

# Nightingale Home and Hospital Service



Newsletter Summer 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well. I would like to thank you for your support and patience in what can only be described as a most unexpected 16 months for us all.

We appreciate how difficult this has been for so many of our families. Well done to each and everyone of you!

Students have shown great resilience and adaptability over this time and it has reinforced the place and role that our service has on their daily lives. Students have continued to take part in various activities and trips in addition to completing their academic work.

## COVID-19 Update

The government has now confirmed that stage 4 roadmap lifting of restrictions will take place from 19 July.

At present, in line with current government guidance for schools, from September we expect to be running with no “bubbles” (meaning year groups and classes can freely mix together), there will be no requirement for the wearing of face coverings and children will no longer have to self-isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case, meaning we should not have to send anyone home.

The government guidelines do indicate that either at school level, local level or national level restrictions (such as re-instating face coverings, “bubbles”, staggered starts/finishes, or children having to work from home) will all still be possibilities if the situation requires it.

### Key Messages

From September

- No bubbles
- No social distancing
- No wearing of face coverings
- Children will no longer be required to self-isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case

Should the government issue any further guidance or information, which means we need to amend or change the arrangements for September, we will let you know before the start of the Autumn Term.

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## **Curriculum Offer 2021 – exciting changes ahead!**

Our core curriculum offer for all students will comprise of Maths, English, Science, Preparing for Adulthood and Computing. Students will have a daily reflection and RSHE session at the start of each day and will also have access to a weekly intervention session (this will be based upon individual areas of need). All students will have an extended school day on a Monday with young people participating in an Alternative Curriculum Enrichment (ACE) between 10am and 2pm. During this day students will experience a thematic approach to learning and the sessions will include elements of Outdoor Learning, Art, Cooking, Duke of Edinburgh and Forest School. These themes will then be reflected in the weekly learning experiences of students.

From Year 9 upwards, in addition to the above, all students will be offered an options session of their choice, choosing between Animal Care, Art and PE. Students within Years 7 and 8 will receive additional sessions in Art, PE and Outdoor Learning. [See opposite page for more details on timetables]

## **Reports**

All students have been issued with an end of year school report. Within the report there were several different elements; these include: subject progress and comments and if applicable a list of any AQA units that have been achieved, a soft skills report and an outdoor learning report. The soft skills report contains a yellow coloured overview and focuses on areas including wellbeing, self-esteem and engagement. The outdoor learning report has a red overview and focuses on skills such as confidence, motor skills and self regulation.

## **Exam Results**

For students awaiting exam results, I can confirm that they will all be posted out and delivered to you on the morning of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Good luck to all students moving on to their chosen course in September, and please remember that we have transition coaches in place to support students with those next steps. Jane Cox from Connexions is also there for support if you require it. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are having any difficulties with your Post 16 provision.

## **Lunches**

Over the last few years we have provided students that attend on site with a packed lunch. Students have had the option to either consume this whilst they are with us or take it home. From September, we shall be able to offer our students more choice in the selection of sandwiches. Therefore, we will be asking students to choose what they would like on a daily basis. I appreciate it can become very boring eating the same sandwich every day.

## **Transport**

Due to the increase in referrals and the number of students accessing our service it has presented us with some issues in transporting students to and from centre. Therefore we have approached the Local Authority for their support with minibus drivers and escorts. Applications for all students that attend our onsite provision may be contacted during the holiday or early September in regards to arrangements. If you do not hear anything then please do not worry. We are still operating support with transport via staff at the Nightingale Service.

## **Uniform**

During the last 16 months we have allowed students that attend onsite to wear their own suitable clothing. From September 2021 we require all students to wear a suitable and comfortable uniform that we want everyone to take pride in. To support families we are purchasing two t shirts and one long sleeve top per student. These will be black in colour with our service logo embroidered on the front. Upon return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September students will be allowed to attend centre in suitable clothing due to this being an activities day. During the course of the day students will pick up their clothing in preparation for the next day of education. All we ask from parents/carers is to ensure that your son/daughter is wearing black trousers or skirt and sensible black footwear. Students that come into centre with coats will be asked to hang them up on entry.

## **Use of mobile phones**

With regards to practical matters, in September we will be expecting all students that arrive in school with a mobile phone to ensure that this is kept in their bag whilst lessons are taking place. During Monday's longer session students will be allowed to have their phones out during the break/lunch time. I would strongly advise that students leave them at home for the short period of time that students are with us on a daily basis.

