

# NEWSLETTER

## Endeavour Academy Newsletter

### Message From The Principal



Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

We had an amazing last term filled with lots of traditional but also new activities. All our pupils made us proud, doing so well with a number of external events such as cricket, bell boating, rowing and a trip to Legoland. We have concluded the term with our annual family picnic at Thomley and our first ever Leaver's Ball. Both events were very successful and we are already making plans for the next year. I am so proud to be part of such an amazing group of staff and pupils.

This term is not only the second term of the Summer, but also the last term of this academic year and I would like to reflect on the successes and developments achieved this year.

Firstly, we have made the brave step and developed a holistic and personalised curriculum that meets the needs of all our pupils. To ensure that our pupils are making progress and control measures are in place, we have also started using a new assessment tool. We are very happy that other schools we are working with have taken this route also.

I am sure you are all aware of the 'kitchen project'. Our unused kitchen space is in full transformation into a school café/alternative learning space and final touches will be completed the first week of the Summer holiday. The café will be used for multi-activities and we believe that it will become the heart of Endeavour. 'Hexagon Hub' will become available to pupils in September and an official opening ceremony is planned for the Autumn term.

During the year we have enhanced our sensory integration across the school with a number of changes to the environment. We now have sensory lights in all small rooms, soft climbing equipment in the hall, a number of exercise bikes in the school corridors and aroma diffusers across the school. Our changing room gained a shower and became a much more welcoming environment. Endeavour House had all bathrooms renovated, the whole house was redecorated and all bedrooms are looking amazing. There will be extensive work in the house garden area over the holidays, to ensure our young people have plenty of shade during hot days.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to a number of pupils – Adam, Joel, Anna, Theo and Jamie - as they are ready to make the transition to other placements and staff. We would like to wish everyone a successful journey and hope they will come and share their achievements with us.

On the other hand, we are so happy to welcome a number of new pupils – Ashley, Craig, Charlie, Rehan and Grace. All pupils started their transitions to Endeavour Academy this term and we are very excited to see them explore the school and make new friends.

We have a number of projects planned for the upcoming year and are very excited to share those with you in our next newsletter.

I hope you all have a wonderful Summer break.

Michaela Soporova, Principal

## AUTUMN TERM DATES

Inset Days	2 & 3 September
Back to School	04/09/2019
Rosie Shepperd Clinics	30/09/19, 07/10/2019, 14/10/2019, 17/10/2019
Jane Alvey (Bowel and Bladder clinic)	01/10/19
Last day of Term	25/10/2019
Back to School	04/11/2019

## Staff Section

Endeavour has welcomed the following new members of staff this term:

Ricky Cherry— Facilities Assistant

Noemi Martin— Teaching Assistant

Ana Belen Juanals— Residential Support Worker

Anne Gardner—Residential Support Worker

Bekezela Khiyaza—Residential Support Worker

## *Endeavour Leavers*

Endeavour students and staff enjoyed our first ever Leaver's Ball. The ball was a huge success for our students leaving this term and we wish them all the best for the future.



## TWITTER & FACEBOOK

We often tweet things that happen at Endeavour, or when out and about in the community. Please follow us on Twitter @ MATEndeavour\_ac to see some of our tweets .

## *Thomley Family Barbeque*

We held our annual family picnic at Thomley Hall which was a great day out for our students, staff and some of their family who managed to come along and join in the fun!



# ENDEAVOUR ACADEMY BALL



# Square

this year I have enjoyed

I  
lego land

I liked it because fun

It made me feel happy



we have done lots of exciting things this year

we chose our favourite thing from the year

this year I have enjoyed

EVERYTHING



I liked fun

It made me feel happy

this year I have enjoyed



I liked it because



It made me feel



this year I have enjoyed



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# Circle Class

All the students have been working very hard this term. They have finished working on their ASDAN and AQA Awards. We are all very proud of their achievements as they have worked so hard all year. We have had visits to local restaurants, the cinema and have been shopping in the local community.



A highlight of the year was the Leaver's Ball. All students who attended had a lovely evening, spending time with their friends and family. There was a special presentation for each student, showing their time at Endeavour Academy. Students enjoyed some "fizz" and party food, with some even getting to drive around the Oxford in a sports car.



We would like to wish all our leavers all the best for their new placement and to the students remaining at Endeavour a restful summer.





