



# KITE NEWSLETTER

## TERM 2

### Welcome to the KITE College newsletter

If you have something newsworthy that you would like mentioned in future issues, please call or email Vicki Jacques on [vicki.jacques@kite-college.org](mailto:vicki.jacques@kite-college.org)

### Special Thankyou

As some of you may be aware, our Business Manager, Angela White has decided to embark on a new adventure and is sadly leaving us at the end of 2023. We would like to thank Angela for all her hard work, and dedication throughout her time at KITE College.

We are also sadly losing Drew Huxted, Construction Lead on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for everything he has done in his time at KITE College.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## OPEN DAY - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

The Open Day was a huge success. 170 visitors attended made up of school personnel, parents and included 77 students.

Overall feedback was extremely positive and some students have applied to attend KITE for 2024/25. Visitors were able to visit areas of the College and speak to the tutors and staff for information on courses and life at KITE College.

## PARENTS EVENING - 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Thanks to all parents/carers who were able to attend Parents Evening. Parents were able to attend in person or have a telephone conversation with their respective tutor. KITE believes in keeping parents/carers up to date with their son/daughter's progress and we always welcome your feedback.

## KITE COLLEGE LEARNER COUNCIL

September 2023 saw us officially re-launch our Learner Council, with our new cohort of learners.

We are very excited about the journey we will take together to help to make KITE the best possible learning environment. Our representatives are: D Lines, C Rockeford, V Elijah, L O'Flaherty, O Jacobs, H Bennett, L Westwood, B Holding, C McKay and J Anderson.

Learners were nominated to form the Learner Council and at the latest meeting the Learner Council representatives discussed various topics. Minutes of the meeting are available to view on their noticeboard.

We have had a great start to the academic year with the introduction of our rewards system. This involves a number of learners being rewarded for having the most positive behaviour points at the end of each term. Last term, our learners received a free pizza of their choice to celebrate, which they really enjoyed. The reward this term took place in December, where a few of our learners went ten-pin bowling. These rewards are great and in the learners' words "something to win for an achievement."

On 10th October 2023, the Learner Council worked to bring the college community together and helped to raise an amazing £221 for Young Minds charity on World Mental Health Day.

We also took part in 'Christmas Jumper Day' on 7th December, which raised funds for 'Save the Children' by each member of staff making a donation to wear a Christmas jumper into College.

# KITE SPECIAL EVENTS

## ARMY DAY – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

On Thursday 9th November the Army came to KITE College for an interactive roadshow. 13 troop members came and along with 2 interactive stands they also brought along a RWMIK vehicle which learners were allowed to sit in/on and get an idea of what it would be like to be one of the troops!

The day started with a talk about all the different careers in the Army, how to apply and what life is like for a soldier in the various roles they have. Learners were then able to visit the interactive stands where they were able to have hands on interaction with specialist military equipment, including weapons and kit. Serving soldiers gave learners an insight into their roles and experiences within the army and answered any questions. Some of our learners asked about specific roles such as the Military Police and the SAS.

The day was all about building confidence, developing personal resilience, and encouraging teamwork. Learners asked questions, tried on the kit and were able to be hands on with all the weapons. They all thoroughly enjoyed and made the most of this opportunity.

It was a really great day and our learners learnt that the army is not just about being a soldier but that there are numerous other trades and jobs they could go into, something which was a real eye opener.



## BEAU'S BISTRO

### WHAT'S ON THE MENU



Charlotte, our Cook has introduced some delicious new dishes which have received good feedback. In addition to the usual menu, Charlotte is offering Spaghetti Bolognese and Shepherds Pie and will no doubt be thinking up some other dishes for learners to enjoy. This may be a fish and chip Friday!

## MOTOR VEHICLE WORKSHOP

Tutors: Stuart Cumming & Lee Bell

The automotive pathway has enjoyed a great start to the year. Our new learners have settled in well and are building their practical skills, gaining familiarity with different tools and working on a range of vehicles.

The returning cohort have come back ready to learn and have been challenged with tasks including inspecting, testing and evaluating components. They have also finally completed our project car, the 1993 1800i FS Fiesta, installing and repairing the wiring loom, bleeding the brake system, and completing pre-MOT inspections.

We also experienced a visit from the Army career team who spent the majority of the day sharing information and demonstrating the mechanical side of the Land-rover that had accompanied the soldiers.

# CONSTRUCTION

Tutors: Drew Huxted, John Crockett, Neil Hiller

Students from Construction have been making progress with their course and have completed a range of assignments in carpentry, plumbing, bricklaying, painting and electrics. New skills have been learnt and students have gained a greater level of respect for their own abilities.



J Nichol-Woodly, R Apps and J Richardson have all excelled at the assessment for their construction course this term making great progress, well done these three. 😊

# PREPARATION FOR LEARNING

Tutor: Anita Trotter

Preparation for Learning have been working on alternatives to paid work such as volunteering and charities. To link to our curriculum, we launched our **CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS 2023** project to highlight the ever-increasing homelessness issues that are in every area that we all live. The learners worked very hard, making chutney, marketing and selling it to staff, friends and family to raise money for the cause. Donations will offer a homeless person support and advice for safe living, employment and training, a doctor, dentist, hairdresser, as well as a Christmas dinner and good company over the festive season. The total amount raised was £136 and we have already had feedback that the chutney was absolutely delicious.





## IT

Tutor: Paula Keen

The IT crowd have been busy working hard at their units but any moment spare has been spent taking apart and attempting to repair computing equipment. After a successful laptop screen replacement we became giddy with excitement and attempted to take apart a Kindle Fire with a cracked screen – that did not end nearly so well but we learnt a lot!

If you have any old equipment you no longer need please contact [paula.keen@kite-college.org](mailto:paula.keen@kite-college.org) to see if we can make use of it. Many thanks.

