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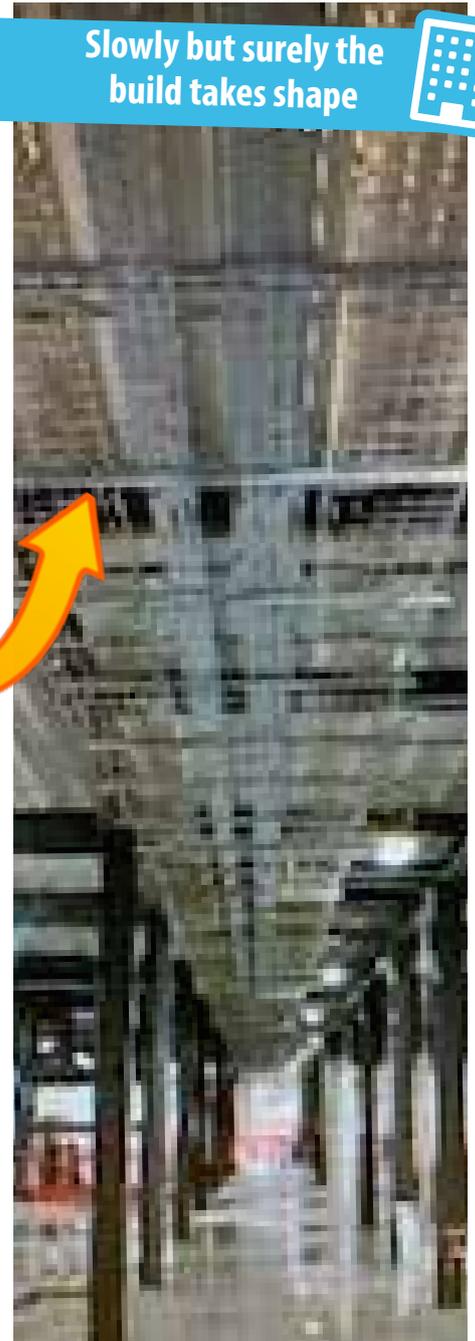
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Building on success

July saw the start of the new exciting development for Endeavour Federation with the build of the new Southern Cross school in Northenden commencing. Work is progressing well and the school, accommodating up to 120 students, will be open in September 2021 to start the new academic year. Pupil's will benefit from a modern high quality designed facility allowing them specialist educational opportunities in a contemporary setting. The school also includes landscaped surroundings to add value to the local area and community. We are very excited for our students and staff and will keep you updated as the build progresses.

Slowly but surely the
build takes shape



All our schools are COVID ready!

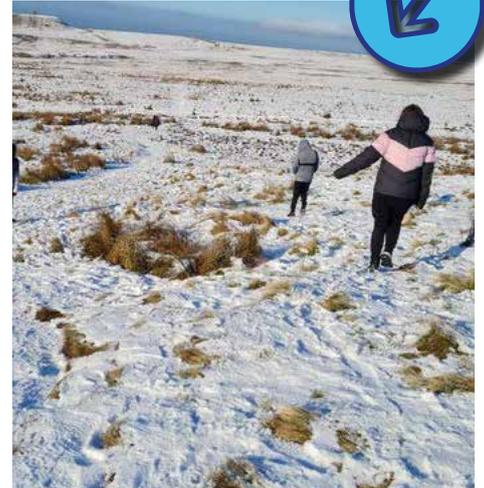
We are now testing staff and pupils weekly to keep the schools as safe as possible and open for all. You can find more information about how pupils will self-administer the test in school on our website under News and Events. It includes how-to guides and a short video from the NHS.





Outdoor activities keep us mentally strong!

Our KS4 class enjoyed a cold but refreshing day out at Rivington Pike as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award! This award involves four main aspects; volunteering, physical activity, developing skills and the final expedition. We believe that The DofE Award offers pupils a whole host of benefits, such as developing a sense of responsibility, self-confidence, new friendships and opportunities to learn new skills. If you are interested in finding out more about this programme please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Year 7 in Action

Our Year 7 class have also been working hard this term! Their recent English lessons have been based around the book 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. The pupils have created lots of fantastic writing such as telling a narrative from a different character's perspective. We also asked students to use adjectives, preposition and similes to make their writing more interesting!



Year 7, Group 2, have also been exploring the topic of Black History Month using the knowledge they have gained about the achievements of African Americans to create a wonderful display of celebrations!

Also, in their science lessons, our Year 7's have been using a Newton meter to measure the forces acting on an object. We used classroom objects, such as pencil cases to calculate the mass weight and extension.



Mindful Art Lessons

Our Year 8 students have been producing some amazing work in their recent art lessons. At the start of the year, they were working hard to understand and develop different tones using a HB graphite pencil. We learnt that one pencil could create a multitude of different tones depending on the pressure and technique.



ART SUCCESS IN COLOUR



We have also experimented with colour using oil pastels. This medium was very different when compared to the graphite pencils we had previously used, but the group got stuck into the new project and created some very colourful designs! Year 8 were fascinated by the work of Sue Brown, a UK artist who uses vitreous enamel and printmaking to tell stories. The class were asked to re-create the work of Sue Brown and the results were very impressive!



A BROAD CURRICULUM IS KEY!



We feel it is crucial to offer all our pupils a broad, yet balanced curriculum in school.

This allows them to learn new skills outside of the compulsory lessons, and gain more opportunities that will impact the rest of their lives. Year 9 enjoyed their first music taster session at the end of January, and have since had another one, learning the guitar.

Our Year 9 students have started to look at the work of Banksy in their art lessons and have produced some fantastic artwork inspired by this British street artist. The pupils were asked to choose one piece of Banksy's work and then use paper and scissors to create a stencil. Once the stencil had been applied to paper, they added detail and text relevant to the piece they had chosen.

Art Attack!



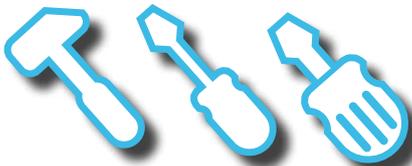
Group 5 loved their enrichment session at the beginning of February! This was a brilliant and fun way of including exercise into their school day.





The road to success is always under construction

We believe that young people should have the opportunity to learn new talents and expertise that will benefit them in their working life. Well done to our Year 11's who have been working hard at their construction skills!



We strive to achieve the Rainbow Flag award!



The staff and students at Castlefield Campus have been working hard alongside The Proud Trust to achieve our Rainbow Flag award this year. The award focuses on positive LGBT+ inclusion and visibility in school as well as developing strategies to challenge and combat LGBT phobic bullying. Students are taking part in lessons celebrating the positive impact made by LGBT+ people and have been inspired to create their own presentations and displays on topics such as LGBT+ activism.

We have also been working to combat LGBT+ bullying through PSHE sessions and through the ideas of our brilliant school council. We also provide regular information about support groups and activities for young LGBT+ people in the local area. Our aim is to ensure that students, staff and parents/carers know that they are part of a supportive and inclusive community. We have passed four out of six sections so we are well on our way to achieving the Rainbow Flag award. We are very proud of the badges we have been awarded so far!





Our Enrichment and Art sessions...



Cooking delicious omelettes and making pizzas from scratch...even the dough!



Designing and creating wire sculptures. Beautiful work, well done Group Pankhurst!

Learning through doing...

Group Beckett



Our enrichment days have involved making pancakes and creating sculptures out of straws!



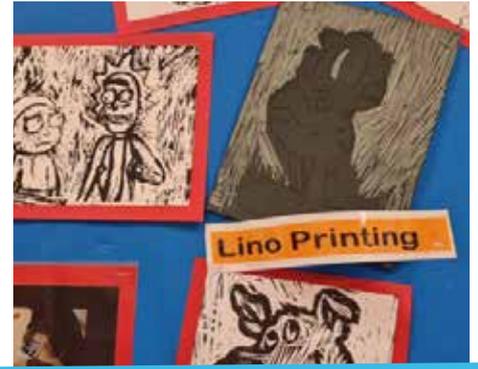
Developing skills outside of compulsory lessons are key for helping pupils think about what they might like to do after their school and educational life. Here is one pupil taking part in a hairdressing training session!



Our students had a lot of fun during this hands-on lesson where they visualised and made nets of 3D shapes! We loved seeing what they had created.



We love to learn in creative ways!



Our pupils created some Lino Prints in a recent art lesson. They needed steady hands and a lot of patience, but the result was amazing! Well done.



We also started our own 3D art projects, crafting various 3D objects and making sure to be extra careful with those hot glue guns!



The group have also been mastering the use of oil pastels and crayons. They used a grid technique to complete these drawings of shoes. They also showed initiative by using their own techniques too! We are very proud of Group Dove as they are producing a lot of great artwork for their project folder!

