

Cambian Lufton College



Spring / Summer Newsletter - 2019



Lambs

The latest additions to the Lufton College Landbased department are now turning into teenagers. The four lambs that we bought in March had been spending their nights in a stable but are now old enough to live permanently in one of our fields. The lambs are still being bottle fed and the students have been helping to make up their milk and feed it to the lambs. We are now reducing the number of feeds they have, however the lambs are complaining about this... but they are learning to fill up on grass instead.



Easter Break

Students are supported during their college holidays to keep active both on site as well as accessing their local community. Students have planned activities throughout the holiday such as trips out or meals out with peers.

The last holiday period saw students engaged in a wide range of activities and they were clearly enjoyed by all.





In other animal news the rabbit and guinea pigs are back in their summer lodgings after spending the winter inside. And they seem very happy being outside again.... Especially now that the sun has come out!

The chickens and ducks have responded to the longer days and are laying eggs with gusto. One task in the Landbased sessions is to collect the eggs, box them up and then to take them around the college selling them to staff... who love them!



College Produce

Further signs that Spring had sprung were found in the greenhouse. Peas are already being picked and munched upon, the sunflowers were ready for planting early...and the tomato, courgettes and squash seedlings are getting bigger by the day.

There are three very healthy 'Big Max' pumpkin seedlings, one of which may produce a pumpkin to break the current Lufton record of 6.5st (41kg). We'll report back on this in October.



Wassail Wassail!

The Landbased students joined the Lufton College volunteering group at Liberty Orchard for Wassailing. This is an annual event which students take part in to celebrate the apple trees!

Apple juice was drunk, songs were sung and toast was put into the trees in the hope of a good harvest this year.

The student group also performed their own Wassail celebration in the College orchard inviting fellow students and staff to join in and appreciate the trees that we have growing in and around the site.



Abseiling

Climbing is a great alternative to the gym as a way of keeping fit and trying something new. Indoor climbing offers a safe environment for students' looking to take their first steps in learning how to climb. Our students really enjoyed this activity and were able to overcome any initial fears they had by the reassurance of staff from the College and climbing centre.



Swimming Gala

On Saturday 15th June, 15 students took part in an inclusive swimming festival in conjunction with SASP and Goldenstones Leisure Centre.

The students took part in a variety of events including width freestyle, width retrieval, 25m and 50m freestyle and fun races as well as relays to conclude the event.

All students received a certificate of participation as well as many also receiving medals for their events. **Congratulations to everyone that got involved.**



Big Booky Breakfast

WORLD BOOK DAY

Students celebrated World Book day to raise money and awareness of 'Book Aid International'.

Our students enjoyed a cooked breakfast together whilst dressed up as their favourite characters from the stage and screen. This was a very successful morning not only to raise money, but for students to also share their interests with peers.

The celebrations continued into Drama and storytelling workshops throughout the day which enabled students to also have the opportunity to tell or create stories for others to hear.... and trust me they were VERY entertaining!

.....and they lived happily ever after!



Thank you to the students of Cambian Lufton College
for raising £56-10 on World Book Day 2019
and helping send 29 new books around the world

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We have had 15 students complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award - 3 Golds, 8 Silvers, and 4 Bronze. This was the first year that we had ran and completed the Gold award, which was extremely successful and great to see for our students.

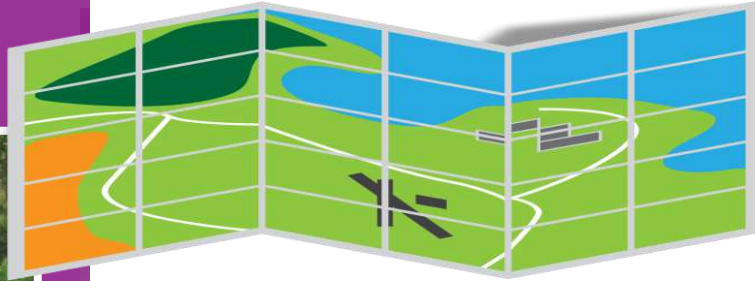
All the students completed sections of the award within their timetabled sessions, as well as trying new activities and learning new skills in other areas of their college life.

