



I would like to thank all the pupils, parents and carers who have made this year so positive. It has been a challenging time for all with national lockdowns, isolation and bubbles closing. I know you would agree and support me when I say a huge thank you to all the academy staff for their hard work and efforts during this academic year. I would like to wish all the Y11 pupils the best of luck in the next step of their life journey and please keep us updated with your progress in the up and coming years. I would also like to ask all pupils to continue their positive approach to learning and maintaining positive relationships with their peers and staff. Have a great summer break, Mr T. England— Headteacher AVESC

Bennerley pupils and their visit to Baby People Studios

Alfie, Caiden and PJ from Bennerley site had the opportunity to spend a morning at Baby People Studios in Derby. Baby People is a music and arts development organisation, the UK's first dedicated Hip Hop school which uses art and culture to engage and support the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities. The project the pupils completed was called 'Song For You'. The project involved pupils answering questions about how they had handled the pandemic over the last year and were asked to write lyrics about their experiences. The pupils' poetry from recent English lessons supported them to develop the lyrics for their collaborative rap. The pupils really got engaged with the project and, after two hours, they had already written and recorded a song. They also got the chance to see how a recording studio operates and be part of the music production process. It was really rewarding to see the children's confidence grow throughout as well as their pride and sense of achievement when they heard the final recording.

"I really enjoyed that we were able to make our song from scratch and I had the opportunity to play on the piano. Everything was prepared and well organised for us when we arrived. The atmosphere in the studio was nice and there were all sorts of things on the walls to look at."

Alfie

"I enjoyed looking around the studio as there was art everywhere. I was a bit scared at the start after finding out we were going to be stood on our own in the studio but in the end it was okay and I think it has helped to increase my confidence too."

Caiden

"I had tons of fun"

PJ



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Mindfulness at Bennerley



As part of the academy's Mindfulness week pupils were supported to engage in some mindfulness strategies

outside. Pupils were guided through breathing exercises, centring and awareness of the environment. The pupils did well and this experience was in addition to the time pupils spend in nature while on Outdoor Education and the Bennerley gardening programme.



"It was relaxing and calming." PJ

"It's absolutely amazing" Braeden

"I really enjoy it! I like it because it is fun and you get to try different activities. My favorite is abseiling at the bridge. Its made me more confident." Alex

"I love outdoor ed its brilliant I have lots of fun I have learnt new skills. Good activities and its fun with my friends every week." Jamie

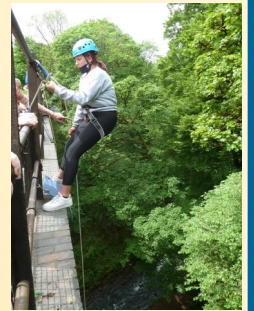
"I really enjoy the activities it changes every week. I have learnt lots of skills. I learn new things every week. Its challenging and I enjoy being with staff and peers." Alfie

"The gorge walking competition was fun" Cameron

Outdoor Education

Since the easing of lockdown restrictions on 12th April 2021, Outdoor Education has been permitted to continue.

So far, the activities in the Peak District has involved; Climbing at Harborough



Rocks and Abseiling off Millers Dale bridge. It provides the pupils with a fantastic opportunity to socially develop by working in teams to overcome fears and achieve something they did not think they could do.

Pupils worked together to belay their peers while they climbed. Safety was very important so belayers had to keep hold of the rope and communicate to the climber. The weather was very mixed for each class group that went up to Harborough Rocks. One group experienced, rain, sun, wind, hail and lightening in one hour!

Currently classes are abseiling off a bridge at Millers Dale, many overcoming their fear of



heights to rappel the 85 foot drop over the River Wye!

"At the start of the year I felt a little worried about outdoor education after hearing about all the things you do but each time we go I really enjoy it and it has boosted my confidence so much. I really enjoyed rock climbing but was really scared when it came to abseiling. Luckily Mr Hardy and Mr Atkinson were able to tandem abseil with me so I was still able to have a go." Elliott

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Alternative Provision

Janine, APT lead has been busy monitoring the quality of our Alternative Providers that we commission for our pupils. She had an interesting day Kayaking with the REAL Adventure crew and was lucky enough to visit the brand new facilities at Pleasley Landmarks that REAL Sport have moved in to. They now have a fully equipped air-conditioned gym and can offer a range of sports on site such as football, dodgeball and badminton. The sport team take the day very seriously in terms of health and enjoy planning nutritious meals for our active pupils. Slow cooked chicken and rice wraps was on the menu last week.

Ash at work in the gym

At REAL Horticulture in Mansfield staff and pupils have been busy planting flower containers from what they had grown from seeds to make the site look summery.



Ash at work in the gym



Ali and Claire staff at Horticulture



Adam taking part in kayaking at Real Adventure

ALTERNATIVE PROVISION: KEYWORKER SUPPORT

Pupils attending Alternative Provision are allocated a Key Worker who supports them through their education. Here are some quotes taken from our pupils about their experiences whilst attending the Academy.

"The staff are really friendly and helpful and give you lots of support."

"I have enjoyed my time at AVESC and get a lot of support from my keyworker. I enjoy the 1:1 sessions as they are specific to me. I really like the provisions I attend."

"My keyworker has been supporting me with my education and wellbeing. I am currently attending boxing classes and learning car mechanics. I feel I can ask my keyworker for support and help and discuss any issues I am having. Overall, my keyworker has been very supportive and encouraged me to commit to my learning."

YEAR 11 LEAVERS

We would like to wish our year 11 pupils all the very best for the futures beyond APT. Keyworkers will still be in contact with any pupils who do not have employment or training in place for September.

