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Pathways to adulthood

Easter Half Term Newsletter 2021

Message from Katie:

A big Thank You to all the parents, staff and students for their continued support and patience during this term and continuing to keep everyone safe. Whilst learners returned and it was lovely to see the College full again; most lessons continued to be virtual to support staff shielding at home. We continued to deliver a full curriculum and with the new additions to the space we have here, it has enhanced the learning experience. Have a lovely Easter break, please continue to follow Government guidance and use the FREE lateral flow test kits to protect your community.

Pathway 1, 2 and 3 – Message from Trishna:

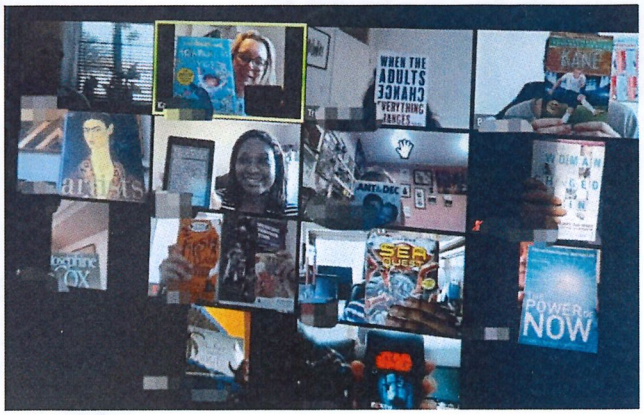
It's been an interesting half term with home learning; it's so wonderful to have our students back at college. A big **Thank you** to the parents, carers, students and staff and working together to give our students the best opportunity to learn during such challenging times.

We have some exciting news to share as we have had a transformation to one of our learning spaces. The common room has been transformed into a FANTASTIC life skills room which now consists of a bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen, utility and dining area. A huge **'Thank you'** to **Estine** and **Colin** for their hard work in making this possible and for bringing the vision to life. We are very excited about using it to develop our independence skills.

This term students have been exploring a range of topics in their learning. Pathway 1 have been stretching their Math's brains and exploring BODMAS and in English, exploring reading comprehensions, SPaG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) tasks and focusing on persuasive language, using practical tasks such as 'writing a speech for Year 11 students thinking about transition' and 'dropping litter'.

A massive thank you to the team who have been taking it in terms to deliver our Friday assemblies on; World Water Day, International Women's Day, Red Nose Day, World Book Day, LGBT+ Awareness day, Water Aid Day, Spring and St Patrick's Day.

In ICT all pathways have been exploring safety. Pathway 2 and 3 have been exploring passwords, pathway 1 have been assessing reliability of sources and discussing fake news. For RSE, life skills and social skills the focus has been our 'Rights and Responsibilities into Adulthood'.



Pathway 4: Message from Estine

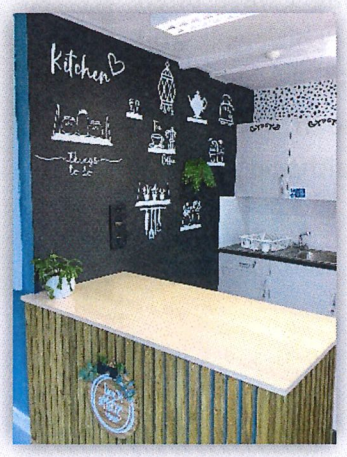
Spring term has been an interesting term for all of us at college. We are happy to have all our students back in college. Online lessons have been very positive in general for pathways four, although at times a little challenging. A big 'Thank you' to parents who to contribute to the success of this. We would also thank all our parents for all their input in making online lessons so enjoyable.

Pathways 4 have been busy helping to build and organize our new life skills room. This will be a great opportunity to develop and practice essential life skills needed to be more independent at college and home. Our speech and language therapist and occupational therapist has helped us put a program in place to support our students and this has been very positive so far.

The students are looking forward to access our new gym where we will be practicing yoga, stretches and core strength. Hopefully this will successfully incorporate with the health and wellness activities that we are already accessing daily e.g. daily mile, zones of regulations, chair yoga and healthy eating. Pathways four will resume our lunch club after the Easter break. This is a great opportunity for students to make their own healthy lunches at college.

Pathways 4 celebrated Red Nose Day with all the students in college. We had a successful cake sale along with lots of fun activities and music to celebrate the day. **We raised £80** in total to support this great cause. Thank you to everyone that contributed.

We look forward to an exciting summer term. We are planning to open a mobile tuck shop which pathways 4 students will manage. This will present opportunities for the students to engage in work experience in a familiar environment. A big **Thank you** from Pathways 4 team!



Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to everyone being back in the Summer Term ☺