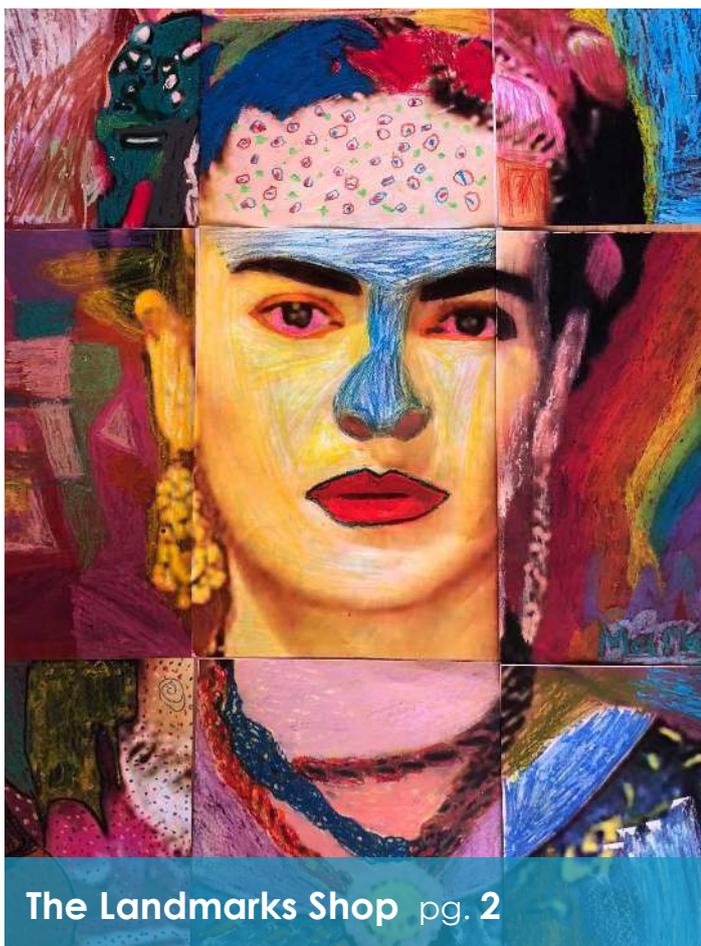


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Principal's Welcome.

Even though the college has been closed to most learners during the Covid-19 pandemic, our learners continue to create some amazing work, engage in distance learning like never before and as a result both learners and staff are altogether that little bit more confident using video meetings as a way of keeping in touch.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.



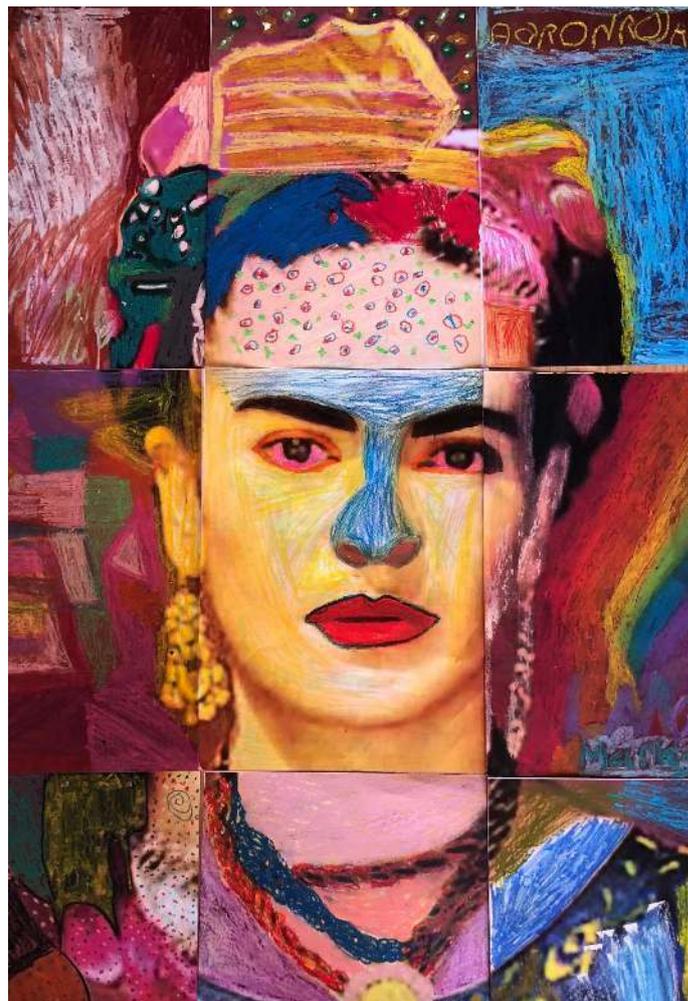
The Landmarks Shop.

