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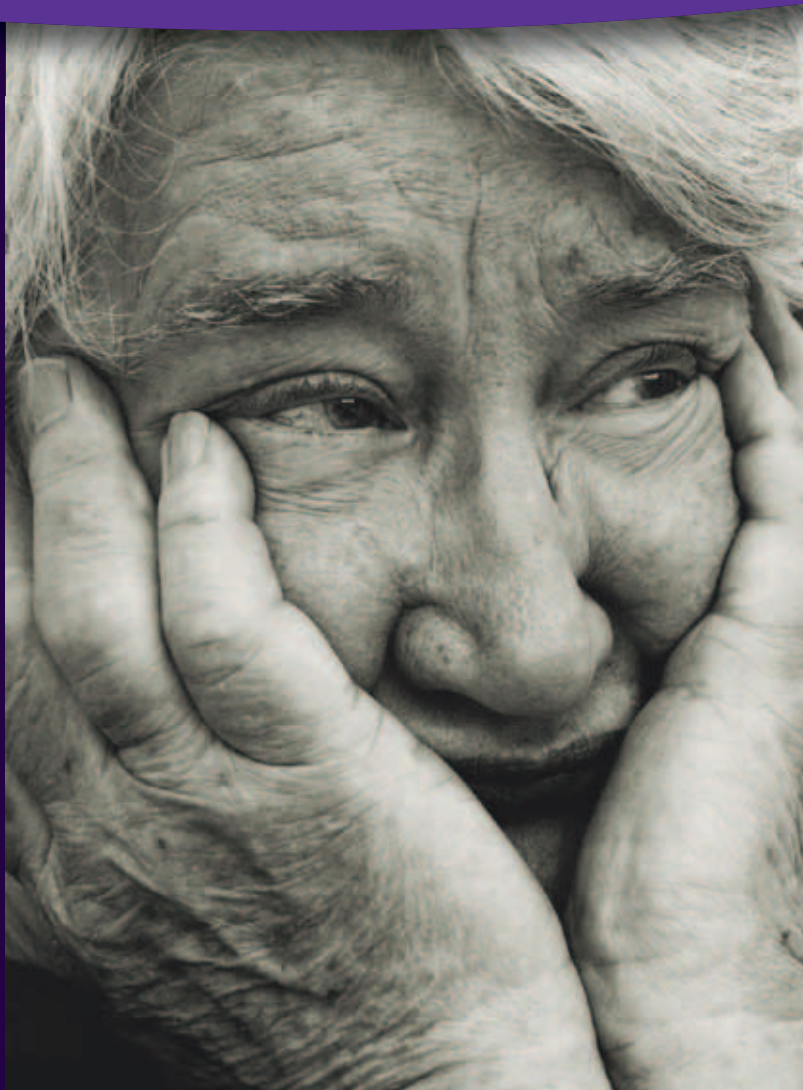
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POST 16 CENTRE WORKSOP

The exam season is over for another year and I would like to congratulate all students and staff on their hard work, both throughout the year and in their final preparations and revision sessions. Our Y13's enjoyed their final celebratory event, particularly the celebration of individual successes and the wonderful instrumental contributions by students.

Students in Y12 have already made a start on their final year as they turn their thoughts to preparing for their chosen progression route next year.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new intake from OAP, OAV and other local schools into the P16 Centre and it was lovely to meet many of them recently for 2 days in P16 on our 'Taster Days'. Results Day in August is the culmination of another exciting year and we are eager to share our students' celebration of their success. Best wishes to all students as they start a new chapter in their lives and a restful summer to all our students in preparation for another excellent year ahead.

Janette Shea
Head of Centre



OUTWOOD ARTIST OF THE YEAR 2022

Janette Shea, Principal of Outwood Post 16 centre presents Amelia Wilson with her Outwood Artist of the Year award.

Over 30 pieces of visual art were submitted from the Post 16 Centre to this National Outwood Competition.

Amelia's photographic portrait of her grandma, was chosen as one of 25 national finalists.

