

DRAYCOTT MOOR CHRONICLE

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Draycott Moor College is a small school with an enormous heart.

The school is a calm, orderly and welcoming environment, full of happy, smiling staff and pupils.

Pupils thrive here because of the level of care and support they receive.

Staff are listened to and heard, being active contributors to the continuing development of this exciting school.

Staff are very knowledgeable about how to help pupils understand and improve their behaviour.

Staff take time to understand pupils. They understand their needs and ambitions. This was illustrated beautifully by one pupil telling inspectors, 'I like it here because this school knows me.'

All from OFSTED May 13-15

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We are delighted to inform you that Draycott Moor College has retained its 'Good' judgement by Ofsted in our latest inspection (May 13-15).

There has been a lot of hard work behind the scenes to maintain this 'good' judgement, and we are thrilled that the hard work of our staff and students has been recognised. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating everyone at our school.

You can access the report in full at <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/27/133989>

Or via our website: <https://www.horizoncare.co.uk/schools/welcome-to-draycott-moor-college/>

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Hooked on Calm

At Draycott Moor College, taking students fishing has become more than just a day out—it's a therapeutic tool that brings real benefits to our SEMH learners. The quiet, natural setting provides a peaceful escape from daily pressures, allowing students to reset, reflect, and regulate their emotions.

Fishing teaches patience, resilience, and focus—skills that are often challenging but crucial for our students' personal growth. Whether it's the thrill of a catch or the calm of the water, the experience builds confidence, encourages positive social interaction, and supports mental wellbeing in a way that few classroom activities can.



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Meet Coco the Axolotl



This year, students at Draycott Moor College have taken on the unique and rewarding responsibility of caring for our school axolotl—and the impact has been remarkable. For our SEMH learners, nurturing an animal like an axolotl offers more than just curiosity—it supports emotional regulation, responsibility, and daily routine.

Watching the axolotl grow, feed, and explore its tank creates a calming focus for students, encouraging moments of quiet reflection and mindfulness. Caring for the creature also fosters empathy and promotes a strong sense of achievement and pride. It's a gentle but powerful reminder of the value of patience, consistency, and kindness—essential life skills for all our young people.



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Students on 'Gold Reward' Trip to Local Ski Centre



They then
created their own
game of 'Rugby
Tennis.'



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Royal County Cheshire Show

2025



A brief review by one of our students: "I personally enjoyed the animals and all the free merchandise. My favourite item I picked up was the Mercedes cap, there was lots of big machinery and tractors where you could test drive. In the main arena there was a 'stunt' men show, where they were jumping motor cross bikes over cars however it was very underwhelming and there seemed to be some false advertising with the website stating there will be fire tricks that were nowhere to be seen."



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Horizon Blocks therapy at Draycott



taking, listening, problem-solving, and teamwork. Led by trained staff and supported by Horizon's Therapeutic Services team, the programme provides a calm, structured space for



Horizon-Blocks is a new therapeutic initiative launched across Horizon schools. Delivered through weekly group sessions, students work together to build with blocks while developing key social and communication skills such as turn-



students—particularly those with SEMH needs—to grow confidence, build peer relationships, and develop emotional resilience through purposeful play.



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Student visit to Peak Wildlife Park

After a successful period on Works experience at Peak Wildlife one of Draycott's students wanted to give a guided tour to his classmates.

The students appreciated the insights their guide gave and delighted in the chance to pet the various animals at the Park.



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Harriers visit to Nantwich bookshop and coffee lounge



The students all chose their own book and we had a lovely time reading them in the bookshop. This was a great experience for all the students.



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Police Community Support Officer visits Draycott Moor



As part of our developing career program, that sits alongside our mission of preparing our students for adult life, the Staffordshire PCSO visited Draycott to talk to students.

His talk covered how to keep

safe, recognising risks and warning signs and who and where students can go to get help if they need it.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the session and were very interested in the PCSOs role in the community.



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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.

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