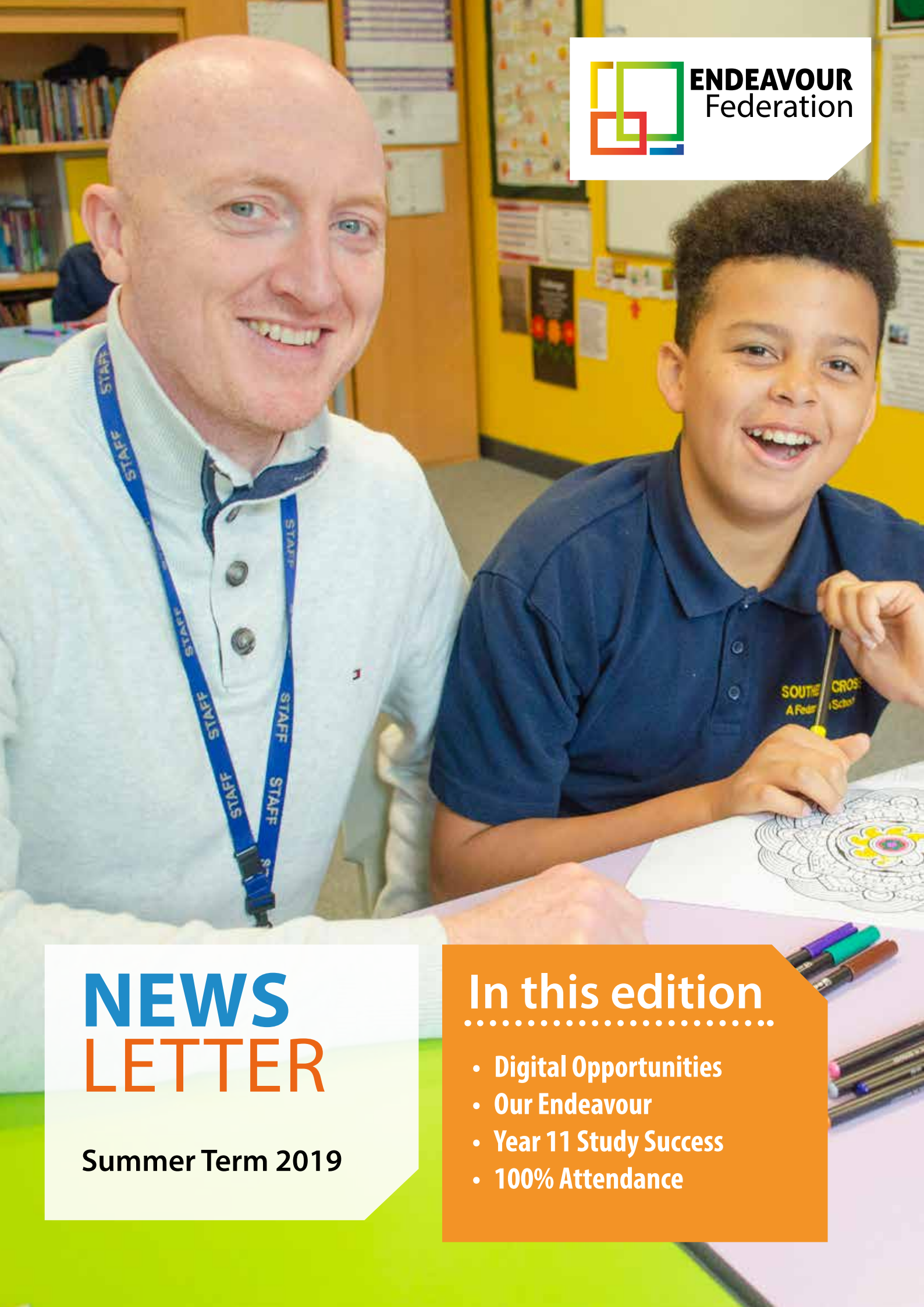




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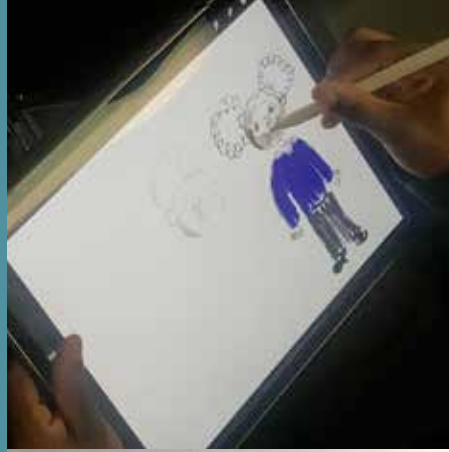
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DIGITAL opportunities continue for students at Southern Cross School



Our spring community newsletter introduced the social media project, SX Talk Buddy, which has been led by Year 8 and 9 students at Southern Cross School.

They took part in a week of digital creativity alongside Digital Advantage, an award winning Creative Industries Council that delivers innovative work experiences to young people. Their industry-led programmes accelerate technical, creative and business skills to reveal the hidden talents of students.

Students unlocked their own individual talents and potential, developing individualised projects. This innovative technique, engaged our learners and were able to kick-start a student led social media platform.

SX Talk Buddy can be found on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The ethos of this platform is to praise and showcase all the hard work and projects of the students at Southern Cross throughout the year.

Digital Advantage returned to the school in June to take the students for a tour at the Sharp Project. The Sharp Project and SharpFutures is a social enterprise that supports diverse young people in employment in the creative, digital and tech sector.