## **Compton Hospice Charity Walk**

The charity walk that took place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May was a huge success. If your child took part in this event then their certificate and letter of appreciation is attached. Huge well done to all involved.

## Timetables

Within this pack there is also a copy of student timetables in readiness for September. Please note that all timetables for students who attend on site are written as though the students attend full time, **this does not mean** that we expect every single student to start on their full timetable from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. For those of you that are new to our service a call will be made on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> or Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to discuss timetable arrangements for the first week.

Please see your child's timetable attached to see which group they are in and the timings of their day.

### Times of the day - Onsite Provision Only

#### Monday

Time	Lesson
10am – 2pm	Alternative Curriculum Enrichment

#### Tuesday - Friday

Time	Lesson
8:50-9:00am	Student arrival/breakfast provided if necessary
9:00-11:30am Groups Oak, Pine and Cedar	Daily reflection activity and three lessons during the morning session. (Please see individual student timetable attached for a breakdown of the curriculum covered)
11:30am	Students in Oak, Pine and Cedar will collect their lunch and will be transported home.
12-12:30pm	Students in Birch, Maple and Ash will be collected and transported into centre. Lunch will be provided on arrival
12:30-3pm Groups Birch, Maple and Ash	Daily reflection activity and three lessons during the afternoon session. (Please see individual student timetable attached for a breakdown of the curriculum covered)

### Offsite Provision

For those students that are normally taught offsite, either at home or other suitable provision, for example a library, your timetable is attached. **This may change!**

The member of staff will be in contact with you early September to confirm the days and times.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

### A farewell to Mrs Smith

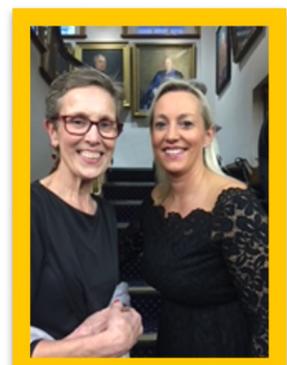
On Friday we will say a fond farewell to Mrs Jacqui Smith. After 21 years of service to education Jacqui is retiring and hopefully going to gain some well earned rest. Jacqui has been an extremely caring and compassionate member of staff that will be dearly missed by all of the staff and students here at the Nightingale Service. More importantly, every single patient that has entered the New Cross hospital school room. Her dedication and determination in ensuring the very best education to all students that she has ever worked with has been invaluable. We wish Jacqui, health and happiness for the future and the very best of luck working through her bucket list.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your on-going support throughout the year. We really value the positive relationships that exist and always welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Finally, I would like to wish all our students and their families a relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again when we return on **Monday 6th September**.

