

Dear All,

It has been a busy and productive half term. The learners have been working hard to meet their targets and find individual strategies to help them be successful back at school. We have enjoyed being outdoors on a Friday and visiting Whipsnade Zoo.

We say goodbye to some learners, who are reintegrating successfully back into school. We wish them good luck and remind them to keep on making positive choices. Remember we will be randomly popping in to say hello!

We look forward to welcoming a new hub after the holiday.

Best wishes,
The KS3 Team



KS3 Whipsnade Zoo

Learners enjoyed a really successful offsite trip to the Zoo, to mark the end of the half term and transitions back to school for some of them.

Learners explored the grounds and saw a variety of different animals, learning about them along the way (who knew an ostrich could run 60mph)!

It was a fab day out enjoyed by all and we were lucky enough to stay dry!

KS3 Links with the community We have been lucky enough to develop links with our local PSCO's, they joined us for a cup of tea and a chat, gave the learners some career ideas and let them sit inside the police car. We look forward to them dropping in again. Detective constable Fiona, from the Gang and Schools Team have also been dropping into Centre and leading sessions to support our knowledge and learning.



Going Wild at Hudnall Park

Friday's have been a success at Hudnall Park. We have learned about wildlife and were in awe of seeing the herd of deer and stags roaming free. Some have helped herd deer out of the Whitfield Springs enclosure, with the use of walkie talkies. They have had the freedom to choose which activities they would like to do including: building fires safely, cooking on the open fire- stir fry was a great success, playing games or just lazing in a hammock! The learners have been reinforcing the work they have been completing in Centre, such as being resilient- as building and starting the fire takes patience.



KS3 HUB work Our Snowdon HUB have been reintegrating back into school, using the strategies they have developed through HUB work. They are having some successful lessons back in school. We are really proud of them. This term they have been learning about dealing with changes, trust, resilience, developing friendships and how these can help them day to day.



Mental Health At DESC, we value your child's mental health and wellbeing. Talking to others about our feelings can be a challenge and sometimes we find it hard to express how we are feeling. Staff at DESC are always on hand to offer support where needed. Alternatively, the following national organisations also offer support:

The Mix - confidential support for young people:
www.themix.org.uk 0808 808 4994

Youth Booth—Supporting the youth of Dacorum

theyouthbooth.co.uk

Charity Work

Staff and learners worked together to raise £62.20 to support Macmillan this half term. As we took part in their big coffee morning.

We are really proud of the empathy displayed by the learners when discussing the charity and they enjoyed baking, decorating and tasting the cakes! Next half term we will be supporting the local charity DENS.

