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## "Be the best you can be"

Spring Term 1st half 2023



Dear All,

After another busy term at KS3, we head into February half-term reflecting on all we have accomplished. We have taken part in learning outside the classroom activities, a visit from Zoolab and their exotic collection of animals, shown respect when visited by a Magistrate, had a bowling treat and have become slightly obsessed with table tennis!

We have had many learners come through our doors and most moving smoothly on to their next destinations, whether back to school or a new start.

Learners continue to progress in their self-regulation and self-awareness and we are working hard to develop their sense of self worth.

We hope you enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you next half-term, when we drop in to visit,

All the KS3 Team



### Spring Term in Photos

**Learning Outside the Classroom** We have been lucky enough to continue our Go Wild sessions at Hudnall Park this half term. It is always fantastic to see the learners enjoy the awe and freedom that being outdoors allows. We have become masters at fire building – this may be so we can keep warm on the cold mornings or so we can make smores! The learners have worked together to complete challenges, helped support the younger students



and had lots of fun rolling tyres and playing on the rope swing.

**KS3 Zoolab** On Tuesday 8th February we had a visit from Lottie the Zoolab ranger, who brought in a number of different exotic animals. The learners & staff conquered their fears and pushed themselves outside of their comfort zones by not only looking at the animals but also touching and holding them. The animals included a hissing cockroach, giant African snail, snake, scorpion and a gecko. The learners engaged and seemed keen to learn more about each of the animals.



**Bowling** As an end of HUB treat the learners went off to the Hollywood Bowl. The staff played too and did not give the Learners any mercy– as Miss Dawson was victorious! Arthur managed to smash a strike and Jake got a spare or too. They had lots of fun and stayed for lunch too.



**Reading** We have been promoting reading for enjoyment in Centre, where everyone takes part in the daily DEaR (Drop Everything and Read) sessions. Although this has been a challenge we are seeing some success. Learners have been reading a variety of texts. Please encourage reading at home, learners are never too old to be read to either. We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on 2nd March.

**Visitors:** We welcomed a Magistrate this term, who talked about the court system and UK law. The learners showed great respect and asked lots of questions. It makes us really proud when we see learners welcome guests and engage with them so positively.