2020 has been a strange year for everyone and lockdown has certainly put a stop to many things, but our online shop is ready to be populated with goods printed from images of our learners' art works.

When life starts to return to normal and the College reopens, you will be able to browse online and purchase some of the many different items, created by our learners.

This is a completely new venture for our learners, so we are starting with a smaller number of quality items and these will expand and grow as more designs are generated.

From jigsaws and hoodies to umbrellas and bags for life, we will even be able to produce bespoke designs 'especially for you'.



Wayfinder Recruitment.

Wayfinder Recruitment have supported 26 interns since September 2019. We are currently working with the interns who are due to leave us this academic year, by updating their CV's, assisting with job searches and preparing them for interviews where required.

We continue to develop partnerships with local, regional and national employers. Over the past couple of months, we have strengthened our partnership with Sainsbury's, building on a previous successful outcome. In September of last year, we were offered 7 stores covering the South Yorkshire area and in February of this year we met with the Talent Development Manager for Nottinghamshire, to discuss placement opportunities within their 64 stores across the region.

We met with department heads from within Rushcliffe Borough Council in March and presented to them an outline of our Employability Pathway. As a result, we are working with their HR director to facilitate roles within

the Nottinghamshire borough from September.

We are delighted to announce that Wayfinder Recruitment has been shortlisted for a national award by the National Association of Specialist Colleges (NATSPEC). The Natspec Awards aim to recognise and celebrate excellent practice in the specialist further education sector. The Category we have been shortlisted for is the Pathways into Employment Award. An announcement of the winner is expected on the 8th October 2020.

“As manager of the Wayfinder Recruitment team, I am thrilled that we have been shortlisted for this award. It is an absolute privilege to be a part of such a dedicated and hard-working team and to support so many inspirational young people to achieve their aspirations.”

-Brian Harrison: Employer Engagement Manager



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Spotlight on Bradley.

Bradley successfully completed his supported internship in April 2020 and gained a voluntary role at The Grand Care Centre, Nottingham. He began his Internship there in November 2018 and during this time Bradley's confidence, communication and independence skills developed tremendously. He is now able to carry out his set tasks autonomously and has gotten to know the residents well and what they like.

Bradley's tasks include:

- Preparing the tea trolley, both morning and afternoon
- Cleaning the servery

- Setting the tables ready for lunch
- Collecting the food from the kitchen
- Serving the residents their meals
- Socialising with the residents

**“Bradley has grown in confidence. He always carries a smile, very polite and friendly to both staff and residents....
Bradley is a delight!”**

-Yana Whitehouse: Registered Home Manager

The Show Must Go On.

Despite the lockdown measures in place, Landmarks lessons are still taking place using innovative technology allowing tutors to teach in a virtual classroom. Feedback from parents is very positive.



“We knew that the team at Landmarks were dedicated, caring and very supportive, not just for Harry but for us as a family, this has been reinforced during this very worrying and difficult time we are all going through. The team have shown yet again, what a great college Landmarks are and how lucky we are.

The support we have received from his Tutor over the past four weeks, including the Easter holidays, has been excellent. She has had Harry's mental Well-being at the forefront of her thoughts. I was worried I wouldn't be able to give Harry the support he needed to continue his learning at home along with trying to help support him with his daily anxiety issues. However, his Tutor's support has made me feel more positive and confident.”

