



CHADSGROVE EDUCATIONAL TRUST SPECIALIST COLLEGE

Christmas 2022 Newsletter

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COMMUNITY – REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Leigh and Harry represented the College at the Bromsgrove Memorial Service.



POPPY SELLING

To support the Royal British Legion, students sold poppies outside Morrison's in Bromsgrove.



WORK SKILLS - CHRISTMAS MARKET

Since returning to College in September students have been hard at work alongside Chadsgrove School link classes 13US and 14US, together they organised the annual Christmas market stall. Students planned the crafts, ordered stock, priced up all the items and shared these jobs between the groups. On market day students from College and 14US manned the stall in shifts. 13US supported by visiting the stall and purchasing some gifts.

Alongside being super sales people the students also entertained passers-by with singing and signing to popular Christmas tunes. All profits are shared between College and the link project classes. College students chose to spend some of their money on their Christmas meal at the Swan Inn.





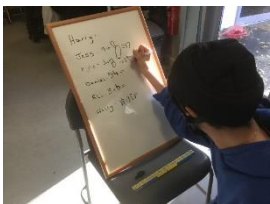
HARVEST DONATION TO CATSHILL FOODBANK

A big thank you to everyone for the generous donations towards our harvest collection, for the second year in a row the students voted to support the local foodbank. Paul from Catshill Foodbank came to meet the students and collected our contributions, the students helped Paul pack up all the items and put them in his car.



MATHS WEEK

The curriculum focus this year is Maths and Thinking Skills, both are embedded in every session we deliver but we had an increased focus on this curriculum area during Maths week in November. Maths week this year coincided with our Christmas Market giving us plenty of opportunity to look at money and sales skills, making choices and decisions and keeping stock topped up. During lunch club numeracy skills were used to add up the student scores and in sensory maths sessions students worked on choice making and turn taking using their individual communication methods.



COLLEGE GARDEN PROJECT

We have been overwhelmed with the support received so far for our vegetable garden project, thank you to everyone who has pledged to support us so far.

To date we have received a fantastic £5,837.00 worth of pledges towards our target of £11,194.00. Thank you! We know that times are hard, please be assured that every contribution and pledge towards our project is so gratefully appreciated.

Today we have received an incredibly generous £500.00 cheque from a student family friend. We are so thankful for the kindness and generosity shown towards our project.

We want to thank Crowdfund Worcestershire and Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council for their generous contributions. It's great to know that the College has been recognised and that others are invested in the great things we do.

We have received a lot of offers of help too. If our fundraising project is a success it's brilliant to know that so many people are prepared to donate their time, tools and/or materials to help transform our garden.

We have got until the end of January to hit our target. It would be amazing if you could share news of our project around.

Thank you for your continuous kindness and support.

For more information on this project please follow this link: <https://www.spacehive.com/a-gazebo-for-sen-students-ages-19-to-25>



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

All the students have settled back into college so well this term, it's been very hard for the tutors to choose 'Student of the Term. We have therefore chosen one from each Pathway.

Holly – Explorer Pathway - Holly has settled in to college well and adjusted to her new routine with a very grown up attitude.



Ali – Seeker - Ali has embraced every element of the preparing for adulthood curriculum.

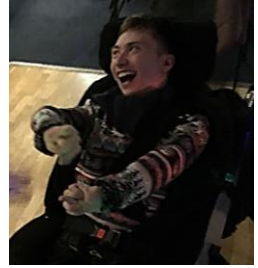


CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND ACHIEVEMENT EVENT

Thank you so much to all that attended our Christmas Celebration at the Catshill Club - you made this very special event even more of an occasion to remember.

All of our fantastic students have excelled themselves this term and Vice Principal Bec Gayden awarded certificates that recognised their individual achievements. Additionally, Ali and Holly were presented with their awards for being Students of the Term.

Huge congratulations to our talented students on your fantastic Christmas video, which showed your prowess at using the Soundbeam and accompanied by your brilliant signing.



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - Students return to College

Friday 17th February – College closes for Half Term

Monday 27th February – College opens

Wednesday 29th March – Parent Carers/Advocates Evening