



# Newsletter

As we go into the Easter break we would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers and learners and staff this term for their patience and support in response to absences due to COVID. The college continued to follow Government and Public Health guidelines.

Learners have continued to make great progress in their curriculum targets and had fun along the way.

Could we please ask our learners to arrive back at college promptly at 9.30am on the 25th April, please, hopefully with a spring in their step ready for the summer term.

Have a lovely Easter break.

## The Lindridge



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## In this edition...

**A visit from The Police!**

**Its pancakes galore!**

**Well done Leah for winning for the ladies in a pancake race in Lichfield.**

**We raise money for Comic Relief.**

**Learners across the pathways make great progress**

**Money saving tips and activities**



Just a reminder...



Half term break:  
8th April 2022 -  
25th April 2022

## Life and Living Pathway

Ello, Ello, Ello!. Eve'nin All,  
Our local Police came to visit for a meet and greet with the learners. They had a good look at the Police car, got to dress up and were keen to teach the Policemen some Makaton signing.



## Independence Pathway

Great news! Joe and Nile will be working at Clifton road Youth Centre on work experience as groundsmen and they will take part in some office work.

Zachkea has made excellent progress this term and will be moving over to our Employment and Volunteering Pathway. Well done!

Many thanks to all that took part in Comic Relief Red Nose day on the 18th March. £45 was raised.



It's spring and Easter time is upon us again. Learners have been celebrating this religious event by making cards and taking part in an Easter Egg hunt.

### Some news from a Parent.

Many thanks to Karen who has attended the Boxercise sessions with her son Joe and they both thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Please help Karen and Trinity to support initiatives such as Evolve Wellness who provide these healthy and wellbeing sessions. Community Catalyst organise a range of activities for young adults across the city. The full directory is on our website at [trinityspecialistcollege.co.uk](http://trinityspecialistcollege.co.uk)  
If you would like to try Boxercise with your young adult you can contact Nora on : 07707931439, or email at [Noraboxercise@hotmail.com](mailto:Noraboxercise@hotmail.com)

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### *New Starters and Leavers this term*

Welcome to:

Daniel May - LSA starts 3rd May

Shanna Lynch - LSA 25 April

Jody Thacker- Teacher volunteering pathway starts 25th April

Joanne Tucker - LSA started 7th March

Leavers:

Joe Morris - LSA leaves 18th April. Many thanks Joe for all your hard work.

We are also sending our warmest wishes to Kate and Holly who are now on maternity leave and congratulations to Holly and Ed on the birth of their baby boy!!



# Employment and Volunteering Pathways

Learners continued their weekly work experience sessions at Falcon Lodge Café this term and made pancakes on 1st March as well as jacket potatoes with different fillings for the other college and day service visitors. Learners from across the Trinity pathways took part in shopping for the resources to make pancakes and eating them. Yum! Yum! Activities such as this are carefully planned to cover many curriculum targets.

## Outreach and Transition Pathway

Joshua is doing really well, he made pancakes for pancake day and has been attending college. He is getting to know other staff and peers and making good progress despite a lot of thing changing recently. Excellent news.



Learners from employment and voluntary pathways took part in a historical pancake race in Lichfield today. They had to register and race against members of the community and local businesses. Leah won the ladies race! - winning £15.00. Jack Col had a go at being the town crier. Students explored travel training by accessing the train to Lichfield. We

were mentioned in the Citylife of Lichfield's Facebook page too. A great day and well done to all !



### Rising household bills??

**BENEFIT CHECK!!!** Martin Lewis from Money Saving Expert warns households that are earning under £30,000 to check benefits **NOW** to claim missing cash.

[www.gov.uk/apply-council-tax-reduction](http://www.gov.uk/apply-council-tax-reduction)

Also.....

Look out for the **£150 council tax rebate if you live in council tax bands A to D.**

And.....

**Entitledto** has a free online calculator that works out whether you qualify for various benefits, tax credits and Universal Credit.

**MoneySavingExpert.com** and charity **StepChange** both have benefits tools powered by **Entitledto's** data that let you save your results without logging in.

Also, **Policy in Practice** have a calculator to not only find out which benefits you could receive, but also to find out how much cash you'll have leftover each month after paying for housing costs.

Charity **Turn2Us** has a benefits calculator that works out what means-tested benefits you might be entitled to, as well as whether you qualify for carers allowance.

**Please also ask your energy provider what they can do to help with ever increasing bills.**

How about...

Signing up for this

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## DROP ZONE

Come and have an exciting evening out with friends!

Last Wednesday of Every Month, starting:

- Wednesday 27th April
- Wednesday 25th May
- Wednesday 29th June

at 18:30-21:00  
Sutton Sports and Social Club, 45 S Parade, B72 1QU  
Friends! Pool! Drinks! Music! Karaoke!

Just £4 entry fee, drinks can be purchased from the bar

Specifically for adults with disabilities, 18+

Please come with a parent/carer

Any Questions, feel free to call or message:  
Sue: 07506577169  
Joe: 07794395453

### Concessions available at these websites:

#### Rail cards

[www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk](http://www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk) £20 per year plus money saving options.

#### Carer goes free at the cinema

Apply at: [www.ceacard.co.uk](http://www.ceacard.co.uk)

[www.moneyadvice.org.uk](http://www.moneyadvice.org.uk) Gives details of lots of organisations offering discounts.

#### Passport to Leisure

[www.birmingham.gov.uk](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk) 20% off at Leisure centres and attractions.

### Crisis Support for Families and Carers

These organisations can offer support.

**MENCAP Tel no: 0808 808 1111**

[www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/our-services/learning-disability-helpline](http://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/our-services/learning-disability-helpline)

**Samaritans : 116 123**

**Texting service: SHOUT . Text 85258.**

**More information at [giveusashout.org](http://giveusashout.org)**

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