During the visit, our students were able to foresee different creative sectors and participate in two workshops: VR and Photography. These workshops were engaging and students took lots of information away with them that could help their future careers.



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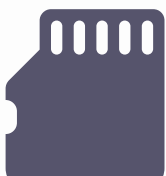


We would like to thank:

Miss Hannah Yuille who connected the school with these projects, Paul and Rav from Digital Advantage for focusing on student's passions and help build our social platforms and the team at SharpFuture who organised an informative and engaging day.

Stay updated with exciting new content by following them on Instagram (@sx_talkbuddy), Twitter (@talk_sx) or Facebook (SX Talk Buddy).

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To endeavour is to strive for something; The endeavour itself is the thing you're striving for, the enterprise or undertaking; The Middle English root of endeavour means to “put oneself in” or “do one's utmost.

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It's time to share important news about the evolution of our organisation!

We are delighted to announce that The Manchester Federation of EBSD Schools has changed its name to the Endeavour Federation.

Parents have come to expect the best from our schools. Our commitment to our parents and pupils remains our highest priority. We ensure that all our staff are highly trained and proud to say that our young people are making brilliant progress in all of their lessons.

Finding 'EBSD' out of date, referring to a primary need of pupils that no longer exists, we

wanted to find a name that better reflected the dedication and hard work that goes into providing the very best for our pupils. As well as the perseverance and enthusiasm that our pupils put into their work and being part of our community.

For that reason, we have become the Endeavour Federation...

If you endeavour to do something, you do it with earnestness and a fair amount of effort.

We hope our new name reflects the effort that goes into providing our pupils with a high quality education they deserve, transferable skills to begin their working life and the best chance

to have a happy and fulfilling life.

Our schools still have the same name, the same outstanding staff and the same values and ethos, it is just the federation which has a new name.



YEAR 11 STUDY SUCCESS



A huge congratulations to our Year 11's who have shown true determination and dedication to their studies this year. Many of them attended additional revision sessions during breakfast club and requested extra study materials to complete at home.

A significant number of our pupils have a diagnosis of ADHD and as such struggle to concentrate for long periods of time. Therefore, we are particularly proud of them for coping with the demands of completing exams where pupils are required to sit and concentrate for up to two and half hours!

It was a pleasure to see students comparing answers with their peers after each exam.

We are delighted to announce that the coursework from both our food and art classes have been recently assessed, achieving the highest grades yet!

We had a fantastic time celebrating all our pupils' efforts with gourmet pizza at Croma for our leaver's meal on July 5th, followed by an exhilarating experience competing against one another on the Go Karting tracks.

We excitedly await their final GCSE grades in the summer!



100% ATTENDANCE WINNER!



Back in February, we launched our most spectacular attendance competition ever!

It was very close, right up until the final deadline. But we are delighted to share that the winner of our attendance prize was Lennon Stevenson.

Lennon has not missed a single day of school from the middle of February to the end of May, which will no doubt result in excellent academic progress towards his final GCSE results.

He enjoyed a £100 shopping bonanza with Mr Webster at the Arndale Centre. After much indecision, he treated himself to some fabulous new sportswear.

Having shopped 'til they dropped, they devoured a treat lunch out before heading back to school. Well done Lennon, keep up the hard work!



Students take control of their own futures with the Ambition for Achievement programme.



As part of the Ambition for Achievement project, run by Pure Innovations, we were delighted to offer some of our PET students the opportunity to look behind the scenes at Siemens Train Care Facility in Ardwick.

Pure Innovations successfully secured the funding from The Careers and Enterprise Company for a new range of tailored intervention programmes. They aim to:

- * Increase employment aspirations
- * Provide meetings between learners and different employers
- * Develop work-related skills

The students enjoyed finding out about the fascinating job role of a train engineer.



Inside the simulator



Behind the scenes at the Siemens Train Care Facility in Ardwick.

One group of Castlefield students were invited to join the Siemens team to drive the train simulator, which is used to train new employees. They asked insightful questions gaining a better understanding of what it's like to be a train engineer; such as the hours, skills and qualifications required and what individual tasks had to be completed on a day to day basis.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit and the students gained a lot of insight regarding work expectations and goals to aspire to.

We are very proud of our students who all showed great maturity and manners throughout the visit. They were a credit to themselves and to Castlefield Campus.



End of year trip



Staff at Meade Hill School organised an end of year trip to Blackpool and Stanley Hill Farm in Preston for their Year 9 students. Activities included spending a day at the pleasure beach before making their way to luxury camping lodges at Stanley Hill Farm.

In the evening, staff and pupils toasted marshmallows round the camp fire and took part in a mini sports day around the site, before settling down for a good night's sleep.

Students and staff alike thoroughly enjoyed the trip after everyone's hard work over the summer term.

Mr Morrison and Mr Garlick took their class of students to the Peak District, for an enjoyable hike called the 'Pots and Pans'.

It is located just to the west of Dovestone Reservoir, Yeoman Hey Reservoir and Greenfield Reservoir.

The trail took staff and students high up onto the moors with spectacular views, stretching as far as the city of Manchester. The walk also incorporated aspects of history; a very impressive looking monument could be seen from the valley, commemorating Saddleworth's losses in the two World Wars. Close to this was the 'Pots and Pans stone'. It was a very photogenic location with wonderful backdrops of the Peak District Hills.

Pupils walked over 5 miles and had a brilliant day exploring the great outdoors!

A great effort by everyone.

