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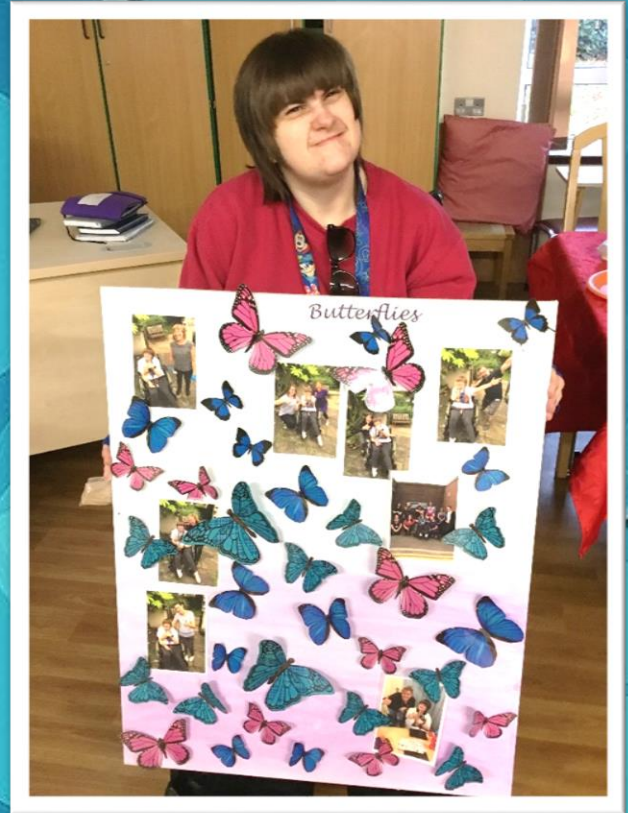
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NEXT DESTINATIONS

We have been really excited to be out in the community again, being active citizens! Students have finally been able to re-start their visits to local social care providers and begin to discover what they have to offer, to help them to start considering their future choices for adulthood.

Students enjoyed visiting 'The Wendron Resource Centre' where they took part in various activities and caught up with an old friend and former student, Chantel! The College have also linked up with 'Spectrum Days' and engaged with visits and on-line activities.

The students are all looking forward to visiting and exploring lots of new places and sharing activities in their local community next half-term.

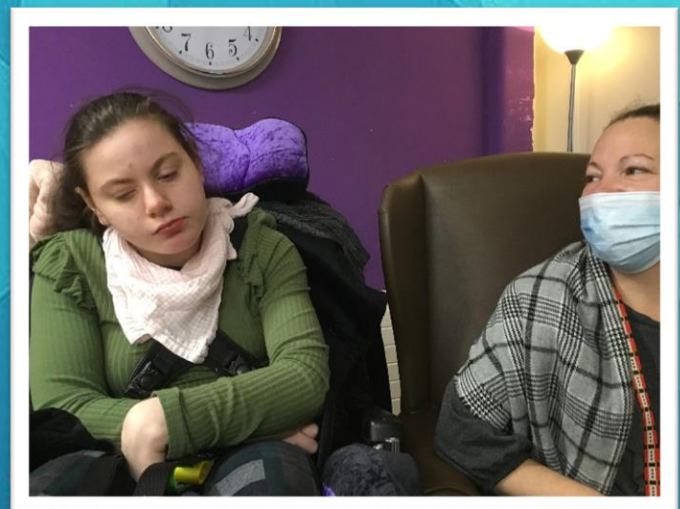
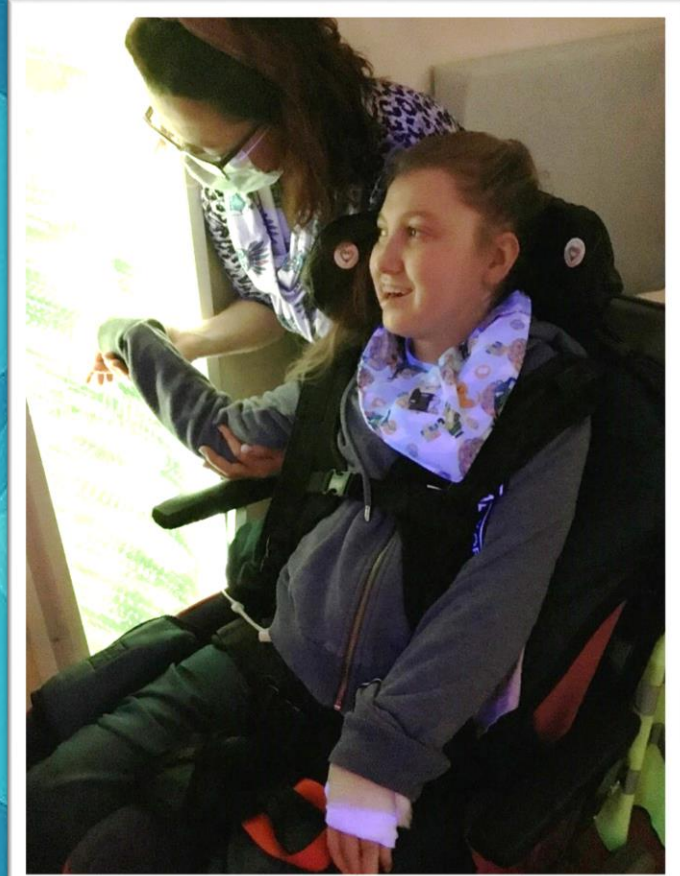