Your sincerely,

*Miss Watson*

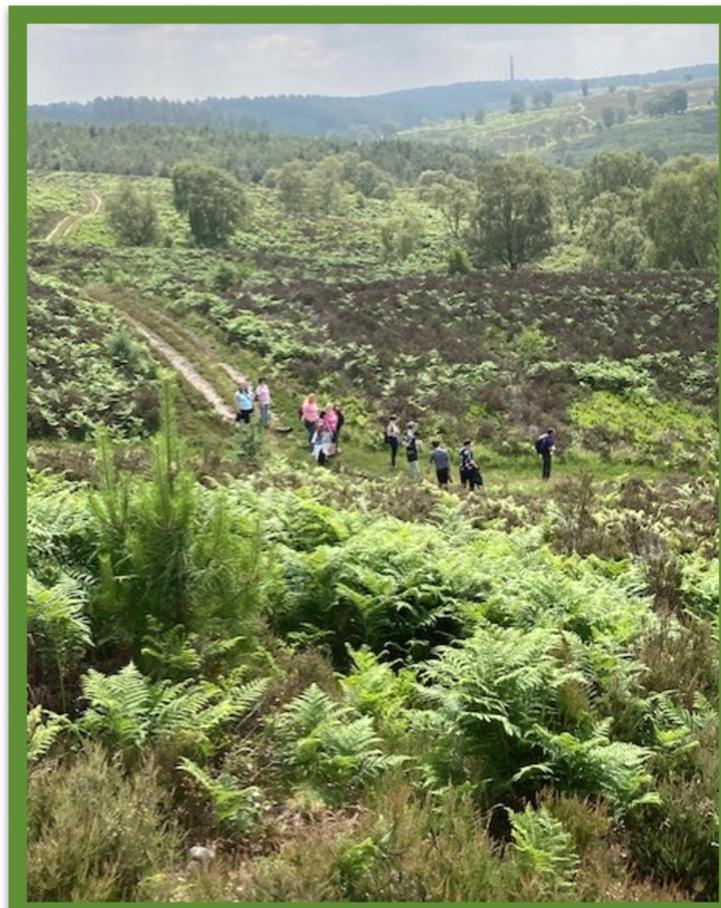


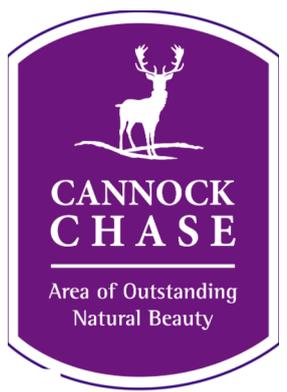
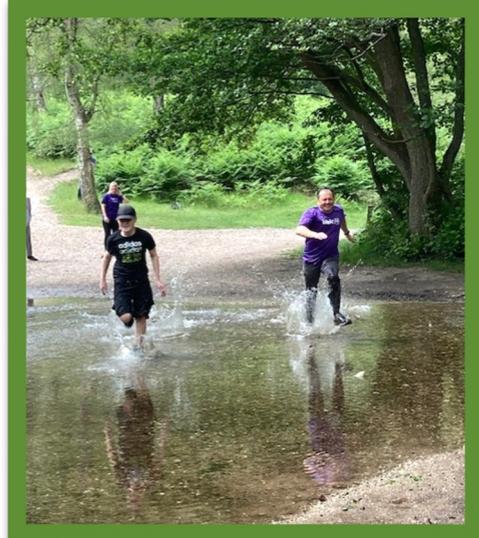
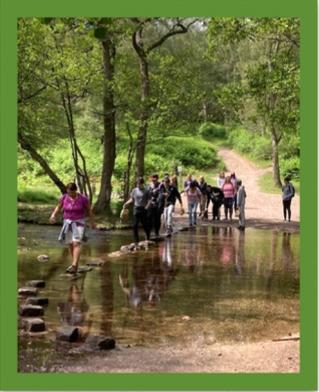


## Hilary's Walk



In memory of Hilary Cattell, head teacher for many years at The Orchard Centre, who sadly lost her battle to cancer over 4 years ago. Hilary was a much loved colleague and was a passionate and dedicated teacher. She loved walking and would be so proud of everyone who took part on this beautiful sunny day.