Each year the students look forward to the expedition section, learning camp/expedition skills within activities throughout the year.

We had expeditions around Yeovil, Weymouth and Exmoor where depending on the award students walked for 2-4 days and in some cases camped overnight.

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This year we have 24 students hoping to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Bronze, Silver and Gold. This year we have focused on the Gold camps and residential aspects, with the Bronze and Silver camps scheduled for September / October 2019. There will be an Awards evening held in March 2020 to celebrate the students achievements.

This year we have taken 4 Gold students on their Expeditions. We decided to use Dartmoor as the location for their Assessed Expedition and walked from Okehampton Railway station to Saltram House in Plymouth. Over the 4 days, the route went through lots of different areas, woodland, urban, moorland, and rural areas, looking at the wildlife and animals that lived in each. The students overcame many personal challenges and through collaborate working solved many problems that arose along the route... and became a close team.

Later this month the Gold group will be completing their residential stay at Pengwern College in North Wales. Here the students will join in with the Pengwern students to share the experience.

We will try lots of new activities working on the College's farm, in their gardens/woods and making new crafts. Social activities will include a BBQ and a football tournament!

Thanks to everyone that supported The Duke of Edinburgh throughout the year and made it so successful ☺

Next year we plan to build upon the experiences of this year and make the expeditions even more exciting...and challenging!





Red Nose Day

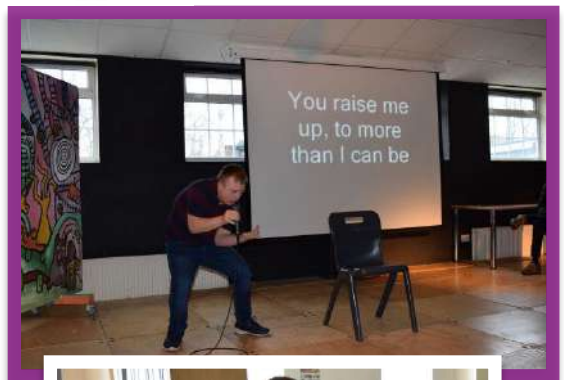
This year our students raised money for Comic Relief by taking part in, and supporting a College Talent Show. Students across our college sites took to the stage to either sing, dance, tell jokes or share a drama performance. The variety was enjoyed by all. Well done to all those that took part!

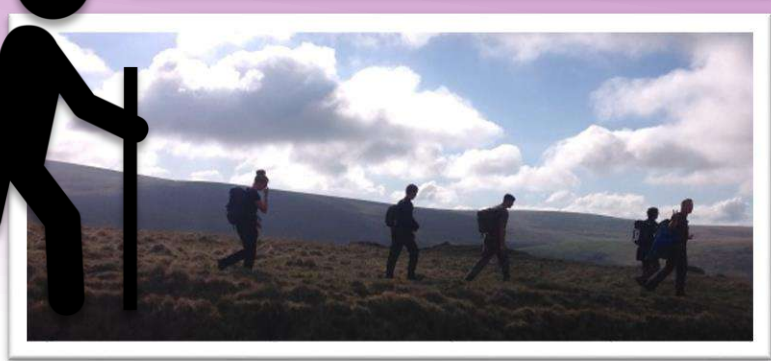
Throughout the day there was also other competitions including the best fancy dress and the best baked cake.

"The creativity that goes into people having a better life is extraordinary."

Sir Lenny Henry

**COMIC
RELIEF**





On the 10th and 11th May, three Cambian Lufton College students took part in the Ten Tors Challenge on Dartmoor.

The group set up camp on the Friday for an overnight stay and completed their challenge walk on the Saturday.

Our College team completed the Jubilee Challenge Route 2 in just over 4 hours and were the first team back.

