

## FE Report September 2018

The FE department was as busy as ever in the second part of the summer term, with courses being finished for moderation, TITAN tests being held and our leavers preparing for the next stage of their education. All the pupil work submitted for moderation successfully passed, and we look forward to presenting these awards at Certificate Assembly in November. This included 3 pupils who passed their ASDAN PSD Certificates, 4 who passed their PSD Awards, 7 who passed their Personal Progress Certificates and 3 who passed their Bronze Awards. In addition 5 pupils passed their TITAN White Tests, 6 passed their Red tests and 3 achieved the Amber award. Further TITAN training for 4 staff was also held in June in preparation for this coming year. We said goodbye to our 8 leavers during an emotional 'Leavers' Assembly', 7 of whom have transferred to a range of courses at City College and 1 who has started at SENSE East. Contact with these providers and the families will be made at the end of September to check that they are settling in well. The Leavers also enjoyed a day out at the Special Schools Prom at Barnham broom Country Club, another lovely event organised by Fred Nicholson school.

This academic year we have 23 pupils in the FE department, split across 3 classes. With each new intake of pupils we adapt our working strategies to meet their needs and this year we have some distinct challenges, such as the high number of wheelchair users, the growing number of Yr14 pupils and the fact that Class KH is catering for a mixed formal / pre-formal cohort rather than a semi-formal group. Personalisation of timetables and small group working within formal subject areas is key to this. We also have some interclass working with some of Form RB's pupils joining some of Form KH's class for TITAN training and pupils from Form KH joining Class AG for some core subjects. All the pupils in FE will follow a 2 year accredited ASDAN PSD or Personal Progress course and planning has now been put in place for those staying onto Yr 14 so they are continuing to be challenged in their learning by following other ASDAN programmes including Lifeskills Challenge and Transition Challenge.

Other areas that we aim to focus on this year and to continue to improve provision, include Independent Living programmes and Work Awareness skills. This year all the pupils from Form RB will also utilise The Flat for independent living lessons.

Last year we were in discussion with the New Anglia Enterprise Adviser Network about how they could support our school in helping to provide meaningful work related learning for our pupils. We have now agreed to work with them, initially for 6 months, and the adviser we have chosen to support us is John Harben. He has a good understanding of our pupil needs and is well connected in the Norwich area through his links with the Town Close Trust. We hope to build on the work experience and employer engagement opportunities we offered last year, as all the pupils who took part in these activities (such as work experience at the Break Charity shop, Eaton Park Cafe, Arthur's Organics, the Theatre Royal and Ben Burgess as well as talks by Nationwide Building Society and the Police) were really positive about them.

In order to support the pupils and their families in preparing to plan for their future we are also holding an IAG (Information, Advice and Guidance) event on the morning of 11th October. To date we have 17 local providers attending. This will be open to all KS4 pupils as well as FE.

### Class AG

In the second half of the summer term Class AG completed the Community Action module of their PSD course. The pupils chose local charities that they wanted to support and planned events to raise money for them. Some pupils worked with The Friends of Eaton Park to organise collection of books and games for their summer sales helping to raise over £100. Others organised a car washing event and a world cup sweepstake to raise over £40 for Grapes Hill Community Gardens.



This year Class AG are taking part in the Create Norwich project with John Harben also acting as our mentor. We are one of 11 local schools taking part in this exciting year long project where our pupils will create a vision of how they would like Norwich to be in 2035 and produce a piece of media to explain their ideas to a panel of judges. Mrs Strivens is going to undertake this work with them in their Art lessons.

### **Class KH**

Form KH have enjoyed our horticulture projects this year and our lovely garden has been awarded with more than one award.

The show garden was awarded with a Silver Gilt and Cultivation Street awarded our school garden with a second prize - £500

We also gained a first prizes for best floral containers and best fruit and vegetables and second prizes for the scarecrow and diary from Norwich in Bloom. We will be receiving our awards at the beginning of October.

This term we have been busy making items for our Pop Up market stall which takes place at the end of September. We have a number of craft items for sale and FE students will be running the stall during school hours so we hope the wider school community comes to support us.

### **Class RB**

Form RB had a very busy Summer Term with lots of achievements and also lots of activities out in the community. Two students in the group were awarded their White Level TITAN qualification. This followed a successful visit from the TITAN assessors who were very pleased with the progress the students had made on their own individual targets. These two students have now made a successful transition to new settings. One student is attending City College and Your Choice day service. The other is attending SENSE 5 days a week on an education programme. The class also completed their full ASDAN Personal Progress Award. This followed a successful moderation of the work and completing the required number of credits. Students who have completed this will begin work on ASDAN Life Skills Challenge units this year. In the Summer Term the class enjoyed a variety of visits to local attractions. The class visited Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse, The Sealife Centre, Wroxham Barns and also had a trip on the Nancy Oldfield river boat. On an individual basis students continued to work with other classes in the school, enjoying a trip to Eaton Park every Thursday afternoon. This outing supported TITAN work and also ASDAN units. Students enjoyed a range of achievement against their own individual support plans and all students made progress in their P Scales assessments which were completed in May. This year 3 new students have joined our sixth form class and they will begin working on ASDAN Personal Progress qualifications. These will be completed over two years. The two eldest students in the group will be completing their White Level TITAN assessments with weekly local outings planned.



