



## Musical Talent!

**Fir Vale music students visited Barnsley College to explore post-16 options in the area.**

They were given a tour, access to the practice rooms, and were able to record live drums, guitar and bass, which was then professionally mixed into a track.



They finished the day by showcasing their musical talent on the building's grand piano, much to the delight of passing college staff and students.

Many of these students have now expressed an interest in attending college for music!

## Dragonball!



**Students were invited to compete in a new sport called 'Dragonball'.**

Dragonball is designed to reduce the barriers in sport where students feel free and enjoy themselves no matter what their ability.

Our students were highly commended for their team spirit and friendly nature towards other teams.

They were victorious and won the whole tournament! Congratulations to the team.

*"It was an absolute delight to see all children and young people with great big smiles on their faces, having fun, laughing and being physically active." Kim Horton, School Games Organiser.*

## Are you Ready?



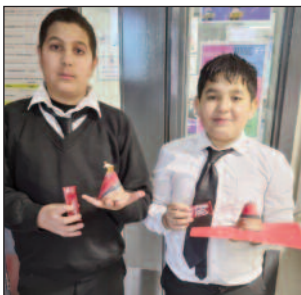
**The cadets have been preparing for Summer Camp (July 2023).**

This week Sgt Lockwood set up a small range for the cadets to develop their shooting skills using the Scorpion Air Rifle.

They worked in pairs to carry out normal safety procedures before developing their target accuracy.

Three new recruits also received their uniforms and are looking forward to wearing them.

**Y7 students have been making small models in Geography to show the main features of volcanoes.**



## Meet the Dragons!



**Fir Vale students doing the Dame Kelly Holmes project were invited to Westfield Health's headquarters.**

They presented to a 'Dragon's Den' panel with the hope of winning £250 to help fund their next project.

Westfield Health staff praised our students for their presentation skills and their genuine care for their local area.

The plan next is to help younger students in a local primary with their health and wellbeing.



**Our students worked with Rosa Cisneros to create a piece of work for the Migration Matters Festival in June.**

## Let's Explore!



**Y10 girls attended an "Exploring STEM" event at the University of Sheffield to show them how they can transform lives with careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.**

Alongside activities and showcases, subjects such as Aerospace Engineering, computer Science and Psychology, societies like BAME in Engineering, Women in STEM and Engineers without Borders were there to share their experiences and encourage students from underrepresented backgrounds to explore STEM subjects.



## Reward Trip 2023!

**Alton Towers Attendance Reward trip.**

**Hundreds of Y7-Y10 students earned the trip last year.**

**Please note the criteria is strict to gain a free trip. Even an authorised absence is an absence, which is why we have not just restricted the trip to those with 100% attendance. Students with 90% attendance or above and you have good attendance, good behaviour and good punctuality all go towards earning a place!**



## Dates for your diary

**Monday 5 June 2023**

First Day of Term

**Thursday 15 June 2023**

Parent Drop in (9:30am)

**Friday 30 June 2023**

Alton Towers Reward Trip

**Monday 3 July 2023**

Y6 Welcome Day

**Friday 21 July 2023**

Last Day of Term



# News

## TOGETHERNESS

**On our special 'Country and Culture Dress Day' students and staff proudly shared the culture of the country their families came from.**

Our Fir Vale family proudly consists of people from over 40 different countries. Special thanks to parents for making wonderful food and everyone who proudly shared their culture, food, identity and flags.



### Headteacher's Update

It was wonderful to see our students and staff throw themselves into Culture Day.

To see multiple flags, cultural dress and to have discussions about country and culture was fantastic.

My personal highlight was tasting all the delicious food that was kindly made and donated by many of our families.

Well done to Pupil Parliament for organising the day.

Good luck to all Y11 sitting their GCSE exams.

Rachel Smith, Headteacher



## CULTURE DAY