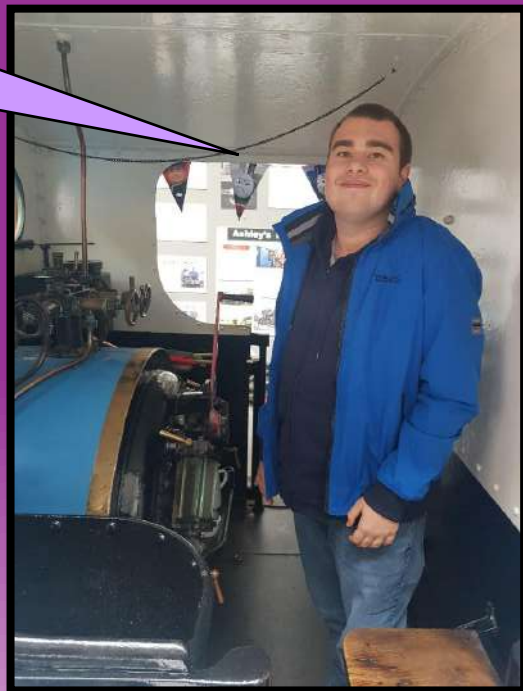
We were so proud of all of the students that took part. This challenge is not easy and we were delighted to see them so pleased with themselves after all their hard work.

Out & About

Aaron went to Buckfastleigh for a day out with Thomas. It was a great day and Aaron had the opportunity to go on three trains and visited the rare animal farm.

Aaron said he really enjoyed the train rides and loved seeing the animals. This trip sought to promote Aaron's work on travel training and accessing the wider community

I want to go again!



Sensory Garden

Our students have been using Hypertufa to create tiles for the Sensory Garden. The group have decided on a circular pattern to update part of their sensory garden at Manor Farm. Hypertufa is a mix of peat moss, cement and perlite and everyone in the group has enjoyed getting involved and experimenting with these materials. There are still more tiles to be made and gardening to be carried out in order to complete their garden art piece... but the students will have it done in no time!

Charity Bakes

Manor Farm Charity Bake

Our enterprise students at Manor Farm have been busy raising money for local charities in their Charity Baking session over the last few months. Each week students choose a new sweet treat to bake during the following Thursday afternoon Enterprise session. Recent bakes have included chocolate orange cheesecake, mixed fudge, chocolate chunk cookies and rocky road. This is then placed on sale the following day to raise money for charity... and enjoyed by all...

Every half term the Enterprise students choose a new charity to support and so far, from their baking efforts, they have raised £25 for Comic Relief and £45 for Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance. They are currently raising money for the Yeovil Hospital Charity.

The Enterprise session also enables students to practise valuable money skills by sorting and counting the money raised as well as their organisational skills by making posters to advertise and promote the bakes on sale each week. By making choices about what gets baked, students are also able to take ownership of the session to create what they want to bake and sell each week.



Recipe: _____

Serves: _____ Prep Time: _____

From the ❤️ of: _____

Ingredients:



Instructions:



Creative Arts



Our students have been completing large scale artworks and working together to experiment with paint and collage techniques. These will be displayed in and around the College for all to see and enjoy!

Some of the artworks created have also been entered into an art competition that is run by CareTech, lets hope they like what has been created.



PHOTO BOOTH



Luftonbury 2019

In June, our students enjoyed a fully week of activities that saw them take part in many new and exciting activities and trips.

As well as many onsite activities our students went on several trips out into the wider community where they could put their skills into practice in the real world.

The week long 'Luftonbury' activity week was tested by a period of very wet weather, however despite this the students seemed to have a great time and refused to have their spirits dampened... after all, it is festival season!



Students from across all programmes of study enjoyed an exciting week of activities where they had the opportunity to decide on their preferred outings and workshops for their week and encourage personal choice.

Some of the off-site trips included catching the train to Weymouth, National Trust visits, animal sanctuaries and an Alpaca farm. At the end of the week all learners enjoyed the annual 'Luftonbury' festival which included a barbeque, karaoke and dance, photo booth, sports and more!

