



DAE Studio Newsletter

June/July 2018

Celebration Awards June/July 2018

Principal's Award –

In recognition of sustained progress across the curriculum.
Dan Hodson Year 10 for flourishing in confidence.

Last Month's Token winners –

(Tokens are awarded for displaying entrepreneurial attributes)

Year 9 –

Year 10 –

6th Form –

Literacy Champion – Jess Jones (Y10)

Numeracy Champion – Emma Holmes (Y9) Ben Lancelot (Y9) Louis Wells (Y10)

Science Champion – Julia Cougill (Y9)

Digital Champion – Lydia Taylor (Y10)

Care Sector Champion – Kayleigh Duffy (Yr9)

In our Personal, Social and Health Education this month we have been thinking about...

For the 100th anniversary of women's' votes discussing whether the Suffragettes would be happy with our current parliament. Would they feel that all their efforts and sacrifices were worth it?

We have also been looking at how the World Cup in Russia may help with the delicate relationships between Russia and the rest of the world; helping trade and easing political differences.....and obviously hoping that England win!

Dear Parents,

As we come to the close of the academic year I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic summer, however you might be planning to holiday. We have had a busy final term and have enjoyed numerous events that are highlighted in the newsletter, I hope you enjoy reading about the varied tasks and activities our students have been involved in. I do need to mention the recent Year 11 prom as it was such a fantastic event. Students not only looked incredible but conducted themselves with professionalism and maturity and made us all very proud. We now look ahead to results day with great anticipation. The next academic year starts with induction day on the 4th September, personalised appointment times are being distributed over the summer break via post and email. We look forward to seeing our students return in the next academic year and wish you all a safe summer break.

As always, if you are happy with the Studio provision or have a request for how we could develop further please do not hesitate to get in touch. My email address is colin.grand@daestudio.biz. Thank you for your continued support.

Colin Grand, Principal

Year 11 Prom Foxfields Country Hotel



Sixth Formers Film Production

Sixth formers will be working on a professional film production over the summer. The short film has been written by Mr Feast & Mr Woodward and stars Downton Abbey's Matt Milne.

Set during the industrial revolution the film follows two gravediggers who are hired to bury a mysterious trunk. Students have been involved in the production of props for the set and will gain valuable experience of the film industry over the summer break when filming commences. The film will be screened during the studio's annual film festival in October.



Year 9 Maths Fun

In Maths, Year 9's have taken part in an end of term origami activity. They were set the task of folding paper squares to make a Columbus cube, then challenged to build a tower with their cubes. The tallest being seven cubes high – well done Jamie!



Cardiff Trip to the National Food Power Conference

Four of our Food Power Task Group were excited to travel to Cardiff with Miss Masterson (Health and Social/Childcare Teacher). We are incredibly proud of Charlotte Ratcliffe, Corey McPartland, Tia Clarke and Elle McGlone who had the amazing opportunity and experience of travelling to Cardiff for two days to represent the school and co-facilitate workshops at the National Food Power Conference. They collaborated with officials and presented to senior policy makers and alliance groups. They were so fantastic that visitors suggested they have a career in politics! A big round of applause to all those involved.



Weekly work-placements

As the academic year comes to an end we'd like to congratulate our students who have done an amazing job attending their weekly work-placements and building their employability skills. As a result, our students gain a competitive advantage to help with future careers. One employer commented: *'your student is a breath of fresh air and actively gets involved in all that we do. They are a pleasure to have in our work-place and we look forward to working with the school next year'*. Well done to the sixth form students who continue their weekly work-placements – keep up the great work .

Childcare Work-placements



We cannot thank Ashleigh Pre-School, especially Carol and Ann for allowing our year 9 & 10 students to run activities with the children on a weekly basis. We are very proud of the work that Annalise Bentley, Louise Bell, Kayleigh Duffy and Elle McGlone have carried out throughout the year, well done girls. Feedback from the staff about how the students have

performed has been fantastic and we wish the Ashleigh Pre-School all the very best for their retirement / new jobs.

Food Power Task Group

The Food Power task group have been extremely busy attending meetings with Alliance partners, raising awareness for the work they are doing and making a difference in the community. We are delighted that several of our students have volunteered to take part in the Summer Lunchbox scheme, hosted by the Children's Centres. These students will be running a range of activities to exchange children and their families and we very much look forward to hearing about their successes when we return in September.

In addition, our Food Power Task group hosted and ran the first steering meeting which involved students from other schools in the area. This is a fantastic opportunity for children and young people to get their voices heard and make a positive impact on an issue that is impacting the lives of young people across the UK.

Award winning International Film Director

We are delighted to announce that Aaron Dunleavy, award winning, International Film Director, interviewed and filmed our Food Power Task group. He then produced a short film on the views of those students involved in the project. This powerful film was showcased at the National Food Power Conference in Cardiff and has been shown to all Alliance partnerships throughout the UK. Without doubt it has raised the profile of those students involved, promoted the value of the school and the work we do and firmly put Darwen on the map!. We would strongly recommend you to view the film which will be highlighted on our website.



