

Spring Term 2023



## **Message from Mrs Thrower**

What a great performance we had just before half term. It was fantastic to see the auditorium so full of family and friends, watching the superb performances of our great pupils. I love not knowing what is going to happen and am always pleasantly surprised with the change in our pupils when they get into character. Well done everyone.

It certainly has been a term full of activity and as we move into some hopefully better weather we know that the summer term will be equally busy.

Have a good break everyone and thank you for your constant support.

# Alice in Wonderland Theatre Week

All of the Knightsfield community pulled together to make this play a success, and what a success it was! This was my favourite play yet, made even better by the fantastic dance at the end! Well done to all of our amazing students, we were so impressed with you.

Mrs Sylvester



## **Visit from Will Bayley**



The British Paralympic table tennis player Will Bayley paid us a visit in February. He gave an inspirational assembly around disability and resilience to our lower years along with some workshops with the pupils and showed us his Olympic medals. We look forward to welcoming him back to spend time with the upper years.



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### **Careers Update**

We have had a great start to 2023 with various visits and trips out to the University of Hertfordshire and the Welwyn Hatfield Careers Fair.

#### Welwyn & Hatfield Careers Fair

On Friday 24th February, the year 10, 11 and post 16 students got a chance to attend the Welwyn & Hatfield Careers Fair at the Fielder Centre in Hatfield. There were over 50 employers there, as well as colleges, universities and training providers. Pupils really enjoyed the experience and engaged well with the employers. One of our pupils won a £10 Tesco voucher for answering all questions correctly at the Tesco stand.



# National Careers Week (6th - 10th March)

During National Careers Week, pupils had an assembly to develop their awareness and excitement about their future pathways. In addition, pupils in years 9,10 and 11, had an assembly with James French from Sporting Futures who are an innovative, dynamic company, driven by a desire to create opportunities and raise aspirations for 16-24 year olds.

#### Trip to University of Hertfordshire

On Monday 20th March, the year 8 and 10 students had the opportunity to visit the University of Hertfordshire. They had a tour of the De Havilland campus which included a sneak peak inside a full-scale courtroom. Students learnt about the range of courses available at university.

Mrs Blake



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#### **Deaf National Swimming Championships**



Knightsfield did fantastically well at the Panathlon's Deaf Secondary gala at the London 2012 Aquatics Centre, coming in 3rd place!

Those pupils selected had an opportunity to try some of the unique swimming challenges taking place on the day as well as more traditional races.

It was a great day had by all and we're so proud of our pupils' achievement!

### **Smile Therapy**

This term smile therapy has seen six more students excel further in their social and communication skills.

Mrs Hazell and Mr Jones have been very impressed with the dedication and commitment from pupils.

Also four of our year ll students have moved on to module 2. They have been working on interviewing skills and getting ready for life after Knightsfield.



Mrs Hazell and Mr. Jones



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### **Knightsfield is expanding!**

We are extremely excited to announce that we have been granted planning permission for a new, state-of-the-art indoor facility that will meet the acoustic requirements necessary for optimal listening conditions for our students. As well as new changing facilities and indoor communal spaces.

Our fundraising page on gofundme.com is now live and we would very much appreciate your support in helping to achieve our target to allow our plans to become reality!

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