- Parent Feedback

The Big Relaunch.

In preparation for reopening, we are:

- We will launch a new menu, filled with favourites and feature some new dishes to tempt you – all prepared in-house with our kitchen team led by our resident Chef, Franck.
- We aim to tempt your taste buds even more by holding a series of themed dining events; keep a look out on our Facebook page or visit our promotions page www.thearcherpub.com and book a reservation whilst you are there.
- Producing bar snacks, all of which are made in-house and will help the conversation flow when accompanied with one of competitively priced beverages.
- For those of you who like a live band or entertainment, we will be holding regular, ticket only events – details will be advertised online.
- With our new menu, comes a new wine selection which we have

paired with our menu in mind, so why not try something different and try our new range of wines.

- We have always sourced our food from either the college farm, or local suppliers and during this period of lockdown, we have been able to develop our own allotments, so you cant get more local than our back garden. Assuring you fresh, crisp and carbon neutral, as well as tasty!

We have launched a new website to illustrate the many changes that have taken place, as well as provide those of you wishing to study at The Archer details of the courses we run.

Visit www.thearcherpub.com or call 01623 793102 for more information about our pub and or our courses.



Learner Council.

The ten members of the Learner Council have been working hard to ensure that all learners know who they are and what they do as members of the Council. They have a new logo and slogan which was designed and voted on by all Council members. In our Learner Survey (March 2020) the Learner Council were recognised by 91% of learners.



Go further to the future

Another project the Council are working on is the enrichment offer at all of our landmarks sites. The Council collated learners ideas on what enrichment they would like to participate in. This was then gathered into a survey to find the most popular options, some of the options are:

- Gaming Session
- History Sessions
- Adult Colouring Books
- Kick-Boxing
- Air Hockey
- Cross Stitch
- Board Games

- One physical activity per day
- Landmarks Library

When we return, we will choose which activities are the most popular

Thank You.

Although we have had to suspend our fundraising events for the time being, we would like to say a big Thank You to Thorntons, Morrisons, Tesco and the Co-op for supporting our requests for help. The continued support of such companies is a great boost to our fundraising efforts.

Future Plans.

We are currently seeking charitable funding to help us improve our farm provision – Apperknowle Farm – for the following:

- Water retention containers to collect rainwater to help reduce flooding not only on the farm, but also in the local village of Apperknowle. This will enable us to recycle water from our roof tops to water the plants and animals on the farm and reduce our water consumption in the long term.
- To increase our current work to preserve local varieties of apple and pear by introducing more varieties on site.
- Build on the numerous wildflowers already on site by introducing more varieties which will be incorporated into our grazing land. This will encourage greater biodiversity,

increase species and strengthen pasture against flooding.

- Introduce native breeds of cattle and poultry to the farm as well as bees to increase pollination.
- Drystone wall restoration – the wall at the site entrance, a key visual feature in the local village, is currently in a poor state of repair.
- This will not only provide greater learning opportunities for our learners, but we are also hoping

to involve the local community, particularly in the re-building of the drystone wall to preserve it for future generations.

Hopefully we will be able to report in our next edition that we have been able to secure some charitable funding to support our plans.

Apperknowle | New Arrivals.

It's been a busy term on the farm as our learners get ready for spring. Learners have been seed sowing vegetables, have finished planting our new heritage Orchard and have been cutting hedges around the farm. We have constructed a new pig pen and have welcomed two Saddleback pigs to Apperknowle. Lambing has started, learners and staff have worked hard to welcome new lambs to the farm and all have settled in well.

Orla our Hereford cow has given birth

to a female calf.

Construction work inside one of the barns to enable us to bring our cattle inside to give birth is due to start in the near future. Other plans for the future include finishing our new mushroom growing room, building our new duck run and getting our growing areas up and running.

Thank you to all our learners and staff for all their hard work making Apperknowle Farm a success.