# Dudley Zoo and Castle





# Baggeridge

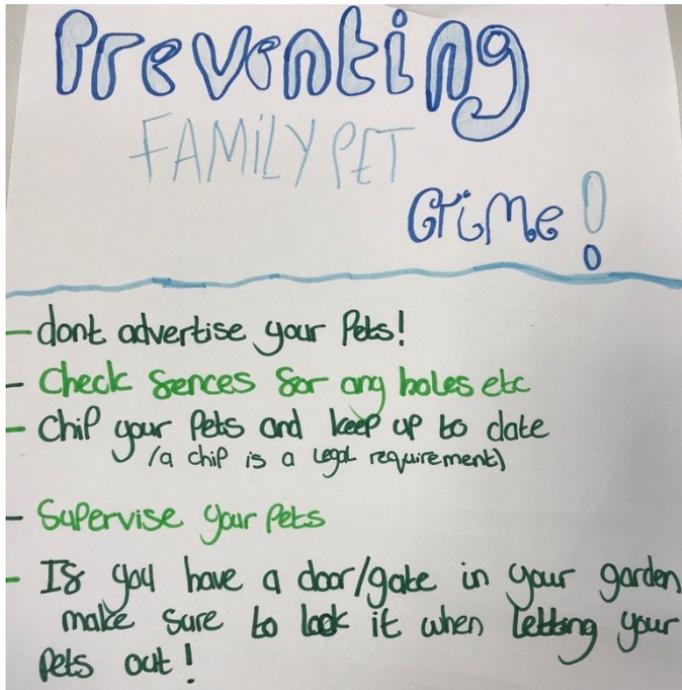


Drayton Manor

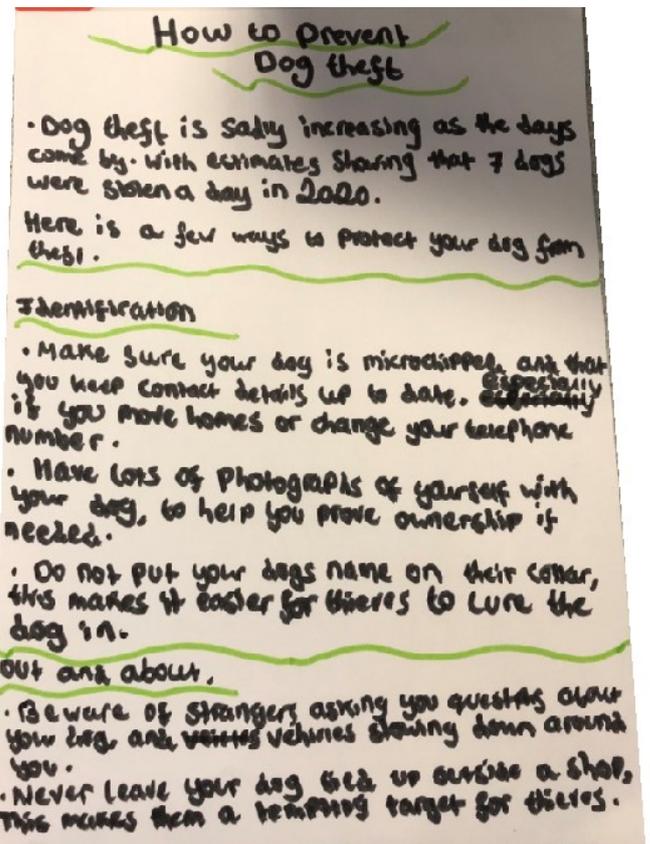




# Fundraising



Our fundraising focus this half term was to support local animal charities and also to raise awareness of the rising cases of pet thefts. Students designed posters and researched this



issue using The Kennel Club website's resources to support their campaign to change the current legislation so that longer sentences for those guilty of stealing pets are introduced, taking into account the devastating emotional impact of the loss of a family pet causes. If you wish to support this proposed change, please visit

[www.thekennelclub.org.uk/about-us/campaigns/dog-thefts/](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/about-us/campaigns/dog-thefts/) to find further information and guidance on how to write a letter to your local mp.



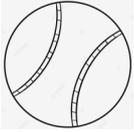
The Greyhound Trust were delighted to receive our donations of dog food and bedding to support their charity in finding homes for retired racing greyhounds.



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The 'Girls' Group have been making cushions. Using their own designs they have painted them using the Batik method.





# Physical Education &

## Boccia

Gold: Beth Brighton  
Silver: Mollymae Steadman  
Bronze: Cherub Ludwig



## Penalty Shoot-out

Gold: Thomas McElroy  
Silver: Faye Kelly  
Bronze: Daniel Skitt



To celebrate National School Sport Week 2021, we learned a new game, Table Cricket.





## Curling

Gold: Daniel Skitt

Silver: Tyler Jones-Banner

Bronze: Ryan Thompson



# Sports' Festival



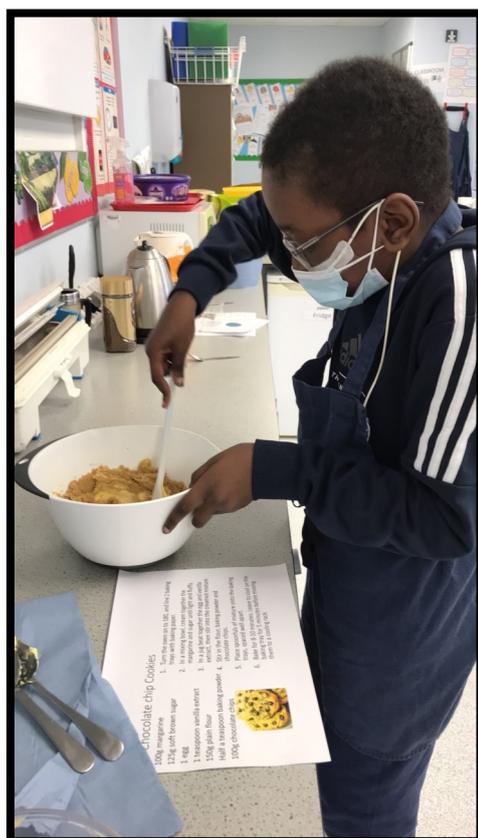
# Cooking



listening



perseverance



confidence





resilience



independence



teamwork





# Animal Care





Hedgehog and bug hotels



Bird feeders  
and  
hanging  
baskets





# Animal Care





## Farm visits



# Outdoor Education



Introduction to  
camp craft  
and cooking on  
a Trangia



Outdoor art  
inspired by Mabel  
our therapy dog





# Outdoor Education



Making charcoal in the woods ...



