

Knightsfield School



Specialist Sensory Academy

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A big welcome to our new headteacher!

We asked her how her first term has gone and this is what she said!

The sun is shining and the sides of the roads are speckled with daffodils and Welwyn Garden City covered in crocuses. This can only mean one thing; Spring is here and it is the end of my first term at Knightsfield School. What an amazing term it has been getting to know all the students and staff; a particular highlight for me. The theatre week, with the fabulous performance attended by many was, I am sure you will agree, fantastic. The year 8s went to a sports leaders day at Beaumont school - not only did they thoroughly enjoy the day they were also perfect ambassadors for our school. So much so that we have already been invited back next year.



The teachers have been working very hard to implement our new assessment programme ensuring that all of our students understand their own targets and goals, which has been extremely motivating for all concerned.

The trustees are very excited for the future. We now have two parents trustees, Christina Kinnaird and Helen Mellor. This is excellent news, especially in light of the government stating that schools need to be held more accountable by trustees and they need to have experienced professionals ensuring that happens. We have also secured the services of two new trustees; one with a plethora of experience in HR, management and university lecturing and another a semi-retired accountant. I have also met with or had conversations with a few parents over the last few weeks, which has added to the enjoyment of my first term.

I am looking forward to meeting many more parents at our Parents Academic Review Evening on the 15th May, where I will be interested to hear your views and comments. Thank you to those of you who have completed our recent questionnaire. Your responses help us to improve the educational experience of you son or daughter whilst studying here at Knightsfield. I hope you enjoy our end of term newsletter, which has been compiled and edited by our hard working and enthusiastic 6th Form students.

Please ensure that you and your families have a lovely Easter break as we look forward to another great term. Footballing Futures from Hertfordshire University will be coming in to give complimentary football coaching on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes and The English Cricket Board will be also be coaching in a weekly lunchtime slot. Students will be sitting both external exams and internal end of year assessments. We also have our activities week to look forward to and look out for some information on our 20th year anniversary celebrations. So much to look forward to! **Mrs Suzanne Thrower - Headteacher**



Commendations

I received a headteacher's commendation, because I made a soft cube and it impressed my D&T teacher Mrs Wilson. As she told me, that I should see Mrs Thrower and show her my cube. Mrs Thrower and I went to Mr Berry to get our photo taken with my cube for the Facebook page. My cube impressed Mrs Wilson because it was "nice and neat" and I rarely asked for help. - **Nathan, Year 8**



In September I joined Knightsfield (I'm a Year 7). I do 7 subjects at Monk's Walk, including: Maths, English and Science. In lessons I have a radio aid with me at all times. A TA comes along with me and takes notes for me and when I (rarely) need help, helps me. I often go over there at lunch and break and meet with some friends that I have made. The teachers are welcoming and use the radio aid to a good standard. It is hard work but it pushes me to the best of my ability. I spend approximately 75% of my time at Monk's Walk, but I also have some subjects at Knightsfield (7), including: German, art and music. In English (at Monk's Walk) I got a Headteacher's Commendation, I got it for a piece of work on a poem called The Raven by Edgar Allen Poe. I signed it (BSL- British Sign Language) I was highly praised and got sent to the Monk's Walk headteacher with 3 others (Monk's Walk pupils). - **Austen, Year 7**

Easter Jokes

Q. How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?

A. Eggs-ercise and hare-robics!

Q. Why did the Easter egg hide?

A. He was a little chicken!

Don't forget to keep up to date with achievements on our Facebook page!

Newsletter made by Briannah with help from Chloe, Pearl and Knightsfield students.

Tuck Shop

Tuck shop is a daily thing that is run by the year 8's and Juhi who is in Year 10. Tuck shop provides healthy snacks such as; selection of fruits, pretzels, popcorn, savoury crackers, banana loaves, breadsticks and raisins. The weekly specials are garlic bread, brioche rolls babybell cheese and actimel.

Why is there a tuck shop?

"To provide healthier options at break time." said Mrs Ramsay who helps the children who run the tuck shop. The money that we get from the tuck shop is going towards extra equipment for the pupils. There is going to be a breakfast tuck shop running from 8:30am to 8:45am for those who possibly don't have time for breakfast, as some pupils have to leave very early as they live far away.



Theatre Week

In theatre week we were doing all about dreams. Nearly everyone participated in this event. We wrote our own lines and wore pyjamas. Staff, Parents and Siblings were invited to see the performance. Me and the rest of year 7 had an amazing time and are looking forward to taking part in more theatre weeks. We spent more than a few weeks planning and getting ready for theatre week. We felt proud as it was the first theatre week for me and all of year 7. The performance was called To Sleep; Perchance to Dream. - **Sophia, Year 7**

