



Life



After



Digby

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Our



Journey



This Year

Our **Life After Digby** curriculum supports pupils to develop the skills, confidence and independence they need for life beyond school. We recognise that adulthood will look different for every young person, so we help pupils explore their interests, recognise their strengths and make choices about their future.

The curriculum includes work experience, enterprise activities, visits from people in the world of work and practical workshops led by our Enterprise Adviser. Pupils also access one-to-one Careers Information, Advice and Guidance sessions to explore their aspirations and next steps.

Together, these opportunities develop communication, teamwork, problem-solving and everyday living skills, preparing pupils for further learning, future work opportunities and active participation in their community.



Carlton Digby School

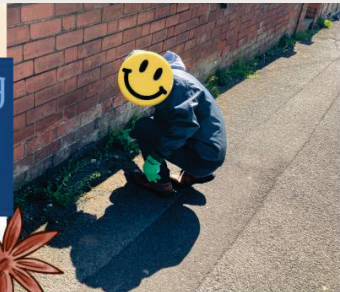


We volunteered at the community centre in Kirk Hallam, helping with Tiny Tots, maintaining the gardens and stocking the community shop.

Throughout autumn, we helped tidy and maintain the gardens at St James' Church.



Volunteering in the community



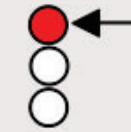
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Work experience



in



Upper

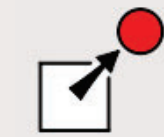


School

We also helped out in our local community by litter picking, delivering leaflets for a local event, keeping the clothes bank stocked and maintaining neat and tidy garden spaces.



Two pupils completed a 10 day placement at Razzle Dazzle Pots.



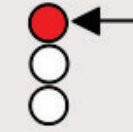
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Work experience



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School

We have loved our time at the Meadows Food Bank. It has given us many opportunities to develop our independent living skills, meet new people and build connections within the local community.

One pupil completed a 14-week work experience placement at a nail salon.



Pupils within Red, Blue and Teal classes offered a car wash service.

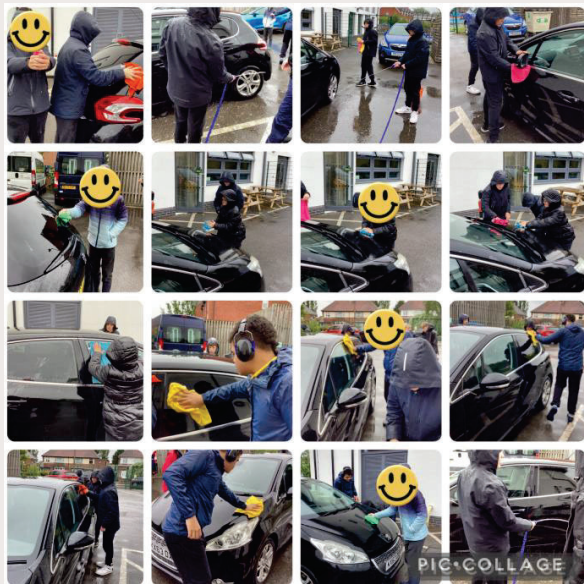


Enterprise within school

The "Ice Cream Parlour" went down particularly well in those hot Summer months!



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We have also been delivering post, making bacon sandwiches and running a "Posh Coffee" delivery service. Alongside this, young people have been helping to maintain our gardens and play areas, taking pride in keeping our school environment looking its best.





Digby Reunion!

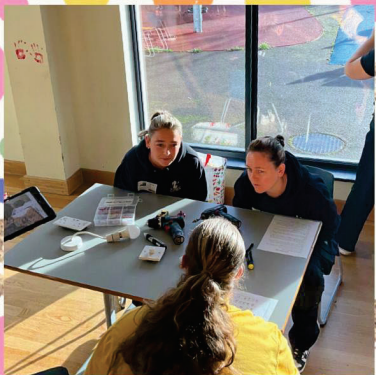
Celebrating Life After Digby

In March, we were delighted to welcome back former pupils who had left Carlton Digby within the last five years for a special school reunion. The event was an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our current upper school pupils and hear what our former pupils had gone on to do in adulthood. It was lovely to reconnect, share memories and learn about their experiences and successes since leaving school.

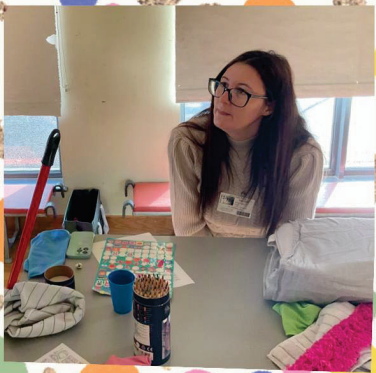
Everyone enjoyed hearing their stories. For our current pupils, meeting former pupils helped bring “Life After Digby” to life, giving them a chance to explore what their own futures might hold.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and shared their journey. We are proud of our pupils, past and present, and loved celebrating their achievements together!





**WORLD
OF
WORK**



Meeting



people



World



Work

We welcomed a range of visitors from the world of work, including:

- Electricians
- Food bank workers
- An allotment grower
- A careers adviser
- An entrepreneur
- An Airbnb host
- A police officer

These visits helped pupils connect their learning to everyday life and explore skills such as communication, problem-solving, staying safe and taking responsibility. They also provided opportunities to ask questions, discover new interests and build confidence when interacting with others—all valuable steps in preparing for adulthood.



Our Enterprise Adviser, **Nick Harrington**, has been supporting our Life After Digby curriculum. At the start of the year, he visited school to lead a hands-on giant tetrahedron challenge. The young people thoroughly enjoyed getting involved, developing their communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills along the way. Following instructions, connecting the sticks and persevering when things became tricky also helped build coordination and confidence—all valuable skills for life beyond school.



Our



Enterprise



Advisor





Our 2026 Transition Fayre

Our January Transition Fayre brought together colleges, day services, organisations supporting parents and carers, and providers offering routes into work. It was a valuable opportunity for families to ask questions, meet professionals and explore the support and opportunities available for life beyond school.

All pupils in Year 7 and above were invited, alongside young people from other local special schools. The event helped young people and their families explore their next steps and plan for the future.

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Our 2026 Transition Fayre

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COLLEGE



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Brooke Farm Day

service



Supported Internships

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Our 2026 Transition Fayre

We are always keen to learn about new colleges, education settings and day services that could support our young people as they prepare for life beyond school. If you have any recommendations, please get in touch with the school office—we'd love to hear from you!

Healthy Families
Team



Landmarks
College



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