... then using it to create artwork





# Thrive & Flourish

Captain Tom 100 Challenge

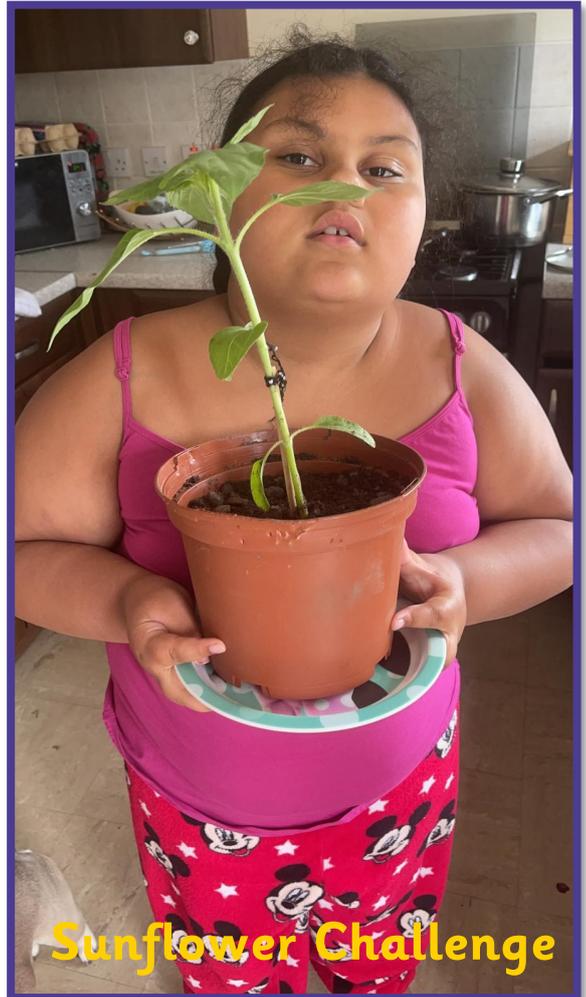


Saskia Farren-Lees

'Go Find It' Challenge

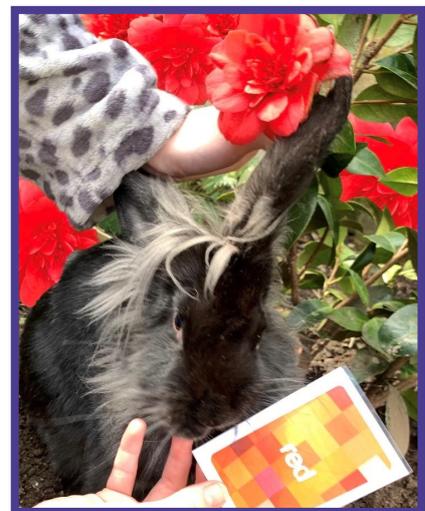


Ryan Thompson



Sunflower Challenge

Ruby May Annobil

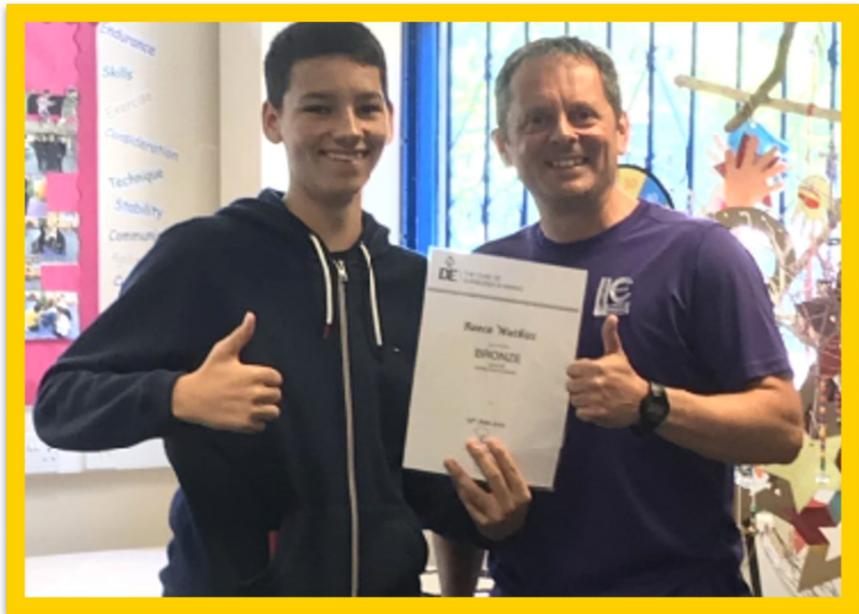


Courtney-Leia Jones

**Competition Winners!!!**



# **Bronze Awards**



**Congratulations to  
Reece Watkiss  
Brandon Evans**



**on achieving Bronze  
Duke of Edinburgh Award.**



# **Duke of Edinburgh**



# Rewards

## Achievement Points

Sept 2020—July 2021

Gold: Kaitlyn O'Connor

Silver: Ryan Thompson

Bronze: Daniel Skitt



## Attendance Awards

1st Courtney Leia-Jones

2nd: Mason Thompson

3rd: Ryan Thompson



## Outstanding Attendance: Awards

Renai Campbell

Cherub Ludwig

Bethany Brighton



Student of the Year

Student of the Term

To be revealed  
on Friday!

Mollymae Steadman

**Animal Care Awards:**

Tyler Jones-Banner  
Molly-Mae Steadman

**Art Awards:**

Cherub Ludwig  
Sophie Cooper  
Beth Brighton  
Molly-Mae Steadman

**Outdoor Ed Awards:**

Daniel Skitt  
Cherub Ludwig  
Molly-Mae Steadman

**Computing Award:**

Reece Watkiss

**Maths Awards:**

Kaitlyn O'Connor  
Faye Kelly

**PE Awards:**

Faye Kelly  
Daniel Skitt  
James Davies

**Outstanding Achievement Award:**

Tyler Jones-Banner

**English Awards:**

Daniel Skitt  
Ryan Thompson



## Unit Award Scheme

Name	Number of awards	Name	Number of awards
Saskia Farran Lees	3	Brandon Evans	13
Tyler Crosbie	12	Tyler Jones-Banner	4
Courtney-Leia Jones	1	Maddy Joseph	3
William Maullin	1	Faye Kelly	6
Phoebe Skelding	6	Cherub Ludwig	8
Leah Owen	3	Kaitlyn O'Connor	8
Bethany Brighton	11	Daniel Skitt	3
Thomas McElroy	2	Molly-Mae Steadman	10
Sophie Cooper	12	Ryan Thompson	9
James Davies	10	Reece Watkiss	9
Beck Gallagher	5	Mitchell Mansell	6