Involving Experts by Experience



Trailblazer Programme Continues

Students from Health & social care have continued to take part in a voluntary project called Trailblazer run by Nightsafe. This is an exciting pilot to prevent young people from becoming homeless by teaching them essential life skills. The students who have taken part are extremely positive about the difference being made to their confidence and employability skills. Well done to all those involved.

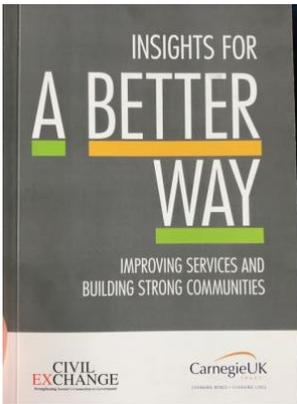
Healthwatch

Abbie Kearney who is currently on placement at Healthwatch Blackburn recently took part in a Thrive workshop on how to improve mental health services. We are very proud of the input that Abbie shared and as a result of her professionalism she has been invited to attend future meetings. Well done Abbie.

Fixers – Children’s Future Food Inquiry

As poverty is a growing concern in the UK, Parliament have commissioned an inquiry on how food poverty affects young people and seconded Fixers as the organisation tasked with obtaining views from young people across the UK. Several schools from the local area were invited to our school and our Food Power Task Group did a sterling job of hosting and facilitating workshops alongside Fixers. Fixer’s staff were so impressed with our students’ performance; they have invited two of our students to present the findings of the report to Westminster. This is a massive achievement we are extremely proud of. Congratulations and very well done to the Food Power Task Group.

Better Way



Another achievement for our students and raising the profile of the school is a recent interview that was featured in 'A Better Way, Improving Services and Building Strong Communities', hosted by the think tank Civil Exchange who work in partnership with the Carnegie UK Trust. As an expert by experience, Tia Clarke's interview was published as part of a case study by Simon Shaw. News of the great work that our students do for their communities is most definitely spreading and we are extremely proud of our task group.

Year 12 Graphics Students

Our talented and creative sixth form graphics students, supported by Mr Irwin, were commissioned by Nightsafe to produce promotional materials to raise awareness of the Darwen Food Larder in conjunction with Nightsafe, a local charity which supports homeless young people. We are excited to see the designs produced and the final ones the client will select. A big thanks to all those students involved.

Narrative piece from GCSE English



Using the image as inspiration, Ebony planned and wrote her own response. She has now realised that she still has the skills for creative writing - Ebony had her work published at primary school and I am sure that she will develop her work even further – just for the love of it!

Taken by Ebony

This wasn't the first time this had happened to her...months before she was robbed in a nearby car park and left for dead. He had warned her he would be back for everything including them...

Before she had realised, she was walking through the car park where the attack had taken place. Overwhelmed with anxiety, she decided to take another way home but as she walked through the lifeless underground car park she could hear faint footsteps gaining on her. Every time she turned there was nothing there. Her nerves became more on edge with each footstep she heard.

As she neared the end of the car park the steps got louder. She could feel someone breathing down her neck – her hairs rose up in fear. In that split second her quick decision of walking the other way might had potentially got her killed

She felt the tip of the gun at the back of her head...she knew it might be the end.

Her screams echoed like thunder through the car park.

This was the last time this had happened to her...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th form results day Thursday 16th August 9:30am
GCSE results day Thursday 23rd August 9:30am
Last Day Of Term- Thursday 19th July 2018 Students finish-Tuesday 17th July 2018 12:30pm
Induction Day- Tuesday 4th September (appointments times to follow in the post over summer)
Full Timetable Begins- Wednesday 5th September 2018

UPDATING SCHOOL RECORDS

Please keep school informed of any chronic or short-term medical condition which may affect your child, especially asthma. If your child does suffer from asthma, it is recommended that your child always keeps a spare inhaler (named) in school at all times.

It is also extremely important that you let the office know if you have changed any contact numbers or moved house. It is vital that telephone numbers for all contacts are kept updated so that we can contact you should we need to, especially in an emergency.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Email addresses - We email out the newsletter to parents every month. Please ensure we have your correct email address to make sure you receive it and other information.

Punctuality - Please ensure your child is in school by 8:55am. Students can enter the Studio from 7:45am where we provide a free tea & toast breakfast.

Term time holidays – Please avoid taking holidays during term time, we are unable to authorise such holidays.

Reporting absence – Absences must be reported to school by 9:15am 01254 819567.

Studio app - You can keep up to date with information about the Studio through our app. To download the app, search for Darwen Aldridge Enterprise Studio in your device's app store or scan the QR code below.



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