



"Students are happy at the college and enjoy going to their lessons. They benefit from an environment that is conducive to learning."

We had a visit from Ofsted...

Ofsted visited 18th – 20th January 2023 to undertake a full inspection. This was a very intense and busy week, but it ended well with an improvement in our grade. We aren't able to share the inspection grade yet until the report is published in March. Here's some quotes from the draft inspection report:

"Students feel safe at the college. Staff work closely with students to keep them safe"

"Leaders and managers have developed an appropriate curriculum to support students to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours that they need to progress to adulthood"

Work underway on our polytunnel!

Not the greatest weather to work on our polytunnels, but our polytunnels were in desperate need of some TLC.



Before



In progress!



The rubbish has been removed, the fake grass has been binned, and the ground dug up and nicely flattened so it is safe, neat and tidy ready for the new plastic cover to be installed.

New Safeguarding Structure!

The team have been busy undertaking a level 3 course in Safeguarding, this is on top of our mandatory training that all staff have to do. The Duty Manager is the main point of contact for any low-level safeguarding concerns on a daily basis.



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KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE
IS EVERYONE'S
RESPONSIBILITY

Protecting those in our care from **HARM**
If you witness or suspect harm, you can also email your
concerns to:
dcsafeguarding@cambiagroup.com



Epi-pen training

A number of our care and education staff have undertaken epi-pen training on the 31st January 2023.

Although all staff cover epi-pen and allergies in our mandatory training, we have made sure staff have the in-depth knowledge on the practical use of epi-pens and are comfortable administering.



Improvements in accommodations!

We have been super busy personalising our young people's homes, and renovating accommodation.

Bothy Cottage has been personalised, with some lovely new rugs, throws, cushions, storage boxes and window seat padding. Sarah Massey has been showing off her amazing painting skills with the cartoon images and Disney theme pictures in the living room (thank you Sarah!).



Message from the Principal

What a month we have had! We had a few weeks of limited I.T. including the loss of email and internet. It is always interesting to lose something then get it back to make you realise how much we need and rely on it. I've never been so pleased to see my emails!

Our Ofsted inspection was a very intense and busy few days for everyone, we have all contributed to that inspection to varying degrees, but it pulled us together even more as a team than ever, it was lovely to see staff with smiles on their faces and with "we can do this!" said by a number of staff in the week. We showed such amazing progress to the inspectors. We still have work to do, but life would be boring otherwise! Once the report is officially published we will share this with you all.

You will see over the next few months that we have works underway in accommodation, room moves and renovation plans. We will share the progress with you in each newsletter and an all-staff briefing in March. It is an exciting time to be at Dilston, there is so much to do but we have some amazing plans to make it a nicer environment for staff and young people.



Dates to remember

Half term week	20 th – 24 th February
World Book day	Thursday 2 nd March
Culture Day	Friday 17 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 17 th March
Governance meeting	Thursday 30 th March
Next celebration day	Friday 31 st March
World Autism Acceptance Week	22 nd March – 2 nd April

Displaying our British Values at Dilston Means...

- We can express and justify our opinions.
- We can self-advocate and recognise how we're feeling
- We can use communication to express our thoughts and feelings
- That students are given the opportunity to feel like their views are heard and valued.
- We can identify the importance of team work and have mutual respect for each other.
- We can make choices and respect other people's choices.
- We can make positive choices and identify what we need.
- We can provide opportunities for students to make choices, meals and activities.
- We can listen to others and know that first impressions are not always accurate.
- We have equal rights and the freedom to make choices

