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NCS PROJECT

Three of our Seeker pathway students took part in and completed the National Citizenship Service award. The project was a joint one with our school community and students worked together with 13US and the NCS leaders over a two-week period.

The activities were based around developing new skills, becoming an active citizen and increasing self-confidence and self-esteem for adulthood. There was a mixture of offsite and onsite experiences and activities that took place, including animal encounters, circus and performance skills, self-expression and confidence workshops.

Students also planned and created a magnificent interactive board for the well-being room at College. All the students had a wonderful time building social skills, new friendships and relationships and challenging themselves to try new things.





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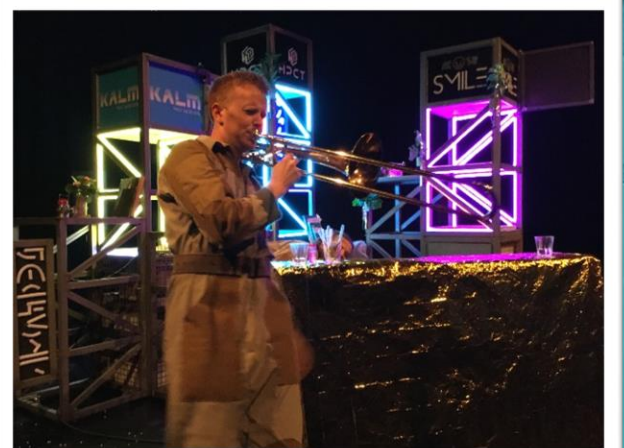
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FROZEN LIGHTS

We visited Warwick Arts Centre with two groups of students to take part in an interactive sensory exploration theatre experience. The Frozen Lights company specialise in theatre for young adults and adults with learning disabilities. The production was produced and supported through National lottery funding through Arts Council England.

The theme was the futuristic world 2065, where life is being controlled by an oppressive regime. The story follows a group of rebels who live outside the system and believe things can change for the better. They live in hope of a return to a time where music is allowed ; a return to justice and freedom. The performances were jam packed with interaction, audience participation, music, signing and exploration. Students all had an amazing time developing their communication skills and getting the opportunity to explore new experiences out in a community setting.

We hope to take part in more live theatre with Frozen lights in the future.





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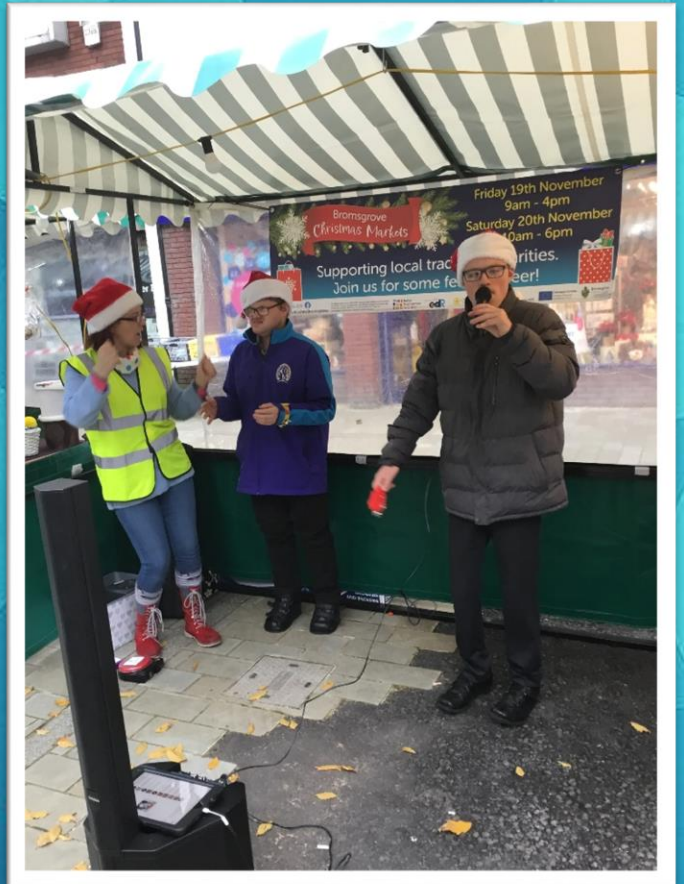
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CHRISTMAS MARKET

Students have been working hard on our Christmas enterprise project this term. Students have been involved with every part of the process from deciding on what to create or package to sell, to ordering products, creating and selling items at the Friends of St John's Bromsgrove Christmas market.

This year we have involved our school community friends from 13US and 14US, so teamwork skills have been key; excellent communication and listening skills have been needed too. The market day itself was a huge success and students have chosen to spend profits from the sale on a Christmas community celebration meal.





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THERAPY DOG POPPY

Poppy has now become a regular visitor to College. She led her own session on Well-being day and joins in with both of our pathways regular timetabled activities. Poppy even had to step in as a team member for a bocchia game recently!

The Students are really enjoying Poppy being a part of the College Therapy team and she always brings her magic calming energy with her as well as so much joy and laughter. All part of her role as Therapy dog and well-being therapist.



ENTERPRISE CHRISTMAS MEAL

Every year the students decide on a Christmas event. They use their earnings from their business enterprise ventures to pay for the event. Students once again chose a well-earned Christmas lunch and celebration at The Swan Inn, Wychbold. A huge thank you to all the staff at The Swan Inn for making us all feel so welcome again this year.





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IMPORTANT DATES

- Thu 16th December - Christmas Zoom Celebration
- Fri 17th December - Students Break Up
- Tue 4th January 2022 – INSET
- Wed 5th January 2022 - Students Return
- Wed 19th Jan - Visual Impairment Specialist Visiting College
- Mon 31st Jan- Wed 3rd Feb - Year 3 & 4 Students Annual Review Meetings
- Fri 11th Feb - Enrichment Day 3
- Fri 18th Feb - College closes to students
- Mon 28th Feb - College opens to students
- Wed 30th Mar - Enrichment Day 4
- Wed 6th Apr, 6pm-8pm – Parent Carer/Advocate Evening
- Wed 6th Apr - College closes to students



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