Time to get cooking!

Group Dove have been making lots of fantastic meals in their food tech lessons this year! They have made beef burgers and sweet potato chips with very little help. They also experimented with the ingredients to make their own sauces.



Some of our Year 10 students have been showing off their baking skills as part of their BTEC qualification. Chef, Karl Jones, joined the class and we are very proud of their progress in their cooking skills!

We have also cooked some delicious South Asian curries! The aroma filling the school kitchen during that lesson was truly mouth-watering!

Our students from Group Dove engaged in their KS4 Science lesson looking at heat transfer and how to speed up an ice cube melting.



Holocaust Memorial Day 2021

Wednesday 27th January marked Holocaust Memorial Day. All our school groups took part in various activities across the day, remembering those who lost their lives to Nazi persecution and genocides across the world.

Group Beckett and Group Ryland spent their lessons learning about Holocaust Memorial Day and engaged in some World War 2 activities. Group Dove learnt about the history of Auschwitz and the Holocaust. Group Pankhurst explored the anti-Jewish laws, which were put in place between 1933 and 1939. Take a look at their work!



Let's put a stop to bullying!

The first week of February was anti-bullying and anti-homophobia week at Meade Hill! In PSHCE, all our groups completed work around these topics and created their own posters to illustrate that any form of bullying will not be accepted in our school.

Here is an amazing class display from Group Beckett! We love the colours and the message it portrays. Some more fantastic poster designs were produced by Group Dove. Well done everyone!



After School Club

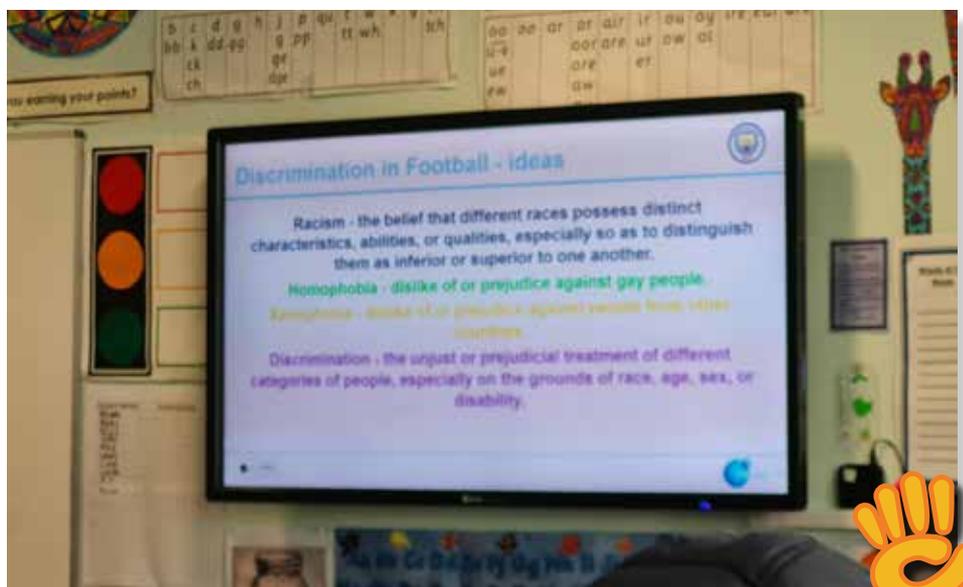
We believe that young people should begin to learn key life skills at school such as learning to cook for themselves and knowing how to make basic meals. We all love a sweet treat every now and then, and some of our pupils have really developed a love for baking!

Therefore Thursday evenings are our after school Cooking and Baking Club where students choose to stay behind after school hours to learn how to bake different cakes and desserts. Look at the results!



Mental Health Awareness Week

The 1st of February brought us Children's Mental Health week! Meade Hill and Southern Cross School were visited by Ollie Murphy, MA Sports Coaching & Development, from City in the Community who delivered a great session around mental health and wellbeing. Pupils from both schools engaged really well.



The following week, we had another insightful session from Ollie. Our students from Meade Hill and Southern Cross School discussed a very important subject - discrimination and how to eliminate racism away from football. We feel it crucial to speak openly about equality and diversity with young people to ensure that

they understand that bullying, or any kind of anti-social behaviour, is not tolerated, and should not be tolerated by them either. We want our pupils to feel comfortable in talking to the staff at any time with issues or concerns they may have.

