

SPRING 1 2025**TENZING ROAD**

Dear All,

After another busy term at KS3, we head into February half-term reflecting on all we have accomplished. We have taken part in learning outside the classroom activities, a visit from Zoolab and their exotic collection of animals, shown respect when visited by the Police Diversion Team and held tea parties.

We have had many learners come through our doors and most moving smoothly on to their next destinations, whether back to school or a new start.

Learners continue to progress in their self-regulation and self-awareness and we are working hard to develop their sense of self-worth.

We hope you enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you next half-term, when we drop in to visit.

All the KS3 Team

12-WEEK HUB

The Snowdon HUB have quickly settled and have been working hard. They have been reflective about their behaviour and the changes they need to make. All learners have quickly formed positive relationships with all staff and been respectful to all that have visited.

Reintegration back into school has began and we look forward to seeing them use the strategies they are learning at DESC to support them.

They are enjoying all the enrichment activities on offer, you can see them in this newsletter.

DUAL HUB

We sadly say goodbye to Mason and Ben, who have successfully completed the 6-week dual hub program.

Both of them were a delight throughout and all staff will really miss them.

They engaged in all sessions and hopefully can now start using the strategies to succeed in school.

GIVING THANKS

The Snowdon HUB planned and hosted a tea party to show gratitude. They made delicious cakes, demonstrating their baking skills. They shared their success books and were great hosts. We are very proud of them. We are going to invite schools in after half term to sample our cake.



SPRING 1 2025**TENZING ROAD****BOXING**

The learners have thoroughly enjoyed PE sessions at Warriors ABC gym. Ethan has been a fantastic coach and taught basic fitness and strength, alongside the basics of boxing. The learners have encouraged each other and supported each other to develop their skills. They have listened and followed instructions brilliantly! They have been doing some great pad-work in the ring and have been building up stamina through cardio.

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**

This year we have again taken part in the Mental Health Awareness week. The wellbeing of our learners is always of upmost importance to all of us at DESC. KS4 learners came over to lead an art activity, with lots of spray paint. The learners thoroughly enjoyed this and were proud of their work. We are sorry that the washable paint was not as washable as it was supposed to be!

DIVERSION TEAM VISIT

Fiona has visited both our HUBs to talk about peer pressure and making good choices. She has brought in VR headsets, so that the learners can follow different paths and look at decision making. We look forward to welcoming Fiona back soon.



SPRING 1 2025**TENZING ROAD****LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**

We have really enjoyed our Fridays out of Centre this half term, we have braved the cold and warmed up with hot chocolate. We have been magnet fishing, been to a café, visited a Zoological Museum and been to Whipsnade Zoo. The learners have displayed fantastic behaviour and have had lots of fun. We are looking forward to going to Hudnall Park next term.

**ZOOLAB**

We have been revisited by Zoolab this year and had an amazing Ranger called Ken. He brought in a number of different exotic animals, including a snake and giant African snails. The learners and staff conquered their fears and pushed themselves outside of their comfort zones by not only looking at the animals but handling them. All learners enjoyed the session and learned many fantastic facts.