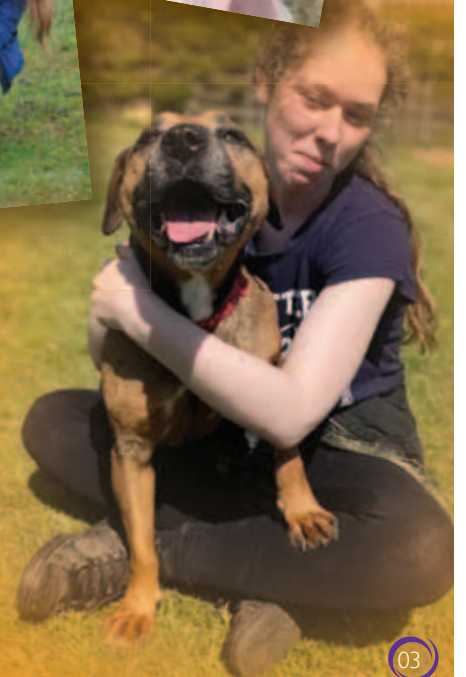
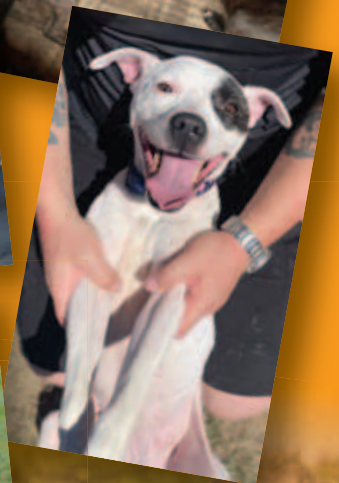
The art of the finalists will be on exhibition at The Hepworth Gallery in Wakefield and an overall winner will be announced on the 30th June 2022.

We would like to wish Amelia good luck and hope she is selected as the national champion!



GOOD LIFE DOG RESCUE

The last charity event for the Academic year at the Post 16 Centre was for a local charity `Good Life Rescue`. This is an amazing charity and especially one close to one of our student Voice Ambassadors Kaisza, as she works hard supporting the charity in a volunteering capacity. Kaisza became involved with the charity last November as her own dog unfortunately went missing and was taken to this very centre. This led her to become eternally grateful on the safe return of her family dog and decided she wanted to pay them back some way, by giving up a lot of her spare time in volunteering at the rescue centre. She has spoken about the overwhelming experience and value she has gained there, welcomed by the staff, dogs and visitors alike.



To raise the funds we had a bake sale along with `Name the Dog` this was a £1 a name and we had 3 winners! of which two of the winning names have already been given the most recently rescued dogs. First prize was a luxury goodie hamper kindly donated by Victoria Brookes-the Community Champion of Morrisons Worksop.

We managed to raise £165! That will be used for future emergency veterinary treatments.

Nacho the staffy mix and Willow the lurcher mix (both female) they're still waiting for a male to come so they can name him Winston!

YEAR 13 CELEBRATION EVENT

On Friday 13th May we celebrated the achievements of our Year 13 students before they started their final examination season at the Post 16 Centre. The students enjoyed complimentary food and soft drinks prior to the presentation.

All students received a Certificate of achievement for completing their studies this academic year. This was especially important to them having studied the majority of their A Levels through the Pandemic.

Each subject area recognised students who were 'Higher Achievers' and 'Most Improved' where students were awarded a certificate and a token gesture gift.

We also celebrated those students who had achieved 100% attendance during their time at the Centre, whether that was attending all online live lessons or face to face lessons when restrictions allowed.





Two additional awards were given this year to the 'Most Influential Students' as voted for by the Year 13 students themselves and a final award for 'Special Achievement for Resilience' was presented.

As part of the ceremony we were also honoured to experience the wonderful talents of two of our A Level Music students who showcased their talents.

The community at Post 16 would like to formally THANK the photographers who kindly volunteered to support with the event. Both year 12 students, Murrey Simmen and Tyler Beardsley who are both currently studying A Level Photography. They did an amazing job and gained valuable experience to support their studies.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

To mark the celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Post 16 Centre displayed commemorative bunting around the top floor. We also showcased an informative display board delivering a wealth of history of the Queen's reign throughout the last 70 years! The whole community got involved as Student Voice designed our very own personalised card signed by students and staff with personal messages of congratulations they wanted to share with her majesty! The feedback within the Centre was wonderful with students expressing their delight with how the Centre looked in readiness for the celebrations ahead.