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Kirk Hallam Site: A taste of Latin America



As part of our South American topic this term, in KS3 on Tuesday 4th May we sampled some foods from South America.

The pupils tried quinoa from Venezuela, sweet potato mash from Brazil, pineapple from Peru, empanadas from Argentina, avocado from Colombia, Brazil nuts from Bolivia and nachos and guacamole from Mexico (no double dipping as per COVID).

The pupils really enjoyed experiencing foods from other cultures. Jack who's never experienced this type of food before, ate everything to the point that he turned into a young Oliver Twist; 'Please Sir, can I have some more?' Jack with excitement explained he was going home to ask his mum if she could buy some quinoa and avocado to have for his tea one evening.

Bethany wrote: The avocado looked like an apple slice. The avocado tasted bland with an earthy after taste, I liked the taste of it. 10/10

Zaine explained that being able to buy these foods in our supermarket shows we live in a diverse nation.





Kirk Hallam Site: Wellbeing Week

On Wednesday 12th May as part of mental health week all the Kirk Hallam morning pupils went on a well-being walk along the picturesque Nutbrook Trail up to the Ilkeston Recreation Ground. The walk was a pleasant morning even though the weather wasn't pleasant. During the walk the weather brightened to match our moods and coats were briskly removed. Whilst at the Ilkeston Rec, we all had a lovely snack (chocolate biscuit) and played on the park.

The Key Stage 2 pupils very much enjoyed playing with the Key Stage 3 pupils. The older boys took great pleasure in assisting the younger pupils on the zip line. The pupils behaved impeccably well out in the community and really did represent the Academy with respect and dignity.





Kirk Hallam Site: Pyjamarama

On Friday 14th of May, the KS2 class participated in Pyjamarama. This involved the pupils and adults attending school in their pyjamas and bringing their favourite teddy with them. Pyjamarama is a mass-participation fundraising initiative by BookTrust in England and Northern Ireland, where pupils wear their pyjamas for a day whilst celebrating bedtime stories through a host of fun activities. Pyjamarama will help to make sure every pupil gets a bedtime story.

We started the morning with a fashion show to show off our pyjamas and teddies. We then created some book bunting to decorate our classrooms which showed off our favourite characters. We then completed a book character wordsearch as well as designing our own pyjamas and bookmarks.

Throughout the day we also wrote a bedtime story as a class called Rocko's Amazon Adventure. We carefully planned what we wanted our story to be about, we then wrote the beginning of our story together before splitting into two groups to write the middle and ending. Finally, we edited our bedtime story before Miss Clarke wrote it up for us.



Rocko's Amazon Adventure

Deep in the Amazon Rainforest, there was a powerful, chocolate- loving sloth, who was drinking out of the river he had turned into chocolate milkshake! His name is Choco!

Choco has a long, bulky body covered in brown fur. He is a very cool sloth with a friendly face. Choco has tall, fat legs and an oval head. Be careful of his big, pointy claws. He has piercing brown eyes, tiny ears and gangly arms.

Rocko, a little boy who lives in a small cabin in the rainforest, went downstairs to get his bedtime milk, but... it had been stolen! In its place were three bedtime stories. In anger and confusion Rocko slammed the fridge door and stomped up the stairs!

Once he got to the top of the stairs, he slowly approached his bedroom. Suddenly, Rocko could hear impeccably loud snoring coming from his bedroom! Rocko stopped and wondered, 'who could be in my room this late at night?'

As the door creaked open Rocko could see his bedsheets moving... someone was sleeping in his bed! There was a brown, furry thing! As Rocko pulled up his duvet he saw the missing milk! Rocko whispered to himself, "how has this creature gotten into my house? How did he make the milk chocolate?"

Rocko wrapped Choco in a blanket, like a burrito. Suddenly, the next morning Choco had disappeared! Rocko then decided to go and look for Choco and explored outside his cabin. He explored through the deep forest.

Suddenly, he found the chocolate Amazon River. The Amazon River was normal water until the sloth called Choco turned it into a chocolate river with the touch of his sharp, pointy nails. Rocko is so confused but excited, so... he dived in!

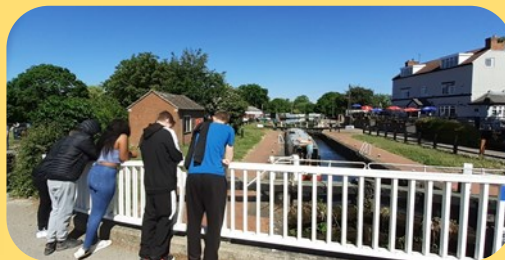
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Mental Health & Wellbeing at Sawley

At AVESC Sawley we know that it is vital to look after our mental health and wellbeing and what better way to do this than getting out and about in our local area.

Not only did we make the most of the glorious weather, whilst discovering a local walk to the canal, but we also learnt about the River and Canal Trust as well as finding out about nature, with pupils commenting on new things they'd spotted. A lovely morning for staff and pupils alike.



Garden Development



Sawley Year 11 pupils have been busy preparing our gardening area and are thrilled to see the progress of their carrots, lettuce and

beetroot, a lovely thing to leave behind as we say goodbye to them, we are very proud with how they have coped this year, they have been resilient throughout, which has been a lesson to us all.

Good luck Year 11

Sawley were delighted to have the opportunity to have a celebration of success for the Y11 pupils with food and games and we would like to wish them the very best with their next phase of education.



School calendar 2021/22



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& Erewash
Support Centres

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Denotes Bank holidays

Denotes School holiday dates

Inset Days: 2nd and 3rd September 2021. Pupils will return on Monday 6th September 2021

Future Inset Days to be confirmed