Activity Week

10th – 14th June



TICKETS



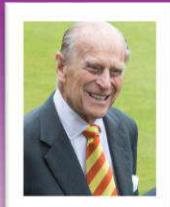
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Buckingham Palace

Our Gold DofE participants made the trip up to Buckingham Palace to be presented with their Gold Awards. The weather was great all day which enhanced the whole experience. Everyone was split into groups for the presentations and each group got to talk to Prince Edward, who personally congratulated each of our students and asked everyone questions.

As well as Prince Edward, the students met Olympic Kayaker, Joe Clarke. Joe took time to speak to each Student and even let them wear his Gold Olympic Medal!



Congratulations to the students on their massive achievement, and thank you to all the staff that made it happen... we now look forward to the next awards!

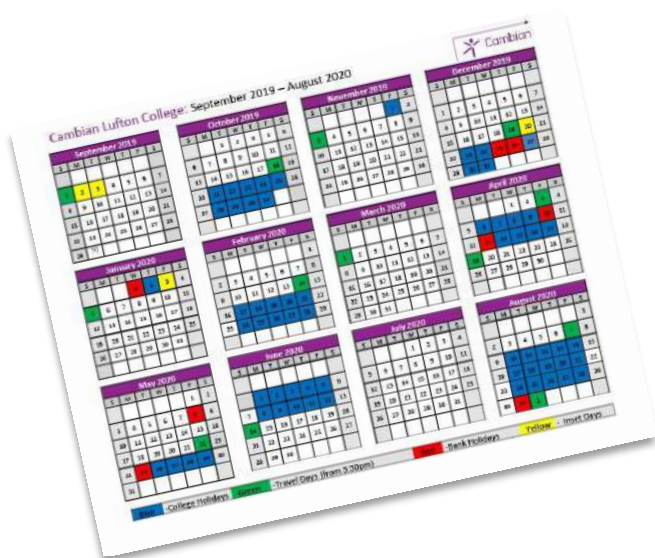


Confirmed: Term Dates 2019-2020

As communicated in our Autumn/Winter Newsletter we had proposed to amend the College term dates so that there is less impact on our students that struggle with having prolonged periods of time away from the educational structure found during term time.

It was great to receive your feedback on this and whilst there were a couple of parents that expressed a preference to keep things as they are, it was also really great to hear from those that welcomed this development and could see the benefits.

We hope that this revised approach will work well for all, however as always we are here to help should you need any additional support whilst we transition over to this new schedule.



***Please Note:** With regards to the return dates for students, all existing residential students will travel back on Sunday 1st September 2019 and then have two days to settle back into the College before formal education starts again on Wednesday 4th September. The Day students will return on Wednesday 4th September (following the two days tutor inset highlighted in Yellow on the enclosed schedule).



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Joint Working & Recent Inspections:

As many of you will be aware from my recent email, last week the College was subject to a very robust and rigorous aligned inspection by Ofsted and CQC.

Whilst we are not legally permitted to disclose the contents of the verbal feedback, we recognise that there continues to be much that we need to improve upon at the College. However, this is not something that we were not aware of and as such this has formed part of our ongoing improvement plans.

The last twelve months has seen several changes which we feel confident were required, however feedback gained via recent surveys to both us and the inspectors suggest that some parents continue to feel that their views and opinions are not being taken into consideration.

Please rest assured that we really do value your feedback and do, despite how some may feel want to work in close partnership with you; after all only then can we best meet the needs of students.

The start of the new academic term will see a renewed focus to set up the parent forum, which will be coordinated by Lucy Wade and I sincerely hope that this will improve engagement and ensure that you feel more involved and aware of our rationale for ongoing developments.

We will be in touch once we are able to share the inspection findings with you, however in the meantime, as I hope many of you already know the Senior Leadership Team and I are always happy to talk or meet with you to hear any concerns that you may have.

