accommodated 53 university students from various schemes across the East Midlands. The placements gave university students a valuable experience for their future development. Also, it helped inspire our students and motivate them to continue their education. In addition, it has added capacity in the classroom which benefited our students and staff. The below table summarises the capacity added.

Number of university students on placement with SSA	Number of days spent at SSA	Number of lessons supported
53	365.2	1826

Year 10 Options 2023-2024

The Year 10 options process began on the 3rd of July 2023. Over the next few weeks, we worked closely with students to help them select their courses for years 10 and 11. Students received a copy of the options booklet by post and email.

The booklet explained the process and all the courses on offer. During this time, students had a number of conversations with Stone Soup Academy staff devoted to the options process.

WEAR RED, SAVE A LIFE

Becky Ashmore

Through our stand up to knife crime event last year, we made contact with a lovely lady, Zoe Cooke, who sadly lost her son to knife crime two years ago. For the second year running, all staff and students were invited to wear red on the 4th July, the anniversary of Zoe's son, Byron's, death, and donate £1 which will go towards bleed kits around the city. These bleed kits contain life saving equipment should a catastrophic bleed occur. This doesn't have to be a knife crime injury, it could include a car accident or any injury involving a large loss of blood. These kits will provide the necessary first aid equipment to reduce blood loss until medical help arrives. In true Stone Soup fashion, we all got involved and raised money for the Daniel Baird Foundation. Zoe recently came into the academy to deliver an assembly to our students and to say she touched every person in the room would be an understatement. We

welcomed Zoe back to our second stand up to knife crime event on the 27th July.



Distinctions in

Beauty

Megan Harris

This half term in beauty the year 10s have been continuing their practice on manicures and customer service. It has been great seeing our students grow in confidence and produce some amazing nail looks. The year 11s have completed their final assessments, creating a Hair and beauty Image. In the assessments they had been doing hair, makeup and nails all based around a theme of their choice. We have been seeing looks from the 80s and 50s, festival themed makeup and hair and RnB inspired designs. The assessments were very successful and we have finished the year with 5 Distinction students.



Himmah Work Experience

Conor Deane

This term has seen a number of new students begin to volunteer at Himmah Food Bank in Radford, due to the busy exam period meaning Year 11's have been replaced with Year 10's. Despite the changes in personnel, the project has continued to run incredibly smoothly, with our more experienced student volunteers taking the new students under their wing and showing them the ropes. Packing more parcels than ever, and even taking on admin roles, scheduling food parcel deliveries to hundreds of families in Nottingham. The students love being able to apply themselves in an adult work environment, and have learnt a number of new skills by engaging with other volunteers and

staff at Himmah. I look forward to this new team continuing to grow the relationship we have established with Himmah, and growing as individuals as they continue their journey as volunteers.



Media Day

Matt Murphy

The final stages of post-production for the Nottingham Trent University-funded VR film project have begun. A professional filmmaker visited the Academy to film content featuring current students and ex-students. Using 360 cameras proved to be a new challenge to all involved, but the finished product is now ready for audiences.

Media Day (22/6/23) saw another year of fantastic, creative collaborations with students. This year saw students create horror movies and music videos.

Coursework and exams are now all completed for BTEC Media students, and we all look forward to another round of successful outcomes come results day. This year's coursework has seen Y11 students creating a "mockumentary" video, a VR driving game, a 2D retro puzzle game, a sports documentary, and many more.



SEND at Stone Soup Academy

Stephen Thompson

SEND Successes

SEND interventions continue to run successfully across KS3 and KS4, with the online platform PAGS being used to assess needs, set and monitor targets and track progress for each student.

Students have been making excellent progress with different skills such as how to regulate themselves for learning, improving their attention span and understanding of social interactions. Subsequently we have also seen improvements in behaviour, punctuality and attendance across year groups!

