

The Haven



Summer Newsletter 2019

Director's end of year report

It is now over 3 years since The Haven School opened its doors. I'm pleased to say that we still have some pupils on roll who started with us in the first term. It is very heart-warming to see the difference in all of them from when they first arrived. We always say we want our young people to stay here for as long as we feel we can make a difference. As staff, we are always delighted to see so many of them staying into the 6th form and attending college and / or doing work experience. Our aim is to help pupils prepare for a successful life after school where they can take their place in society. Well done to all our current and prospective 6th formers!

You will see from this newsletter that our pupils take part in a range of activities as part of their school programme. They work hard at their core subjects and other academic studies but we also believe in broadening their experiences so that they can develop into well-rounded individuals. We are always looking for new opportunities and would welcome any input you have into this, whether it is comments about existing programmes or new ideas.

We are finishing this year on a very successful note. You will read about the many achievements of our young people. I hope you will join me and all the staff in saying very well done to everyone.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported the school throughout this year. By working together we really can change lives. We hope you have a relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

With best wishes.

Jane Spensley

Director, The Haven School

Our theme for this term has been investigating different ways in which we can 'Save Our Planet'. The students have been learning about the topics below during Humanities lessons with Mrs Gould, as well as considering current issues in the news during assembly and Form Tutor times. There are many ways in which we can all do something small to play an important part in helping our communities and the world. What can **you** do?

Reduce, Reuse, recycle



Have a look at these websites to find out more...

<http://footprintseducation.org/>

10 tips to help you save our planet. Investigate what your ecological footprint is and how to reduce it.

<https://www.worldoceansday.org/>

Information and videos to support world ocean day.

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/>

Learn about different endangered animals.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPuvOPss33M>

David Attenborough at his best!

<https://practicalaction.org/renewable-energy-resources>

Learn about renewable energy.

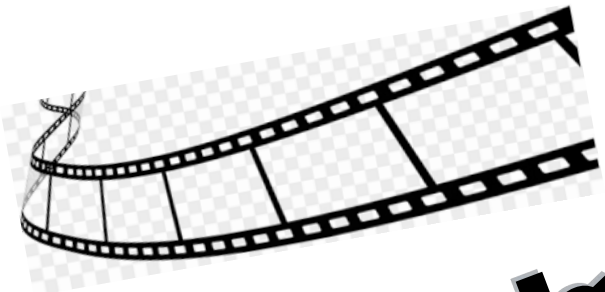
Outdoor Education

This term on Outdoor Education (Adventurous Activities) the topic has been Canoeing. Every Thursday Mr Simpson and Mr Marshall take the pupils to Akers Adventure in Birmingham to take part in the paddle skills award scheme. It is a 4 week programme which allows the pupils to develop their decision making and practical skills in order to gain confidence and have a fun and safe time on the water enabling them to become a proficient and independent paddler. Look at the fun we've had!



During the second half of term students had the opportunity to learn cycling skills at Cannock Chase. Lots of determination and resilience was required!





Photography

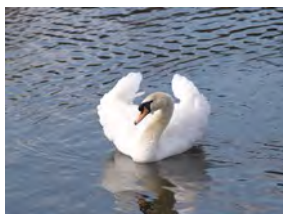
My name is Jess. I have been given a camera by a kind man from Willfield Camera club.

As part of my lessons I do photography. It is awesome because it is what I like doing, learn new things and learn more things about animals. For example when I went to see the wallabies at Peake Wildlife Park.



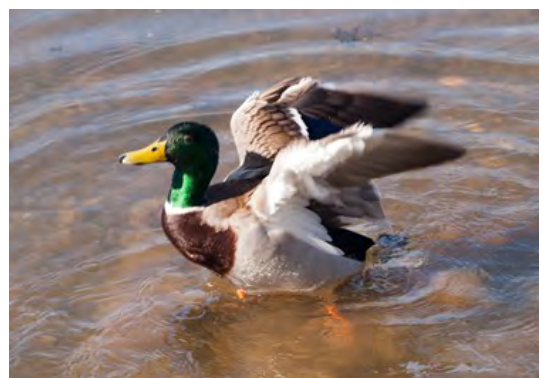
I spent the day taking photos at Trentham Gardens.

This is one of my favourite shots:



The picture below shows motion and it looks fluffy. It was taken at Woseley Bridges.

I like detail in the water - it's feet.

