

Draycott Moor College SLT

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Draycott welcomes a new Head Teacher



This term, Draycott Moor College has welcomed Nick Brennan as its new Head Teacher. Nick has been working in Education for 25 years. Most recently he was the Head Teacher of a school with 1200 students. Nick brings with him a wealth of knowledge about educational settings and is looking forward to the challenge of leading the staff team at Draycott Moor College.

Nick has already established a clear Vision, Mission and Values statement.

Vision—“To create an aspirational community where every child is valued and receives high quality care and education in a welcoming and safe environment.”

Mission—“We support young people to flourish and prepare them for adult life and work.”

Values—“Collaborative, dependable, inspiring, compassionate.”

“A high quality education is the key to unlocking the future of our students. At Draycott Moor every member of staff is determined to help each student maximise their potential.”

Staff and students enjoy Christmas panto



Just before Christmas, a group of staff and students travelled into Stoke to watch a performance of the yearly Pantomime. This year it was 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

Trip organiser Sarah Bateman commented "Everybody enjoyed themselves and had a great time. The students were very well behaved and it was a lovely way to end the Winter term."

"Enrichment trips such as this are an essential part of the ethos of Draycott Moor College" remarked John Clamp (Assistant Head) "We want our students to have enjoyable and meaningful encounters outside of the school where they can flourish and prepare themselves for adult life."

"I really enjoyed myself" reflected a student "I like the trips we go on and we all had a good laugh at the jokes in the panto."



Poetry from the Nurture Room Winter

I pulled the curtains back and looked out of the window,
My hot breath on the glass made it steam up,
Excited, I got dressed and ran outside,
The crunching of the snow under my feet,
My nose is ice cold,
I looked up and the grey sky is scattering small snowflakes.



Draycott Moor Fakeaway Food Tech!

In Food Tech this term the students have recreated a KFC meal which included a Zinger Burger, Cookies, Fries, Corn and Chocolate Cookies. Skills they practiced whilst making the meal included frying, coating and design and technology skills.



The students loved sampling their finished product and have since placed requests for other fake away dishes.

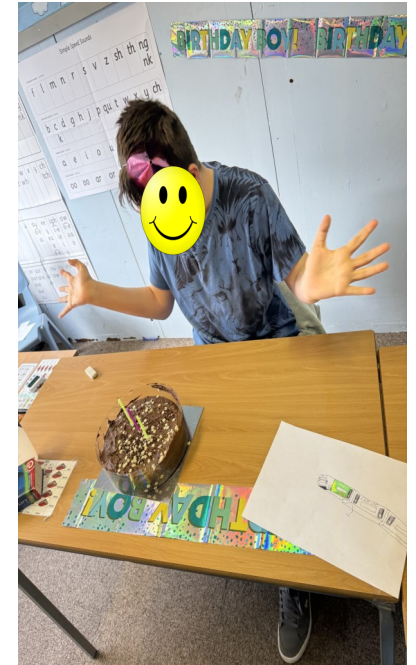


Celebrating a birthday at Draycott

One of our young people recently celebrated his birthday in our nurture group.

The students helped him mark this occasion by planning and preparing a small party for him.

This included preparing party



food and games for his whole group to participate in.

"I had a great day" he said afterwards.



Students visit local church and learn about history of the area



Many thanks to the custodians of the church for allowing our students access.



Draycott Moor College 2nd Highest Scoring SEN School in England



In a recent competition on the popular Times Tables Rockstars (used by 100's of schools across the country) Draycott Moor's students showed off their maths skills achieving a score that placed them as the 2nd best SEN school in England.

"It was a great effort and all the students that took part worked really hard" stated the Sarah Cooper (maths instructor).



Post 16 studies at Draycott Moor gets a strong start.

Draycott's first Post 16 cohort has had a strong start to the year.

They have been cultivating herbs and researching a personal career pathway working towards a Gateway qualification.

They have also had some work experience in the school kitchen.



Students gain work experience in school kitchen



Students have been spending time with the school cook to gain an insight into the world of work.

They have helped prepare, cook and clean up after school meals at lunchtime.

"They have done a great job" commented the school cook.



Could you talk to our students about your career?

Do you know someone that could discuss what they do for a living?

Do you know somewhere which might give one of our students some work experience?

We are always looking for people to help educate our students about the world of work.

Please get in touch at draycottoffice@horizoncare.co.uk or 01782 399849.



Dinosaurs come to Draycott

Students have been studying a non fiction text about Dinosaurs in English during lessons over the last half term.

One student took this a step further and has been building his own Dinosaur habitat.

He has made an ecosystem including flora and fauna and model Dinosaurs to inhabit it.

"I really enjoyed myself and am proud of the work I have done" he commented.

Using a creative curriculum to capture and keep the attention of students is a key element of lessons at Draycott.