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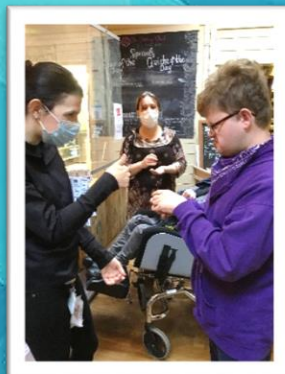
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APPLIED LEARNING

On Friday 21st of February, students visited 'The Potting Shed Café'. This visit provided one of many opportunities for students to apply their communication, maths and social skills that they have learnt at College, in real life situations.

Students made choices from the menu, ordered from the waitress and paid the bill. Everyone enjoyed tea and cake, and a fantastic afternoon was had by all!





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BILLY'S DREAM CAME TRUE!

We had a very special visit for one lucky student this half-term!

Bromsgrove and Redditch District Waste Department heard about how one of our student's future aspirations to become a 'Waste Management and Disposal Technician', or as Billy prefers to say, a 'bin man'! To help make Billy's dreams come true, they kindly sent along a fully manned, bright yellow bin lorry!

Billy got to empty all the School and College bins using the buttons on the vehicle and was given his very own pink mixed recycling bin to help collect all the recycling on site. Billy was able to ride in the lorry and was awarded a well-earned certificate of achievement!

Everyone agreed he would make the perfect bin man, although none of us were happy at the thought of a 4:00 a.m. start!

A big 'thank you' to Bromsgrove District Council for making this happen.

If you are reading this digitally, you can click [here](#) to watch a video of Billy in action.



Alternatively, search for 'Bromsgrove District Council' on YouTube.



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WORK RELATED LEARNING

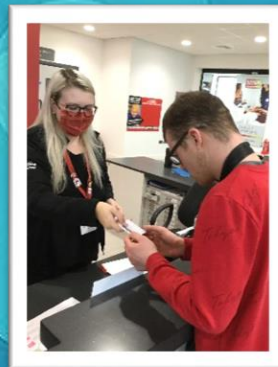
Students have been developing work skills in our local community. We have been helping to 'Keep Bromsgrove Beautiful' by sending out litter picking teams with our therapy dog, Poppy. Students have also been volunteering at our local library; putting away books in the right place and tidying the displays and seating areas.

WE LIKE TO MOVE IT, MOVE IT!

This term College students have been accessing the 'Bromsgrove Sports and Leisure Gym'. All of the students have joined an adult community fitness group called 'Keep On Moving'.

It has been a great opportunity for our young people to meet new people from different settings, whilst taking part in physical activities that they enjoy. Students have participated in boccia, racket ball and dance.

Billy has joined the gym at the Sports Centre, where he has taken part in a gym induction, and both Harry and Billy have accessed the public swimming pool at the sports centre and are excited to go swimming together again.





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IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 18th February - College closes to students
- Monday 28th February - College opens to students
- Thursday 3rd March - English/World Book Day
- Wednesday 30th March - Enrichment Day 4
- Wednesday 30th March Parent Carer/Advocate Evening 5pm – 7pm (****DATE AND TIME CHANGE* from Wednesday 6th April 6pm-8pm***)
- Wednesday 6th April - College closes to students
- Monday 25th April – College opens to students
- Friday 8th July – Summer Fete

We have booked 'Catshill Social Club' for Thursday 14th July 2022, 6.30-8pm for our end of year celebration event. Can I put out a plea for you all to put this date in your diaries and endeavour to bring your son/daughter to celebrate with their peers and families. We have booked the bar and the students and staff will work really hard to plan a fantastic evening with achievement videos, certificates, presentations for our leavers, and lots of music and dancing too! As we are such a small organisation, numbers are important to us to make sure the time and effort put in is worthwhile and to create an atmosphere the students deserve. If you require any support to enable you to attend please let us know. We would love all the students to be there and will do our very best to support everyone to make this happen. The room is large and we will therefore be offering this invitation out to your extended families and friends, no limit on numbers! Spread the word!