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Activate Student Newsletter

Summer 2015

Upcoming Events:

- 15/7/15 -
Last day of term
- 14/9/15 -
Students return,
enrollment day
- 7/10/15 -
Knowsley Open
Day 10am-12pm
& 3pm-7pm
- 17/10/15 -
Knowsley &
Wirral Open
Days, 10am-
12pm

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Free Bikes for Students

Several Activate students recently participated in a scheme run by BikeRite!, an organisation which helps people develop their cycling skills.

Two students achieved a Level 3 certificate and passed a road safety test. As a result, they received free bikes, locks and safety equipment.



Students receiving their certificates.



Students showing off their new bikes.

One of the students said, “Having this bike has made a huge impact on my life. I can get around a lot easier now.”

He even uses his bike to get to college each day.

Well done to all students who took part and learned a new skill.

Trip to China Town

Students visited Liverpool in June to see how the city celebrates diversity. They went to China Town, the Stanely Street Quarter,

the Liverpool Museum and the Chinese supermarket.

The tutor who organised the trip said, “It was great

to see the students inspired to talk about when they’ve

celebrated diversity in their own lives.”

Large print versions of this newsletter are available upon request.



Students volunteering for Friends of Birkenhead Kennels.

Wirral Employability Update

A number of our Wirral students began new work placements this term.

Activate made ties with Friends of Birkenhead Kennels, local charity shops, Girtrell Court and

the Reader Organisation to name a few!

When asked about his placement at a charity shop, a student said, "It will help me get a job by being able to work with the

public and by me being a friendly face and more confident."

We look forward to hearing more about these placements in our next issue.

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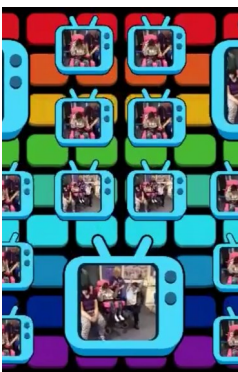
Catch 22 Summer Adventure

A few of our students are taking part in the National Citizen Service four week summer programme delivered in partnership with Catch 22. The

students are looking forward to going on a residential, doing outdoor activities and completing a volunteer project. One student has also said, "I'm looking

forward to being away and having independence from my parents."

We can't wait to hear how the trip went and see their certificates from the Prime Minister.



Sneak peak of the Choices music video.

A Welcome Music Video

Activate Choices students have been working hard to make a music video to show the new students starting in September.

The aim of the film is to

introduce new students to the programme and make them feel welcome.

Jenny, a tutor at Activate, said that, "It was really good to see everyone

working as a team whilst making the video."

The students were happy to get creative and use iPads to design the video.

Upcycling in Wirral

Students in Wirral are finding a new way to reuse and recycle old car tyres by transforming them into planters.

The tyres are hand painted using repurposed

paint leftover from local trade jobs.

Customers can personalise their tyres, choosing the colour and design.

The tyres are sold as a bundle with compost and

flowers, so customers have everything they need for their new planter.

The planters are on sale now, £15 for 1 or £20 for 2. Order one while stock lasts!



Tyres painted and ready to go.

Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)

You may not be aware, but Activate offers Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) for students and their families.

We're here to give impartial

advice to help students and their families make informed decisions. This can be done formally at review meetings, or can be as simple as a quick chat.

Students can even access support from Activate for up to 6 months after finishing a course.

Please contact us for any help you might need. We are here to help.

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Knowsley Employability Update

Two students recently started work experience on reception at Activate Kirkby.

When one of the students was asked why she wanted to apply for the position

she said, "to get more experience and employability skills for the future."

Both students have made a great start carrying out

administrative tasks and greeting visitors.

The other office staff members are very thankful for their help.



Busy on reception.

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Business and Enterprise Day

As part of their employability day, Meadowbrook students designed their own business and sold products at a special event on 11th June. The project taught them about all aspects of starting and running a business from planning and marketing to budgeting and design.

Some of the fantastic products on offer included: cards, cakes and bird feeders. One group utilised our sensory pod to offer relaxation sessions which included a hand massage. The students raised over £130!



Student wrapping up one of the many fairy cakes sold.

NeetTV Awards Ceremony

Students on the Meadowbrook programme took part in neetTV's Producers' project this year, making three short films which were shown last month at Showcase Cinema in Liverpool.

NeetTV is an educational charity which makes films with

a range of groups.



Student receiving the Director's Choice Award.

Two of our students won the Director's Choice Award and one received the Mary Hignett Award.

The films titled: *Super Snacks for You*, *Walk Together* and *Meadowmade*, can all be viewed on neetTV's youtube page.

Thank you to our student journalists Nikita and Anthony for their contributions to this newsletter!