

# Denewood Academy

## Parent and Carer Newsletter—Autumn 23



### Principal's Message

*I'm proud to introduce you to the first Denewood Newsletter!*

*Our termly letter will update you with the wonderful experiences our pupils have had the opportunity to be part of and provide you with a flavour of Denewood life.*

*This year, the Academy has expanded its number of onsite places to 50 with a dedicated Engagement Coach with each group. We continue to work with over 17 fantastic alternative providers all of which are dedicated to providing an engaging curriculum that supports **Learning for Life**.*

*This term has seen a whole wealth of exciting activities happen at the school with some amazing achievements. I hope you enjoy reading about these as much as I do.*

*As ever, we continue to value your support and look forward to working together to ensure your child is happy, attends school and achieves their full potential.*

**Krissy Higginson**

### Highlights reel



AP Football Tournament. More than 80 young people took part in this annual event



Children in Need PJ Day— we raised £95 for the charity.

# Autumn at Denewood onsite

## Curriculum

This term, KS2 delved into the theme 'Invasion History'. This included lessons on Anglo Saxon Poetry, Arts & crafts, various foods and looking at an interconnected world. The topics were based upon the termly theme. Pupils also had the opportunity to go swimming visit The National Space Centre and attend bike maintenance sessions.



In KS3 we looked at aspirational stories in English. We also worked on our comprehension, spelling and grammar skills. In Maths, we re-enforced basic numeracy skills including factors and prime numbers. In Science, we learnt about cells and organisation as well developing our practical scientific skills. We focussed on E-Safety during Computing and understanding where technology came from. In PSHE, we celebrated who we are and our differences. We investigated formal elements in Art and looked at WW2 in History. We also developed some new skills through climbing and massage lessons.



Pupils also had chance to visit the Ben Kinsella exhibition, experience a drone flying workshop and enjoy a trip to the pantomime.

## Personal development



Some fantastic activities and events took place this term including the Walesby residential and a visit to The Nottingham Police HQ. We also had one talented Year 9 enter the Future Chef Competition where his 'Bangin' Jo Jo Potatoes' were given a special mention.

## Rewards and trips

Pupils continued to work hard to achieve 80% or above on Classroom Dojo. KS2 celebrated their success with a trip to Heavenly Desserts.



KS3 pupils had a range of rewards on offer:

Bronze-70%- Games

Silver-80% - Cinema club

Gold-90% - Winter Wonderland Ice-skating

All pupils with over 80% top scorers were also entered into a Prize draw to win £20 Love to Shop vouchers sponsored by Now Education. Congratulations to our 10 winners.



# Provider Spotlight - Crisp Vocational

## Website link — [Crisp Vocational Provision](#)

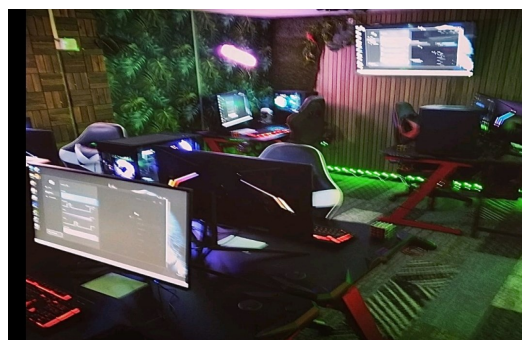
This term, Unity pupils from CRISP Vocational Provision were given an incredible opportunity to take part on an outward bound course in Aberdovey in Wales. Under extreme weather conditions, the pupils battled their way through various



There was a range of activities offered which included – power boat jumps, abseiling, cold water swims, trapeze jump and a 14km expedition. This provided pupils with an unforgettable life experience and contributed to their Duke of Edinburgh award which is delivered as part of the curriculum offer to pupils. This opportunity reinforces the Trust values (Confidence, Challenge, Curiosity, Character, Creativity) as well as developing resilience and social skills which are vital for providing lifelong learning that will prepare them for their future. We are incredibly proud of our pupils for accepting and completing this challenge and thank you

## What is new @ Crisp Vocational

Introducing the first E-Sports provider in the network to offer E-Sports as part of their curriculum and qualification offer!



Check out the new 'Careers pod' at Crisp. Their careers leader has already held 1:1 sessions with pupils to help secure a POST 16 destination!

## Christmas @ Crisp

As well as making decorations in the workshops, pupils, staff, parents and schools have come together to enjoy a Christmas meal together which was prepared and served by pupils and staff!



# Useful information

## Education Placement Team

The Academy has an Education Placement team who you would have met with when your child first joined the Academy. If at any time you want to discuss your child's placement with us, please contact the Education Placement Team Manager—Sarah Williams—[S.Williams@denewood.raleightrust.org](mailto:S.Williams@denewood.raleightrust.org) / 0115 9151336

## Term dates

Academic year term dates—we follow Nottingham City Council—please take note of any inset days your child provider is taking—[School Term Dates and Holidays - Nottingham City Council](#)

## Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of free school meals for your child—please regularly check your emails before each school holiday as we provide a supermarket voucher for the school holiday period. You can also access free holiday and activity programmes for your child. Please contact the Academy office if you have not received these; [enquiry@denewood.raleightrust.org](mailto:enquiry@denewood.raleightrust.org)

## Academy website

Our Academy website continues to be updated. We have lots of useful information for parents and carers on our website—particularly on our safeguarding and careers pages. [Home - Denewood \(raleightrust.org\)](#)

## What you say...



*"I wasn't sure if I could do it...but I did...it was great, I loved it" (Year 8 Pupil at Walesby)*



*"Denewood is the best thing to have happened to my child . Thank you." (Year 9 Parent)*

*"Teachers really listen to what I say. I never had that before" (Year 7 Pupil)*



*"I never received any positive calls before he came to Denewood. Thank you for helping him."(Year 6 Parent)*

*Thank you for your comments, they mean the world to us.*