

# Sixth Form News

A Route: Developing Aspirations for Life



## A Route



The A route students have been working on building their confidence and supporting their local community this term. They started out the year volunteering at Italian Gardens where they were able to work as a team and prepare the grounds for the winter period and it was wonderful to see their sense of achievement.

During their life skills lessons, the students have been learning about their local community and what it has to offer them in terms of facilities that would be beneficial to them in the future.



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Alongside this, they have been contributing to the local area by litter picking and building their own bird boxes to enable the local wildlife to nest safely during the cold months.



The students have also been developing their independence by learning about the local transport links and travelling to Exeter by train in a supported group. To end the term, the students have supported the Salvation Army with their Christmas Appeal by raising money to provide gifts for disadvantaged children.



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## D Route: Developing Independence for Work

### D Route



The D students have been developing their work skills through supported, sheltered placements in our local community. It has been fantastic to see them grow in confidence over the term and recognise their achievements in practical working environments. The students have been lucky enough to gain experience in a variety of settings, including Occombe Farm, The Range, Jack's Patch and The Derwent Hotel. This learning has been developed further through the in school work Skills lessons which aim to further strengthen the students' understanding of the work place and how they can become more 'work ready'.

As part of this, students have been planning their own trips using public transport and have begun their travel training programme with a trip to Exeter on the train.



### D Route

The Work Skills group have also been working hard to support the local community by designing and creating the scarecrows for Occombe Farm Halloween Trail and setting it up for the visitors to enjoy over the half term period.



The students were able to apply the practical skills they have been working on in their lessons and design and build outdoor shelving units and Christmas trees that they were able to sell at the Christmas Fayre.





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## W Route: Ready for Work



Our work ready group have been growing in confidence this term and it has been lovely to see their journey during this period. Being part of a 'team' outside of the school environment and developing their social and communication skills is so important and they have certainly risen to this challenge.

Some of our students have already gained paid employment for the Christmas period and this will stand them in good stead for the future as well as providing them with some 'pocket money' to reward their hard work.

All of our students are developing their independence, whether that be working towards being an independent traveller, taking their driving assessment or through their personalised targets in their chosen pathway.

It has been wonderful to see these skills of resilience and hard work recognised by employers and one student in particular has been awarded 'Employee of the Year', which he should be extremely proud of – Well done Bradley Kersey!



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## Other Activities

### Team Building



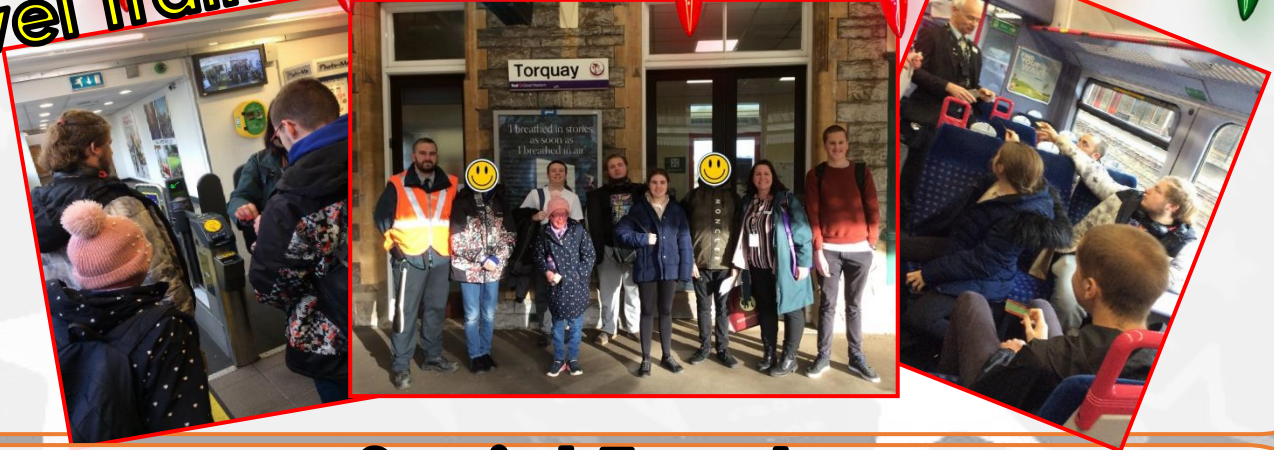
### Driving Assessment

*Congratulations!*

7 of our Sixth Form students have passed their driving assessment at Westpoint this term:

Mason Irish, Oscar Thornhill, Jordan Orchard Barker, Luke Marks, Jake Brimicombe, Ben Barber and Charlie Ross

### Travel Training



### Social Events:

