



College Newsletter

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Communication skills

Kate's Corner



Hello everyone,

My name is Kate Henty and I am the new Assistant Head at Great Oaks leading on post-16. The last three weeks have flown by! I have been made to feel so welcome by all the young people, parents and staff on site and am thrilled to be part of this community!

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Transport over the first couple of weeks was tricky at times but it has been wonderful to see how calm our young people have been, and how well they have settled into college. I am looking forward to this next year, meeting more parents and being part of all the exciting opportunities that our young people get.

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Have a great weekend, Kate

Student Section: Student Editors Interview of Kate



- What is your favourite film?
The Blindsight
- What is your favourite food?
Thai food
- What is your favourite landmark?
Swanage beach
- What is your favourite game?
UNO
- What are you looking forward to in college?
Avon Tyrrell residential
- What is your job in the school?
Assistant headteacher
- Have you got any hobbies?
Walking the dog, Dell
- What is your favourite tv programme?
Helicopter heroes and GP behind closed doors
- What is your favourite band?
Snow patrol
- What are the positives of Great Oaks College?
Friendly staff and young people and classrooms on a farm

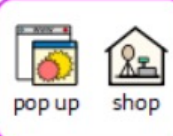
Skills Builder Challenge

Listening

Listen to people talking to each other.

Listen to the people around you talking to each other - perhaps your friends or family. Observe the conversation and listen for when someone interrupts.

Extension: Why did they interrupt? Was it for a positive or negative reason? How do you know?



hosts: F16 time: 10-2
Tuesday 26th September
Wednesday 27th September

The College pop-up shop is based at Flourish in Marlands Shopping Centre, SO14 7SJ



F16 have enjoyed doing some Maths work this week – we are very impressed by Alex’s number knowledge!



A16 practised their employability skills this week by sorting and delivering the college food shop. Ben, Kaunen and Chardonnay collected the items and divided them between all the classes in the college. They did a great job and worked really well as a team. Vinnie and Carolina prepared healthy snacks for the Games Café on Tuesday afternoon. Ben organised the games and enjoyed socialising with his class and M16.

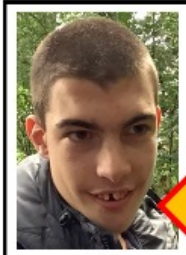
D16 have settled well into our new classroom. This week we have enjoyed painting, baking cookies, and sensory exploration relating to this year's theme 'Going for Gold'.



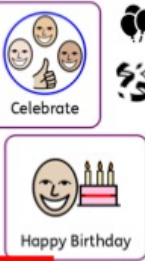
Diary Dates

**Thursday 2nd
November**

**Futures Fayre
at West Oaks
(Vermont Close)
More details to
follow soon**



Ben



M16 kick started the year off with getting to know each other, we did some art and started to work together to help each other. Some of us did woodwork and we were using parts of our body to measure different objects around the room

This week M16 have had a wet trip to the farm, we spoke about what the animals ate and their environment, we also learnt about all different types of birds.

M16 have also been creative and have been decorating a desk and even a window! Using finger motor skills ripping some special paper and using mod podge glue to stick it to both desk and window!