## LIFE SKILLS

Tutor: Sally Reed

During our Skills for Life sessions, we have been looking at Equality and Diversity and understanding respectful relationships. We have been learning about positive friendships and navigating healthy relationships.

In practical lessons we have been creating and eating different foods from around the world including cooking up a storm with our Zemiakove Placky, a dish inspired by one of our students.

Have a go yourself at home 😊

### **Zemiakove Placky**

#### Ingredients

3 lb white potatoes  
4 cloves garlic, crushed  
3 eggs  
4 tablespoons flour  
2 tablespoons marjoram  
Salt  
Pepper  
Vegetable oil for frying

#### Instructions

- Peel the potatoes and grate them immediately with a medium grater.
- Pour them into a strainer and let them drain well by placing a weight on top.
- In a large salad bowl, combine the grated potatoes with garlic, eggs, flour, salt, pepper and marjoram. Mix well.
- Divide the dough into 15 balls of the same size and flatten them.

- Cook them in a hot oil bath, gently turning them occasionally, until golden brown.
- Place them on a plate lined with paper towel and serve immediately after frying.

## HAIR & BEAUTY

Tutor: Sue Waring

The first-year learners have been working on their shampoo and styling skills on training heads, so to help the learners develop further, we agreed they could bring in a client to complete a service on.

The learners completed a consultation first to help identify what the client requirements are. This is something we are continuously working on most sessions, so having a real-life client is a great experience.

The learners pre-prepared their work area prior to clients arriving and although they were nervous, they all worked well and in a professional manner, this acted as a pre-assessment ready for their final one in the new year.



The clients had the opportunity to give feedback to the learners on both their finished look and the whole experience.

The learners will be repeating bringing clients in again so they can gain another pre assessment, working towards a final one for their qualification.

The feedback from the learners was positive, helping them with their confidence and identifying where they could develop further.

They have also been getting ready for Christmas.







# MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Tutor: Mollie Major

This term in mental health and wellbeing lessons we have been looking back at our year... We have been thinking about different experiences, new skills, adventures or achievements we have had in 2023! This term learners were keen to learn about Christmas traditions around the world. We learnt all about the weird and wonderful traditions people around the world have at Christmas time.

Throughout this term we have also played lots of games, whilst working on our social skills and wellbeing. It is apparent that we all love a game of UNO!

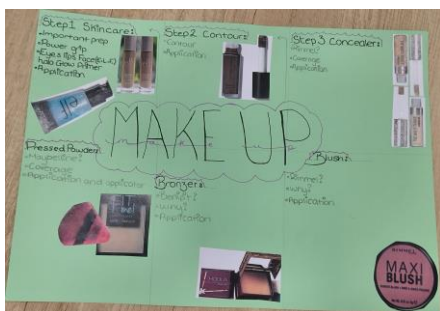
We have created a calm, safe space for learners to learn and have a cosy, comfortable mental health and wellbeing classroom.



# FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Tutor: Biborka Moldovan

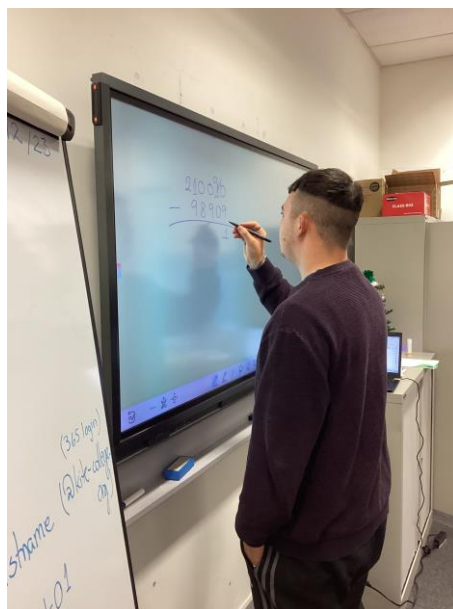
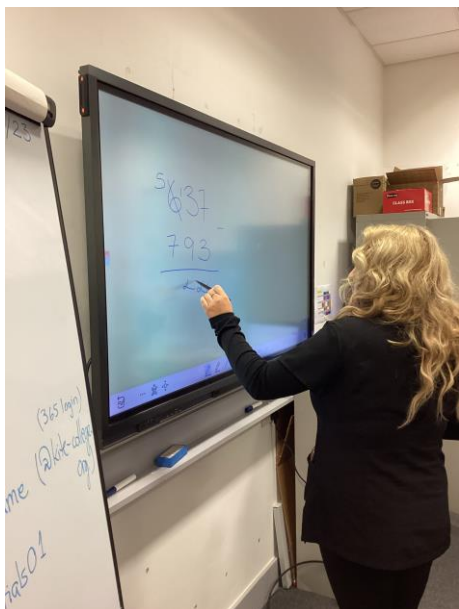
In the English classes students are working on their Speaking and Listening projects. The majority of the students are taking an active part in it, but we would like to recognise C Barnes and R Gulduren, who are both ready for the assessment. (R Gulduren Speaking and Listening Presentation).



There is a more positive engagement with Maths lessons and most students are working really hard towards their qualifications.

I would like to praise the Construction Year 1 students, who were doing really well putting in practice what we covered in lessons and using metric measurements in real life tasks.

I would also like to mention C Barnes and R Gulduren who had the courage and confidence to deliver a Maths lesson, covering the topic 'percentages' and they both did amazingly well.



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY – TERMS 3 & 4

### TERM 3

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	STAFF TRAINING DAY – no learners in
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Learners back to college in line with their timetables
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of term

### TERM 4

Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Learners back to college in line with their timetables
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	OPEN Day – No learners in
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Parents Evening
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	End of term

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