

Gardening Update...

The Fir Vale School "Cohesive Community Gardening Group" is continuing to work hard by building on its success from the last two years.

The group has made a batch of Fir Vale planters in school, to be used in the gardens of local residents who were part of the 'Big Clear up' Project.

In addition to making planters and tending the school's allotment, a group

of students suffering from bereavement have met regularly to work on a project for the memorial garden.

The project is aiming to help them cope with their experiences of bereavement, whilst creating a lasting focal point that can be used by students in the future as a coping strategy and a way of remembering passed loved ones.

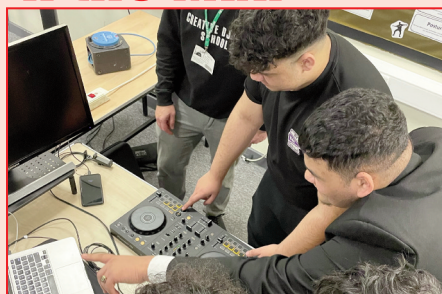


Adventure!

Fir Vale students building their resilience in the Peak District with Adventure Expeditions.



In the Mix!



Students took part in a bespoke DJ masterclass with Ian Stanley from The Creative DJ School.

They learned how to mix and match beats, finger drum, and use professional DJ equipment!

Exam Ready!



Y11 students had the opportunity to attend Hillsborough Stadium for a Y11 Conference which was filled with fun and exciting learning. It was hosted by Mohammed Nawaz from Learning Performance, Toby Gorniak, MBE and Dave Campbell a Student Mentor.

The students were taught key skills regarding memorisation and revision techniques to get them GCSE ready.

This was followed by inspiring words from our special guests and top tips from the Science and English department.

Out in Force!

The cadets (and staff) have been enjoying different lessons and activities since September having carried out lessons on navigation, the Scorpion air rifle, drill and communications.



We are welcoming new cadets from Y8 and Y10 who will be receiving their uniforms very soon.

The staff have also been out training learning skills to help drive the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) forward in terms of camps and day trips.

Finally a huge congratulations to Under Officer Croft who has now been promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant.

Keep your eyes open for more news from Fir Vale's Combined Cadet Force.



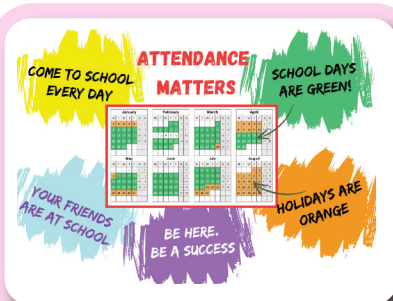
Winners!

Students who behave well or have improved their behaviour in lessons are given raffle tickets. They are drawn every fortnight. Students win £20 Meadowhall vouchers. Well done to our winners!



Something to be proud of...

The Y11 football team made it to the Sheffield School's Cup Quarter Final stage and were knocked out by King Egbert's. It is still an amazing achievement and our best place finish in that cup for at least a decade and something to be proud of.



Fir Vale and our local primaries continue to push the importance of attendance.

Check your Fir Vale fridge magnet for key messages.

Dates for your diary

Monday 19 February 2024
All students back in school

Thursday 29 February 2024
Y9 GCSE Options Evening

Thursday 18 April 2024
Y7 & Y8 Parents' Evening

Thursday 25 April 2024
Y10 Parents' Evening

News

OPPORTUNITY

Fir Vale School gave a great big welcome to one of our ex-students: Grammy nominated music producer KVRIM who has worked with artists such as Ed Sheeran, Chris Brown, and Jason Derulo. He has recently worked on Friday's self-titled album and has been nominated for best production on an RnB album.



KVRIM started his music career as a local DJ in Sheffield where he blended UK Garage/House with Hip-Hop/R&B. He flew in from America to unveil an artwork in his honour which was created by a local Sheffield artist (Leigh Redman) and is on display in our newly renamed KVRIM Theatre in school.



KVRIM with Fabian our Head Boy during the badging ceremony of some of our 'Togetherness' leaders. These are the students who actively promote community cohesion within school.

Headteacher's Update

Time flies!

Our Y11 students are revising hard for their exams - parents please note March **22nd** as their mock exam results day. This will be the final chance for some crucial changes.

Y9 parents note 29th February Option Evening - we would love to see you.



Finally, we are revamping our YouTube Channel, let us know if you have any ideas!

Rachel Smith,
Headteacher



Coming Together!



Students and their families, staff and the local community came together to take part in the 'Park run'. "The benefits both physical and mental are immense and getting our children to go along may be the start of something bigger for them and potentially their families." Mrs Smith, Headteacher.