Duke of Edinburgh

The DofE students within Outwood Post 16, who are completing their Direct Gold Award, were delighted to receive a donation to support students with foods suitable for the outdoor expeditions they undertake.

The support they received from Morrisons, Worksop via Victoria Brooks the Community Champion, is always outstanding with both the events and fundraisers that we celebrate within the Centre.

The photograph below shows another donation to the DofE students to support the students to complete their expeditions.



University of Hull

Our Year 12 students, along with all Year 12 students within Outwood Grange Academies Trust, were invited to attend the University of Hull event, 'This is Hull: Uni Life' on Thursday 23rd June 2022.

This was a fantastic opportunity for all our students to explore a university campus at their leisure and take some time to experience university life the way new undergraduate students do, meet current students and attend a number of events and activities planned by the University.

Not only did students explore university life, they also signed up for faculty sessions, allowing them to get an insight into the subject they are considering studying at university.



Kofi Smiles was Special Guest, and here are his words of encouragement.



Special guest: BBC Radio's Kofi Smiles

When I was at school I liked the idea of university but I couldn't really see myself there. I'm not sure if it was a combination of a lack of encouragement from school teachers and limited course options, or coming from a Ghanaian family with high expectations, but uni just wasn't really on the cards for me.

All that changed when I went to Wilberforce College. The best way I can describe it... is like I was a mutant, lost in the world, and Wilberforce was like Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters. Everyone there was gifted, everyone had talents and we were taught that everyone had what it took to make a difference. And it turned out to be true. I was supported to follow my passion for music, filming, comics and anime, leading me to study a degree in English and Journalism and build a successful career in broadcasting.

University isn't just the pathway to a job for the rest of your life, it is a pathway to preparing for your life.

This is Hull is your chance to explore the student experience. I'm looking forward to meeting you all.

Kofi Smiles

University student ambassadors catered for all our students' needs, from escorting them to/from the collection point, ensuring students were guided to their faculty sessions and answering any questions our students had.

University of Leicester

On Friday 15th July Mike Britland, the newly appointed Year 12 Learning Manager, supported ten of our Post 16 students on a visit to the University of Leicester for the day. This was a truly successful and inspirational day. All the students enjoyed a workshop on 'University Life' and got totally involved. They then were taken on a tour of the campus, which was led by a current University student. This was followed by a valuable Q&A session hosted by the Student Ambassadors. During the day they experienced a one-hour taster session in a subject they might want to study at University.

In addition to this they were privileged to have access to a lot of interesting things, including David Attenborough's childhood home and a Tyrannosaurus skeleton! The students gained valuable experience and knowledge about university life from the trip, the feedback from the students was very positive - particularly for the afternoon seminar and they're all planning to apply to study at university next year.



Megan Entwistle

Year 12

On Saturday 23rd April, I attended a national competitive event called the Drill and Piping Competition held at HMS Raleigh in Torpoint. I competed against 5 other competitors, from 6 other regions. The areas included regions from the Southern, London, South West, North West, Northern, Northern Ireland and Eastern- OUR unit! We were joined with our sister sea cadets units from Scarborough (Continuity), Lincoln (Unarmed Guard), Wakefield (individual piper and team piper), Nothampton (armed Guard) and Sheffield (RMC Guard).

I was honoured to be nominated for the 'IC' role- the person in command, within the Colour Party.

At the awards, the results revealed very clearly the Eastern region had been recognised for having the best team spirit, as everytime our region was awarded a place we would ALL cheer and chant 'Eastern' or 'Easteren Region is the biggest everywhere you go' everyone in our region received a medal.

Previously in 2019, I also competed at the National and we secured 3rd place that year. So when the final results were announced and we had achieved 2nd place for 2022, the Eastern region was identified as the overall winner of the National Drill and Piping Competition. This was a great achievement and we were all extremely happy receiving this, considering 3 years ago we were not awarded with as many trophies and medals as we did this year.

Congratulations Megan from all of us at The Post 16 Centre!

