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Why Choose Parkside?

READY FOR WORK BUT STILL AT SCHOOL

Parkside Studio College was the first of its kind in the area, providing 13 to 19 learning experiences designed to meet the needs of young people of all abilities, and particularly those who enjoy a 'hands on' practical approach to learning and want a personalised curriculum to suit their specific skills and interests.

The College's unique approach to learning is based on the Studio School model, providing a learning experience unlike any other. The core subjects are taught alongside vocational pathways in state-of-the-art facilities. This year we are delighted with the levels of progress our students have made. We have attributed their success to their exceptional focus on learning and achievement together with the hard work, commitment and dedication of all teaching and support staff.

We are extremely proud of our 100% pass rate in all vocational subjects.

By working in partnership with other colleges sponsored by The Rosedale Hewens Academy Trust, the curriculum offered to our 13 to 19 year old students is second to none. It is both creative and innovative and allows our students to follow learning pathways according to their aptitudes and interests. This sets solid foundations for students' future success within further education, apprenticeships or as they embark upon a career path.



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De Salis Studio College
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NEW RADIO AND DIGITAL MEDIA CENTRE



Parkside Studio College is pleased to announce the addition of their new state of the art Radio and Digital Media Centre (RADMC). RADMC is the latest addition to Parkside Studio College's media studies package and complements the already existing TV studio. RADMC offers training in Radio Production and New Media (internet media) production.

The state of the art building has three multi media studios, a live broadcast studio alongside a large 360 degree green screened live room which is designed to provide a performance space for broadcast and recording.

With a strong focus on Community Radio we are currently working alongside Hayes FM to ensure that our students are industry ready and can demonstrate knowledge, understanding and application of current trends in broadcasting and that they are fully up to date with advances in both hardware and software used throughout the industry.

At RADMC students are provided with 'hands on' training with high quality up to date equipment that ensures that they are able to complete in the ever changing media sector.

RADIO TRAINING



Our emphasis on radio training is to prepare candidates to be skilled to a BBC level, using the BBC's standard of industry equipment and software to accomplish this. There are several options a student can pursue after studying here in that regard; the two areas of media where the BBC are actively recruiting young people from are Community Radio and New Media. These opportunities, alongside radio training on BBC standardised equipment and software, will give students the best possible chances of advancement towards working at the BBC.

We combine this learning with the TV studio and media studies courses in the Parkside Studio College building to give a comprehensive media studies package targeted at KS4 education level. This course pushes the limits of the students' knowledge and skills in those areas and helps to take them further than just theory. We blend the media disciplines as much as possible to reproduce what is happening in the professional media industry. In a constantly evolving digital media landscape you need a training provider that will be relevant to your future needs, which is what the RADMC is designed for.

FINE DINING AT PARKSIDE

Our Year 10 and 11 students surpassed expectations as they met a challenge of delivering a fine dining experience to twenty-two invited guests, at the Parkside Café.

As Year 11 students are approaching the time of their final assessments they were set the task of delivering a menu that catered for their guests' different dietary requirements. Teriyaki Salmon and Chilli Chocolate Mousse were just two of the delicious dishes prepared and served by our talented students.

Year 10 were responsible for the delivery of the food from the kitchen to the table and ensuring their guests had the best dining experience possible. They demonstrated excellent teamwork as well as superb customer service skills as they attentively waited on tables. The event was a huge success, with one guest in particular commenting that the food and service they received was just as they would expect from a fine dining restaurant! Well done to all the students who took part!



PRIMARY SCHOOL 'BAKE OFF' COMPETITION

Students from Rosedale Primary School attended Parkside Studio College to take part in a baking competition that involved icing cupcakes using the colours of the Rosedale Primary School logo.

Parkside hospitality students were on hand to guide and help the budding primary school bakers produce their very best creations!



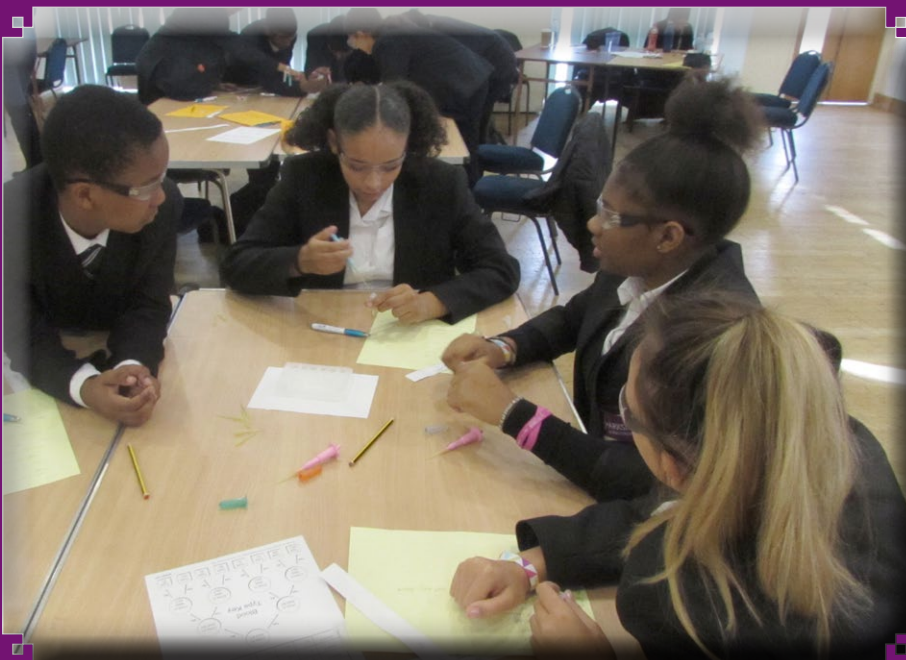
KEY STAGE 4 VISIT TO THE 'CENTRE OF THE CELL'



Students in Years 10 and 11 took part in a visit to The Centre of the Cell exhibition at Queen Mary's University in London. During the visit students entered a huge cell shaped pod where they were able to gain an insight into the types of research scientists are currently involved in at the university.