The SEND safe space for break and lunch times have also been celebrating successes! This space is for students who have difficulties eating in school, struggle with long periods of unstructured time or are struggling socially. The progress, from individual targets to group attitudes and behaviour, throughout the year from these students has been fantastic.

Students are learning to take responsibility by collecting and returning items such as juice jugs and cups to the canteen and are held accountable for keeping their areas clean. It has been great to see students who have been attending for some time encouraging newcomers to engage appropriately in the space and support.

In the literacy department, we have seen some amazing results this half term, with some students making as much as 52 months progress in their reading age within a year! We are looking forward to even more positive impact within reading next academic year as we introduce the Accelerated Reading Programme.

The SEND department is getting creative!

A long term project bringing SEND into the world of VR finally came to life this term when we filmed a series of 360 degree videos at the academy. In partnership with Nottingham Trent University, we devised a scenario around perceived "dirty looks" whereby viewers will be able to experience the situation from the point of view of the 'victim' and the 'bully' within a Oculus quest VR headset. This scenario was chosen because it is currently a common issue among young people. The script was reviewed and edited by students to ensure the experience was as realistic as possible. We hope with the use of these materials and reflective activities we can build perspective taking skills and hopefully improve empathy as a result.

A massive thank you and congratulations to ex-student Charnae and current student Janelle for starring in the

films alongside an NTU student; a particular well done to Janelle who jumped in at the last minute to save the day! With no experience and lots of nerves, she did an amazing job. Thank you also to Albert Nathan and Louis Leivers from NTU for filming, to Matt Murphy for the media insights and to Conor Deane for coaching the actresses on the day. It all helped making this exciting project become a reality. We look forward to using and seeing the impact of these resources in future interventions.

A note from Stone Soup's new SENCO

This has been an interesting and exciting time for SEND and we have felt this at Stone Soup Academy. The ever changing SEND landscape is reflected in our staff changes and developments in our practice. We strive to ensure that change is managed effectively and the effect of change on our students is protected and managed effectively.

It has been a pleasure to be appointed as SENCO and work in the academy for the last half-term. I look forward to working with the Stone Soup community and am highly motivated to achieve sustained progress and high impact levels in all areas of SEND at Stone Soup Academy.



Yearbook

Oli Sillito

All our students received this year's Yearbook which we were really happy with. We added a new addition this year with student quotes in the yearbook. Students really enjoyed this and we feel it gave the yearbook that extra little bit more of their twist on it.

We also had three full pages of photos for the students to look back on which was over 400 photos.



Building Brighter Futures with Business

Duncan Bennett

Business students across KS3 and KS4 continue to make great progress and enjoy studying a variety of topics. We have been looking at enterprises in the business world and promoting brands. The results for business students have been fantastic

Our Ingenuity project with Nottingham University has been completed and some students received £296 in Amazon vouchers for full attendance to the project. This project was amazing and we are looking to secure this project again for the next academic year.

We are also continuing to link with NFCT, Ideagen, Enactus and several more agencies to continue securing a rich and impactful curriculum for our students.



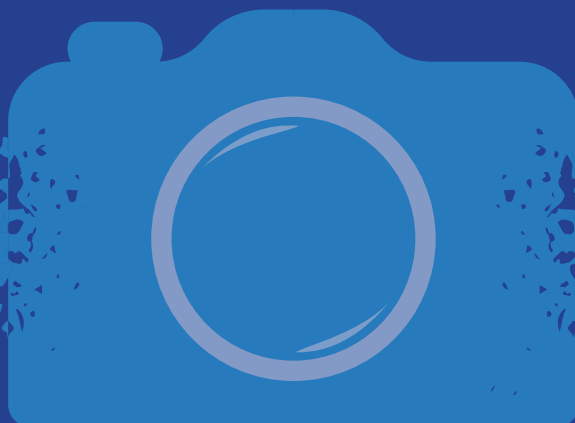
Identity in Photography

Annie Gadsby

It has been a busy couple of months in the creative department with our year 11's completing their GCSE coursework, a 10 hour examination and the invigilator assessor visiting; However, our year 10's have been working hard throughout this period and have been developing their own independent projects on the theme of Identity.

