

## The SFX Centre Newsletter

### October 2016

#### The New St Francis Xavier Centre

Richard Challoner School opened its doors to the new St Francis Xavier Centre in September 2016. Having been appointed the Teacher in Charge, I joined the school in June with Mr Gregory as the second Teacher for the provision. With a new layout and new resources we were ready to welcome an intake of new students. Celia, Rosie and Ewan were our first cohort who took on all new experience that we presented to them. In just one term, we have been fortunate to watch them settle into their new life here at the school, develop their self-esteem and grow in confidence. The first challenge was Challoner Day, whereby the whole school travelled to London for the traditional annual mass. It was a great day and the students looked smart in their new uniforms. The students have a varied curriculum ranging from Maths, English and ICT to other more creative lessons such as Gardening, Cooking, music, drama and crafts.

Every term, the students plan and organise a student social evening to develop their social skills and independence as well as enjoying lots of trips such as the recent Careers event at the ExCel centre, a work based trip to Nando's, the Science Museum as well as weekly Independent travel training sessions with Mr Gregory. Although the centre is a provision for students with Moderate Learning needs, they have many opportunities to access the main school activities, more recently the Year 7 Engineer Day and the Sixth Form party.

Timetables run in conjunction with the rest of the school, therefore the students currently have interactions with up to 20 staff members from the whole school per week which will aid their transition onto college life or employment. Sixth Form students also volunteer their time during their Induction Week as well as weekly lessons to support them day to day. The school is very proud of the new facility and the current students and look forward to welcoming up to 8 students in its first year and a further 8 in the second year.



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