Students were also able to participate in interactive games which were enhanced by films projected onto the ceiling of the Pod to introduce the concepts of cell biology and medical research. Students particularly enjoyed using the microscopes and looking at preserved human specimens from the Pathology Museum such as the brain, kidneys, liver and our largest organ the skin. Students went on to learn about careers in cell biology and took part in a debate about ethical issues surrounding medical research.

TARGET MARS AT BRUNEL UNIVERSITY



Students in Year 10 attended a fascinating Space themed competition at Brunel University. It was all about teamwork, where teams from several different schools raced to be the first to arrive and survive on Mars.

Before the competition began each school had to choose a nation to represent and Parkside chose the United States of America. During the competition, our students had to work diligently as a team and carry out various complex experiments, investigations and analysis to get to and survive on Mars!

Parkside achieved a very respectable 3rd place. It was a closely fought competition with just a few points separating the top three schools. Well done to all the students who took part for their excellent effort!

STIXX WORKSHOP



Jeremy King from 'STEM in Schools' delivered a workshop to our Year 10 students, which engaged them in learning activities related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The main task set for students was to work in teams to build a shelter out of newspaper. They learnt that for their shelter to remain structurally strong they had to roll the newspaper for the supporting beams very tight, to do this they used a Stixx machine. All the students worked well together as they discussed the various designs and support structure for their shelters.

POLICE WORKSHOP - 'YOUR LIFE, YOU CHOOSE'



Parkside and De Salis Studio College took part in an informative day of workshops organised by Hillingdon Safer Schools entitled Your Life You Choose. Your Life You Choose is a Schools Educational project principally focused on 14 and 15 year olds.

The day brought together a host of agencies and individuals who spoke to the students about the consequences and impact of crime on the young offender, the victim, and the families of both, together with the wider community.

Students were fully engaged as each session was informative and contextual, bringing new knowledge to all. The highlight of the day was a true to life account from a reformed ex-convict who shared his personal experiences from a young impressionable teenager to the circumstances that culminated in a life sentence. He graphically described his 21 year prison sentence and how he had to work hard to turn his life around before parole was considered.

Prison Me No Way also provided a very informative session and students were able to experience an actual replica prison cell built into a small 7.5 tonne lorry. The prison cell was located in the car park and students were able to view inside and get an accurate feel for the size and facilities that the ex-convict called home for

21 years! During the final feedback session we were pleased to note that our students decided that there was no possibility of surviving in prison hence, they will be making the right decisions every day!

'BAKE OFF' COMPETITION



Parkside students took part in a range of activities as part of their Enrichment Week. De Salis students came across to Parkside and took part in a 'Bake Off' competition hosted by the Hospitality students. The activities proved hugely popular with all students who thoroughly enjoyed working together as a team to decorate cookies and make gingerbread houses.

PREPARING LUNCH ON A BUDGET!

Parkside Hospitality students helped their peers from De Salis Studio College to plan and prepare a lunch on a budget of £2.50. The De Salis Students had a wonderful time and learnt some valuable skills from our Parkside Hospitality students. They all said they hope to put their new cookery skills into practise at home!



BOOSTER SESSIONS



A range of targeted intervention and booster sessions were delivered over the period of Enrichment Week. The purpose of the sessions was to further support students in their preparation for the forthcoming public examinations and support those who have English as an additional language.



ANNIE JR. PRODUCTION



After a hundred hours of rehearsal and many more in preparation, The Rosedale Hewens Academy Trust (The Trust) Performing Arts team were ready to show the world how talented their students are as they presented a full-scale production of Annie Jr.! There was a truly collaborative approach with students from colleges across the Trust performing in the show. After four well received preview performances to children in the Trust primary schools, the cast of Annie Jr. were ready for their paying public. The response from the audience was tremendous with comments such as: "Fantastic Annie", "Really loved the show" and "it was brilliant!". Thank you to all the staff, friends and families who supported the students and helped make the show a success.

HAIRDRESSING AT PARKSIDE

Parkside students took part in a range of activities as part of their Enrichment Week. Hair and Beauty students offered hair treatments to members of staff across the Trust and members of the public.



This was a very successful activity which gave the students some practical training, and also some experience of what it is like to work in a fully functioning salon.

SPORTS SCIENCE



In Sports Science, students have focused their attention on designing a personal training programme, in order to understand the different aspects of physical and skill related fitness. Using a six week training programme model, students learned about aerobic endurance, muscle endurance, speed, balance and coordination.

Students tested their speed and muscle endurance, doing press ups and timed exercises.

Students found out during these sessions that completing a fitness programme is not as easy as it looks, however it can be fun! As you can see from the photos, the students are learning a lot from their practical lessons, especially when it comes to their own experiences in trying each part of the programme.

SPORTS DAY



Parkside students took part in the annual Rosedale Hewens Academy Trust Sports Day. They competed against their peers from colleges across the Trust in the 100 and 200 metre races, relay races, hurdles, tug of war and an obstacle course. We are delighted to report that our students won the Tug of War event, secured first place in the Year 10 girls' and boys' hurdle races and second place in the Year 11 girls' and Year 10 boys' 200 metre races!

The day ended with a fantastic fifth win in one of the races! An incredible effort was made by all our talented athletes and they competed with determination and great maturity.

Very well done to all the students who took part.