The students have all been interpreting the theme of Identity by exploring what it means to them personally and have been developing their ideas to express their personal ideas as well as exploring

new techniques to express the personality within their projects. A wide variety of skills has been practised and exemplified by all the pupils as they have been experimenting with mediums such as digital editing, shutter speed, superimposing, physical manipulation and portraiture. By July, they should have concluded their independent project by creating a final piece that represents all the skills that they have learnt and developed from the start of their project and a new display will be available for viewing in the photography room.



KS3

Alesha Rogers

We have been through a lot of changes, including changes with staffing, students returning to mainstream and having an influx of new students. We have successfully had 2 students return to mainstream, with many students hoping to stay at Stone Soup Academy. This term we saw our year 9's transition into year 10 whilst already doing 6 periods a week up at High Pavement and were fully transitioned at the end of June.

This term we have had a focus on finding incentives and motivating KS3, especially Stepping Stones as they do have access to Dojo, KS3 were rewarded with a trip to Tenpin Bowling and Laser Tag. All students were given the opportunity to attend and this was used as a great incentive. The week of the trip, 6 students received a 100% dojo score with 8 more receiving above 95%. We have also had Pythian attend sports sessions with KS3 as it is predominantly male students who all engage and enjoy sports. If students received a warning they were not allowed to participate, this encouraged our students to reflect and make the right choice.

Students are still encouraged to use their 5 minute time out sheets, so during this time out, students are asked about our votes for school topics. If students are struggling in a particular lesson they are encouraged to do touch typing with our best student receiving a certificate for 35 words typed per minute. These certificates are then put on the wall.



Stand Out Student

Kian Horton wears his cadet uniform with pride. Kian is an inspirational Cadet and one day would like to be a pilot in the RAF.

We are all super proud of Kian. We all enjoy hearing the stories he tells us about his past and present expeditions.



Maths on Fire

Darrell Drummond

Maths has had a fabulous term since Easter. Our Year 11's have completed their GCSEs all giving every exam their all.

All students in Year 11 have completed either their Entry 3, Level 1 or Level 2 Functional Skills which puts them in a strong position for their next steps.

Also 3 of our fabulous Year 10's have also achieved their Level 1 Functional Skills exams. Big shout out to Kyran Jackson, Zak Hopkinson and Taylor Turton for completing these this term.



SUCCESS

Summer Games

Duncan Bennett

Summer Games was held at the Forest Sports Zone again this year with a variety of sports played by all. We played dodgeball, rounders, wellie throwing, tug of war and rounded the day off with a football match. Everybody had a brilliant day and we treated everyone to an Ice cream at the end of the day.



PSHE & RSE

Osiris Santana

This May marked the return of the Equation organisation to Stone Soup Academy. Equation is a "Nottingham-based specialist charity that works with the whole community to reduce the impact of domestic abuse, sexual violence and gender inequality." They have agreed to run two workshops with our young people in Year 10: Know More and Choices.

Know More aims to empower girls and young women to change their own lives and avoid or exit abusive situations, by helping them:

- recognise their rights within relationships
- build their confidence in being women
- make positive relationship choices

We have previously run Know More Projects to great degrees of success, and look forward to this one being just as impactful.

Choices empowers young men to make more informed decisions in their lives, enabling them to avoid choosing abusive behaviours, by helping them to:

- Recognise their own behaviour and how it impacts on others
- Manage their feelings and emotions
- Make positive relationship choices

These early intervention sessions focus on building self-esteem by recognising and highlighting inappropriate attitudes, encouraging the participants to consider how these relate to their own relationships.

Both sessions were a resounding success and the groups were joined by an artist who helped shape the thoughts and feelings of our young people and turn it into artwork.