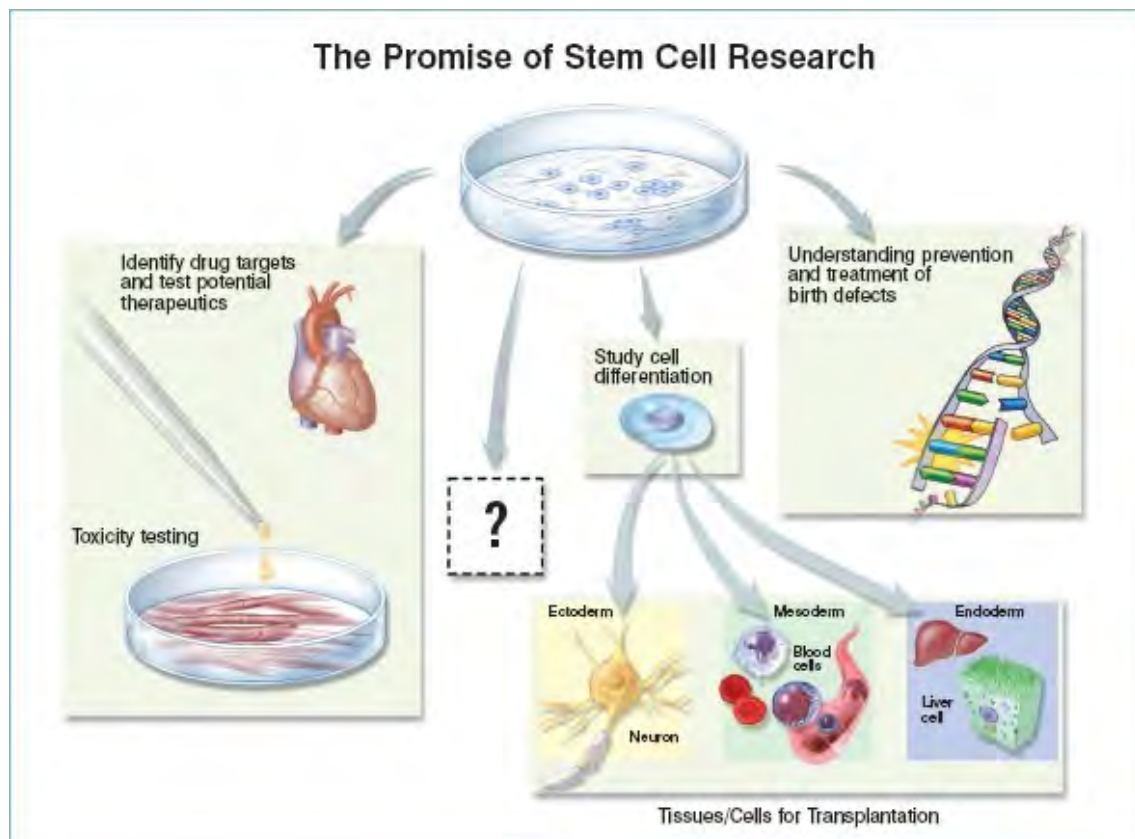


GCSE Biology

This term three year 10 students have started studying for their *GCSE Biology* qualification.

The students have been learning about the use of embryonic stem cells in pioneering new treatments for illnesses such as heart disease, Leukemia and Paralysis.

Science



In Science some of our KS3 Students have been getting creative, we have been modelling plant and animal cells using sweets! This really helps our students to remember the basic cell shape. structures.... Can you label them!?



Well done to year 11's for completing their science qualifications. This term some students have opted to complete a CREST award to gain a further qualification. Each student has had to choose and design their own project, carrying out market research, project budgets, scientific investigations and finally designing their own product. This year the ideas have been amazing and the students have made bath bombs, lemonade and even homemade crisps!! Yum yum....

Animal Encounters

Every so often we are lucky enough here at The Haven to welcome some furry and friendly visitors! The students enjoy learning how to look after them...

Mrs Gilman brought in her 1 week old kittens, and then again at 7 weeks. We were amazed at how much they had changed in a short amount of time!



Mrs O'Grady brought her four day old chicks into school. Popcorn, Oreo and Donut spent the day in the office and all the pupils got chance to have a cuddle!

Activity Week!

During the last week of term the students had access to a wide variety of activities and learning opportunities to broaden their experiences.

Activities included: Stepping back in time at Shugborough house and gardens, getting muddy at Trentham's bare foot walk, playing football golf in Wolverhampton, building dens and having a BBQ at Cannock Chase, enjoying picnics at the castle and being part of an art workshop. We hope you enjoy looking at the photos below showing some of the fun we had at the farm and sledging!



Sports Morning Fun!



We were very lucky with the weather and a marvellous time was had by all! The week finished off with our annual Sports Day held at the Beaconside Sports Centre where all the students took part in various races as well as basketball and football challenges.

We then went back to school where every student achieved a certificate for their successes during the academic year. We are extremely proud of all of our students this year. We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming them back, along with our new students in September.