Darren Jackson
Principal

Dates for the diary:

18th July – Graduation Ceremony

19th July – Travel Day

1st September – Travel Day

4th September – Start of Term



Outstanding skills:

Our students continue to impress us with their skills and talents. One student in particular, Terri-Anne has been doing consistently well with her work experience within our main kitchen.

Terri-Anne is due to complete her time with us at the end of term and return home, however I am confident that she will continue her passion for cooking and continue to share this with others.

Our Catering Manager Neil Padfield said *"I wish Terri-Anne could stay and join my team. Her skills in the kitchen have really helped me and the team and if she lived closer I would definitely have asked her to consider an internship with us so that she could continue her good work"*

As a Thank You to Terri-Anne and in recognition of all her hard work we arranged for her to have an apron with her name on it... 'Queen of Baking'

Terri-Anne's skills were also recently celebrated by our Ofsted inspectors who were very impressed by the work she was doing in the kitchen.



Introductions:

Placement Manager

As I'm sure many of you will be aware, the College held a very successful recruitment event on Saturday 15th June where we attracted several new staff to join the team. Whilst our recruitment efforts continue and we process our new starters over the coming weeks, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce the following new people that are here to assist you.

Steve Pitcher is our new Placement Manager. Steve replaces Phil Quinton and will now oversee all aspects of students' placements, also acting as parent liaison officer. Prior to starting at Lufton College Steve worked for Dorset Council for 24 years of which the last 16 years were as a SEN Team Manager. This role entailed working with schools & colleges, parents, students and professionals to ensure that the child or young person's Education, Health and Care Plan was actioned legally, responsibly and in a timely fashion.

In Dorset Steve was responsible for leading on post 16 issues which meant close liaison with Further Education Colleges.

Outside of work Steve is a keen golfer and plays regularly at Bridport and West Dorset Golf Course.

As our Placement Manager Steve will also work with families in order to improve communications. He will now also be responsible for the management and recording and concerns of concerns or complaints that may be shared.



Placement Coordinator

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve the way that the College supports families and Local Authorities to conduct EHCP reviews.

I am thrilled to be able to welcome Mandy Exley. Mandy joins the College team as our Placement Coordinator.



Until recently Mandy worked for Somerset County Council for 3 years and Sheffield County Council for 5 years prior to that as part of the SEND Team.

Mandy also worked for a number of years, with young people, parents and other professionals in differing roles within Further Education Colleges in Yorkshire.

Outside of work Mandy finds cooking and gardening both relaxing and enjoyable... lets hope she brings cakes in soon!

**EDUCATIONAL
HEALTH & CARE
PLAN**

Deputy Head of Care

Having evaluated the benefits of having three Deputy Heads of Care I am pleased to introduce the new Deputy Head of Care allocated to Manor Farm. Melitta Izzard has 30 years experience supporting adults with learning disabilities and autism in a variety of settings from emergency short breaks, residential care homes and supported living homes across East Somerset.

Melitta has held different roles including Support Worker, Team Manager and Registered Manager.

When Melitta is not at Lufton College she can be found walking her dogs on the Mendip hills, cycling or in the garden pottering...or taking train trips across Europe.



You can contact Melitta at:
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Here to Help!



If you would like to speak to Steve or Mandy in order to gain advice or seek support then please do not hesitate to contact them!

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THE GREATEST SHOWMAN



Summer 2019 - Student Prom

On Tuesday 2nd July our students celebrated their summer with a Prom Night. The event was themed by the student council as 'The Greatest Showman' and students really went to town on the clothes they wore to support this.

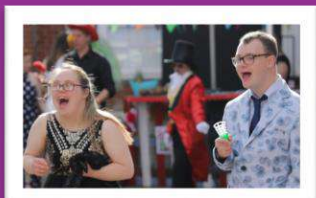
There were canapés, a three course meal followed by live entertainment with Italian singer Rio Scibona.



The event went on to 10pm, by which time students and staff were exhausted.

Special thanks to all that helped to make the evening so much fun... and for the amazing costumes.





Student Prom Night 2019

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