We also were invited to a Windrush celebration at Bink's Yard on Thursday the 22nd of June. This was to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Windrush generation, mostly Caribbean people who moved to the UK after World War 2 to help rebuild the country and create new lives for themselves. A group of staff and students attended the event and were treated to a Caribbean meal, music and entertainment, offering a taste of the immense cultural impact that the Windrush generation has imparted on the UK.



New York, New York

Becky Ashmore

On the 8th April, myself, Oli, Amy, Jim Roberson and six students boarded a plane at Heathrow Airport and set off for New York City. After about seven hours in the air, we landed to then have to queue for a further two and a half hours to go through transportation security administration but we could not fault the students and how they behaved throughout all this, they were a credit to the academy.

After getting to the hotel and unpacking, our first stop was pizza, and it was everything we had heard it was going to be..amazing! We wandered the streets of New York at night with the beautiful lights, bustling streets and buildings so high you couldn't look up at them for too long. We were all tired and soon went to bed to prepare ourselves for the next 3 jam packed days of sightseeing.

The next three days consisted of going to the Top of the Rock, going over to Liberty Island to see the Statue of Liberty, visiting the 9/11 memorial, watching Chicago at Broadway, seeing the Empire State Building, the Chrysler Building and Grand Central Station. In between all that we managed to fit in lots of shopping, eating out and lots and lots of laughs.

The whole experience was truly magical and the students and staff were all grateful to have experienced it together. Memories were made that will last a lifetime, I don't think any of us will forget our time in New York.



Blood Brothers Theatre Visit

Taylor Gilmour

On Thursday 13th July, a group of students and staff visited Nottingham's Theatre Royal to see the live performance of Blood Brothers.

Written by Willy Russell, the legendary 'Blood Brothers' tells the captivating and moving tale of twins who, separated at birth, grow up on opposite sides of the tracks, only to meet again with fateful consequences.

The aim of the trip was to prepare students for their GCSE Literature studies with Blood Brothers being a key drama text. Reading the text as a group in lessons is one thing but it is another to actually see the text brought to life on a live stage. This production doesn't tour that often so for our students to get to go and see it felt like a real privilege.

Whilst some of our students have been to the theatre before for others it was their first time. We asked some of those that attended what they thought of it:

"I've never been to the theatre before, it all looked so posh and it made me feel a bit sick sitting up so high. The gunshots did make me jump though!"

"Mrs. Lyons shouldn't have taken the baby; that's where it all went wrong."

We were incredibly impressed with the behaviour of all those that attended and we hope that they

enjoyed it as much as the staff did. We're constantly looking out for other performances that might interest our students and we hope to be able to give the opportunity to more in the future.



Multi Skills

Nick Preston

Multi Skills has been a brilliant success with all students completing the course and completing their bricklaying module & written work. All students passed with some having achieved distinction!



Squeaky Pop in Science

Daniel Turner

This term in science there has been a continuation of the hands-on nature of learning with plenty of practicals. The students have been looking at a plethora of subjects ranging from ionising radiation for their coursework to the reaction between an acid and a metal, this led into detecting hydrogen with many a squeaky pop, or even a flaming balloon. Students have enjoyed modelling the half-life of nuclear decay using sweets, exploring atmospheric pressure with the dramatic crushing can experiment. They have tested thermal energy transfer through the different states of matter and how to prevent energy loss around the home, while understanding combustion with the whoosh bottle experiment. It's been a flaming crazy term with more amazing science to look forward to in the next academic year.



Charnae Continues to Shine

Becky Ashmore

Ex student Charnae put on a fantastic performance when we attended an event at Sherwood Forest for Veronica Pickering, the new High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire. She received a standing ovation and connected with people in the special way she always does. She was in fact so amazing that she was approached by a group of people who were putting on an event for Windrush's 75th anniversary celebrations and was invited to perform there.

We again went to support Charnae as she performed at the event and as always she was an absolute Souperstar!



Positive Role Models to Raise Aspirations

Duncan Bennett

Sport students continue to make excellent progress across KS3 and KS4. In KS4, students have come to the end of their course and we have finished the year with some fantastic grades.