Star Class and other pupils from Endeavour have been making the most of the good summer weather this term. We attended three rowing trips. One was held by St. Edwards School in Oxford and the other two were at the National Sports Centre at Bisham, near Marlow. On each occasion the students showed great co-operation to work in a team and everyone had a very positive experience. The weather was wonderful and the locations idyllic. We hope to do these trips again next year. A special thank you to both the National Sports Centre at Bisham and St. Edwards School for giving our students this wonderful oppor-



**Star  
Class**





# Triangle Class

As we end this school year, it is the perfect time to look back and celebrate the achievements of our young people across all areas of the curriculum. Well done to everyone in Triangle class.



PECs in the community



Sharing



Intensive



Shopping

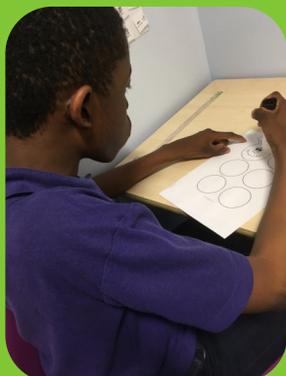
Life skills



Attention Autism



Gardening



Knowledge, skills and understanding

What is it? seahorse green what colour?



Mark making & writing



Fine Motor Skills

Out in the community



See & Learn

Fun

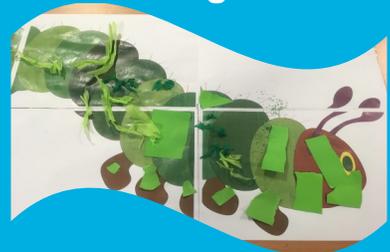


Reading & symbols



Sports

Sensory collages



AQA Unit



Wellbeing

We wish all our young people and their families a fun, relaxing summer break.

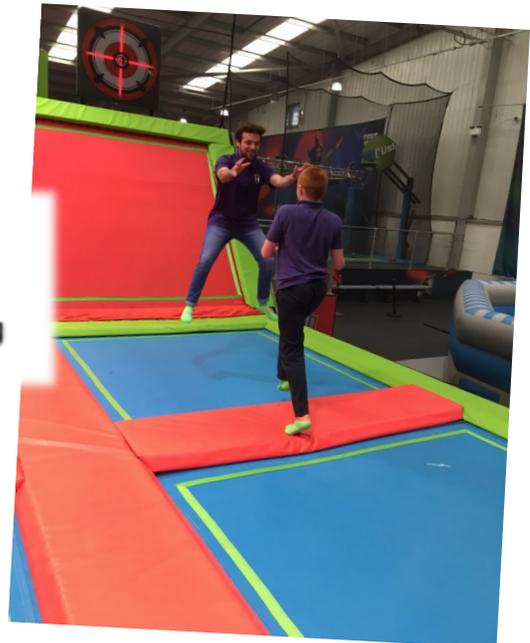


Diamond



class

Diamond class have been so busy! We have been out in the community a lot, had several picnics, a trip to Hinksey pool and some of us went to Legoland. A real highlight for us was one of our class attending the post 16 ball. He went shopping, chose his shirt and tie and looked fantastic wearing it on the night!





Diamond



class



picnic



Swimming



Music

for



Autism



# After School Club June/July 2019

Now we're coming towards the end of the school year and it has been a wonderful year in After School Club. This last term we have made the most of the lovely weather and spent time both outside in the community and using our own outside facilities. We have also worked on our basic life and independence skills in the kitchen.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!



It has been a busy couple of months for the children here at Endeavour House. With the Summer Holidays less than a week away most of the children are just about ready to relax and indulge in various activities.

In the month of June, the children continued to engage in numerous activities offered at the house. For the youth of the house these included pottery classes, trips to local parks and shops as well as long walks. The house has great plans ahead of the summer holidays and has purchased many sensory toys to engage each of our young people supported.



The children have been enjoying new facilities within the house as renovations continue. In particular, children have grown very fond of the new swing in the garden. Children have also enjoyed playing in the pool.

Our young people continue to be involved in other domestic tasks including cooking .



One event that marked the month of July was the 2019 Leavers Ball for the elder children who will be transitioning to adulthood. This was such an incredible night and was attended by students who are over 16 years old and looking to transition in the next couple of years.

Finally, Endeavour House would like to extend a warm welcome to Ana Juanals in her role as Residential Support Worker.