

Special School - Primary PRU - Secondary PRU - Hospital Medical



Federation.

WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE RESPECT

MORE than £2m is being spent on expanding our provision for children who are not being taught in mainstream due to rising numbers out of school.

The Kingsmead School is being restructured to create an additional 84 spaces for children who have been excluded from mainstream school or have medical issues or special needs which prevent them from attending.

The provision is likely to be called the Respect Federation which will operate a Gateway for prospective pupils to ensure the correct assessments and allocation of places at one of our three main sites. Pupils will also be assessed for their academic abilities and gaps in learning as well as their social and emotional resilience.

The changes will mean a pupil referral unit for primary and secondary students on one site, a bigger hospital medical provision and increased pupil numbers in the special school.

Derby City Council is spending £1.4m of capital funding to turn the Newton's Walk pupil referral unit in Cedar Street into a new site for the hospital and medical school Castle Education Centre, which is currently oversubscribed. The move has already created 30 additional places for children, with a further 30 spaces to be created over the next year.

Some children who need 1:1 tuition will continue to attend Castle's former site on Copeland Street, and the hair and beauty provision will also remain there.

An additional £500,000 of capital funding will create additional classroom space at the pupil referral unit in Bridge Street, creating a pupil referral unit for pupils in Key Stage 2-4 giving the younger pupils better access to the specialist facilities at Bridge Street including the ICT suite, food technology room and sports hall. The Kingsmead Special School, in Brighton Road, is also being expanded to provide 100 places for children from years five to 11, although funding has yet to be agreed for this change.

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Pupils celebrate the joy of reading with treasure hunt

As part of their World Book Day celebrations Year 9 at the special school had a Where's Wally themed treasure hunt. They worked really well as a team to crack the clues and find out where Wally was hiding!



The snowdog and the playground...



While several schools across the city were forced to close due to the snowfall experienced this half term, Wilf helped us share the message that we remained open on all sites except Hospital/medical.

Well done everyone!



Police help our pupils make the right choice

This term at the PRU we welcomed Jason and Manny from Your Choice, in association with Derbyshire Police. Both Jason and Manny have spent many years successfully deviating young people away from violence, hatred, county lines, knife crime and many other related crimes.

Such an inspiring and engaging day for staff and pupils and an honour to welcome them back to Kingsmead.





Sporting successes at city's new padel centre

This term we have taken various year groups to the We Are Padel Centre on Pride Park. This was an extension of our curriculum offer around mini-tennis that KS3 & KS4 covered last term. We took a total of 38 pupils across six visits to the centre. Our Year 10 core groups took advantage of the good weather and took a break from their BTEC Level 2 Course and took to the 3G courts for some football.

The response from our pupils has been positive and they had a fantastic time learning the skills and rules to be able to play Padel Tennis.

We would like to thank all of the staff at the centre for the support and the warm welcome we have received and we are very much looking forward to visiting again in the future.









CAREERS EVENT IS JUST THE JOB

This term, some of our students attended a Build your Career event at the University of Derby's Kedleston Road campus.

The day had a free-flowing schedule, with students able to attend a variety of talks, explore our campus and take part in our activities when it suits them, giving them a taste of what to expect in day-to-day university life.



PRIMARY PUPILS TACKLE TRASH AT CITY PARK





In a pledge to make our environment that bit more green, our eco-warriors from Primary PRU spent the morning scouring the tributaries, paths and fields of Darley Park for discarded litter.

After cleaning up and thoroughly washing their hands, they plan on spreading their environmentally-friendly ways across the entire park!







'With the weather picking up, pupils at Outdoor Education overcame their nerves and took a ride in our speedy track-mounted sleds. With only a few tumbles (this being staff, not pupils), it was a great success and really tested pupils' self-confidence and bravery. We're going for a bigger hill next time!