We have continued our sessions with Pythian Club this term and opened the opportunity across KS3 and KS4. The sessions have been great with students being involved in "stop and search talks" and the need for positive role models to raise aspirations. The students have built strong relationships with the coaches and played a variety of sports with them throughout the term.

We had a final session with Nottingham School of boxing during Enterprise Week. This was a great opportunity for all those that attended and we enjoyed our final session.



Cooking up a Storm

Dominique Maragh

We have had a very busy term cooking up a storm. We have made scrumptious spicy peri peri wedges and sweet chilli chicken strips. Alongside some sweet treats like yummy apple and black berry turnovers. Congratulations to our Year 11 on completing their final dishes which look amazing with all your planning and preparation shining through.

We recently enjoyed Enterprise Week. We used this week to look behind the scenes of a food and beverage establishment Cosy Club Nottingham. The students were given a guided tour exploring the in's and out's and operational side of working in hospitality. They then enjoyed a nice breakfast to end their experience.

On Enterprise Day it was the student's turn to run a fully operational kitchen. They

organised their teams planning and preparing in our very own Stone Soup kitchen. They then went on to serve their fellow students and staff at breaktime. They did exceptionally well and showed great team spirit, ending with happy customers and a job well done. A brilliant day for all.



Drayton Manor and Spring Lakes Adventure

Oli Sillito

Our students enjoyed another great adventure at Drayton Manor and Spring Lakes this year. Team building is essential at Stone Soup Academy and this year everyone had a great time and enjoyed their days! Here are some photos of both the days:



Hair and Beauty

Michelle Rogers

Hair and beauty course has come to an end for this year. Layla, Maddison, Sharae and Lilyannah have all passed the course with a level one qualification. We will be attending again in September to give up to 10 of our current students the fantastic opportunity to complete the course and have all the experiences our previous students were given.



Stone Soup Academy Spreading the Word!

Kerrie Henton

I have been lucky enough to represent the Academy at some very high profile events since our last edition of the paper.

In May I was asked to speak at the Schools and Academies show in London's Excel around the topic of Innovation beyond Ofsted. Again quite an honour and from this event we received some very positive feedback. I also had the opportunity to meet Sir Mo Farah who was speaking at the event. I spoke to him about Stone Soup Academy and he was very interested to hear all about what we were achieving up here in Nottingham.

We have been working hard to keep up our presence in Nottingham city and to have a voice wider than the academy so it was an honour to be asked to judge the University of Nottingham Ingenuity Awards. This gave the opportunity for students of the Business school to enter the nationwide competition for funding for some innovative products developed with a social conscience. This is also the big brother of the ingenuity project that we run in collaboration with the University of Nottingham Business School with our young people.

At the start of June we were invited to be part of the launch of the Youth Charter developed by the VRP (Violence Reduction Partnership) This was an event held at the Old Council House in the centre of the city and it was around showing our commitment to work in collaboration to deliver the aims of the Youth Charter.

On probably one of the hottest weekends in June we were invited to talk at one of the celebration events for the new High Sheriff of

Nottingham Veronica Pickering about Stone Soup Academy. I was accompanied on a Sunday by my Assistant Principal, Oliver Sillito, Head of Engagement Becky Ashmore and Head of Careers Jordan Senior, who all gave up their time to support both myself and Charnae, one of our alumni who performed at the event. It was a great honour but very hot!