Lily-Rose Parker	3		



# Hospital Schoolroom

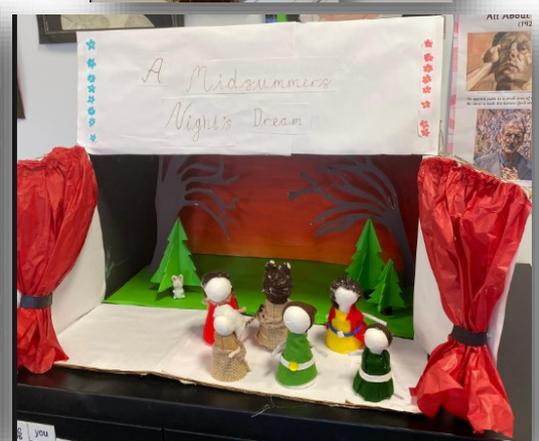


This term has been a lovely sunny term in the schoolroom at New Cross. Students have been focusing on creating art work related to summer and exploring holiday destinations.

One student studied 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and created a beautiful stage with characters.

It has been an exciting time in the school room with Euro 2020 happening. One student created a banner to support the England team and we discussed what happens in the competition.

This term we also say goodbye to Mrs Smith who has been our amazing hospital schoolroom teacher for many years. Mrs Smith has help to bring about many lovely changes to the schoolroom and worked hard to build amazing relationships with medical professionals. We hope that Mrs Smith has a wonderful and enjoyable retirement. Thank you so much!





# Transition Coaches



**Mrs R Durrant**  
**07394573306**

During the summer holidays, Mrs R Durrant and Miss T Haytree will be contacting and working with the current Year 11 students to support them to achieve a smooth transition from Nightingale Service to their individual Post 16 placements.



**Miss T Haytree**  
**07394573315**

Please contact us if you need any support—we are here to help.  
Mon –Fri 10am—4pm.

## Post 16





# School Information

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Telephone: 01902 555194

## Dates for your diary:

### School Term Dates for Autumn Term 2021

#### Autumn Term 2021

- Term Time: Thursday 2 September 2021 to Friday 22 October 2021
- **Half term:** Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021
- Term Time: Monday 1 November 2021 to Friday 17 December 2021

### Training dates when school will be closed to students are:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