Enterprise Week

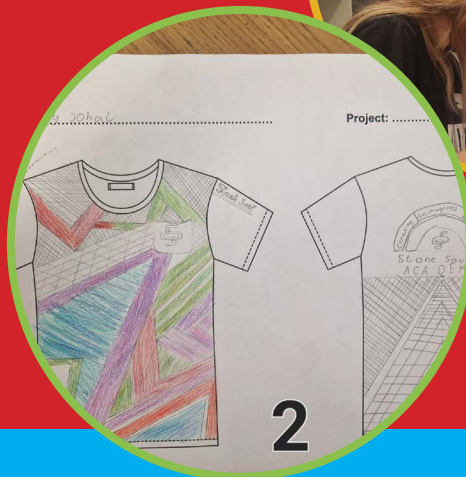
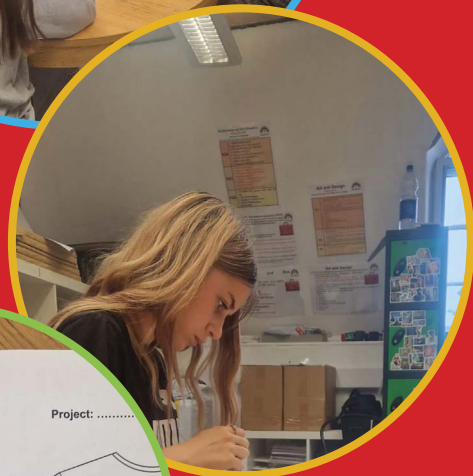
Duncan Bennett

Enterprise week was held this half term with a variety of activities taking place. We had students visit Cosy Club for a restaurant experience where they were given a tour of the restaurant, its facilities and the daily operations of the business. They were then served food to finish off their experience.

Students visited Serif for a work placement day where they spent time being creative with Affinity applications. This is a professional creative software used by staff at Serif. It was a great experience for the students that attended.

We visited Blood Brothers at the theatre, Spring Lakes, Pythian Club, Nottingham School of Boxing, NFCT Football Festival and concluded the week with Enterprise Day.

On Enterprise Day each subject set up a project based morning to promote life skills, work skills and the need to build a brighter future through education. It was a fantastic week and an amazing opportunity for both staff and students to promote their favourite subjects.



Staff Vs Student Football Match

Duncan Bennett

The Staff vs Students football match was a brilliant day this year. The staff team consisted of myself, Oli, Connor, Steve, Jayah and Jordan. The students arrived with a strong squad and were looking to show their teachers how to play. It was a competitive and tight game with the score finishing 2-2. Asha got the equaliser and saved the students from losing the tie in normal time. The game had to be decided by penalties and the teachers prevailed with cool, calm and precise penalties. Well done everyone involved and another great for everyone.



Stand Up for Knife Crime

Oli Sillito

Stand up to knife crime was another incredible success this year! We created opportunities, told stories and heard honest perspectives to help raise awareness around the issues and perceptions of knife crime in our shared communities.

On the night we had a showcase of talent including -

Joel Baker who has just released his debut album 'Hush Now My Fears'.

Also returning was Lyvia. In the past year Lyvia has done some amazing work; she has recently been on the The Voice and her following has grown from her incredible music.

We also had some other incredible talent including -

Shanice Foster, Charnz, Omari Marsalis, DJ Janelle and VTs from Stone Soup students.

This year we had some amazing guest speakers including Ciaran Thapar. Ciaran is a writer, youth worker and education consultant based in London. He has experience volunteering and working across secondary schools, youth services and the criminal justice system. His youth and education work focuses on preventing social exclusion and violence amongst young people who face systemic disadvantage. His book, 'Cut Short' is so powerful and a book everyone who works with young people should read! As well as Ciaran we had Jhemar Jonas speaking and performing on the night who features throughout Ciaran's book. His story is so powerful as is the work he is doing now!

Zoe Cooke was back to share her story and speak about the amazing work she continues to do for our City.

Veronica Pickering, High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, also came to show support to the event and spoke about the power of community in our city, she is very inspirational and her words meant so much!

We had Stone Soup students' honest perspectives of their experiences of knife crime in their City as well.

We showed the work that we have been doing throughout the year including our partnership work with Ideagen around the development of an app concept from one of our year 11 students from 2022-2023 which helps the local community locate and use bleed kits.

If you would like to be part of our SUTKC for 2024 then please contact Oliver Sillito

