

Grow 19 Termly Newsletter: May 2022

Grow 19 is a college for learners aged 19-25 with SEN.
We are based in the East Malling Community Centre, close to Maidstone in the heart of Kent.
We offer vocational courses in Hospitality or Construction and Horticulture as well as Functional Skills.
All learners complete work experience as well as learning life skills including domestic tasks, travel awareness and social skills.



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A Message from the Tutors

Just one term to go this year at Grow 19, where has the time gone? The team continue to be busy working both on-site and in the community. Just this week, the Horticulture group were out helping East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council clear an area of land by the station and have assisted Larkfield Priory Hotel in restoring their grounds.

The café has continued to go from strength to strength. Each Wednesday the public continue to come in good numbers for a drink and a snack, their lunch or, increasingly, to hold a meeting or event. If you wish to book a table please contact amiles@grow19.com

We're really excited to welcome our new learners, starting in September, to two transition days. They will be coming along to take part in sample lessons and join our existing learners for a social event. Dates for both events can be found below. If you are due to start at Grow 19 in September but haven't yet confirmed your place at the transition days, please contact khemingway@grow19.com as soon as possible.

Breaking news: Keep reading for an exciting announcement from George S!

Special Announcement from The Learners

Thomas P—On Thursday 19th of May, some of us went to the Oaks College to do a dance competition against other colleges in Kent. We won with our second dance, to 9 to 5 by Dolly Parton. We were given a £40 voucher to spend on a meal out!

Ellie—I had fun at the Dance competition, I liked the dance You Can't Stop The Beat.

Max—Last week I was at the dance competition I liked performing both of our routines. We had a great time!

Diary Dates

Every Wednesday—Café open to the public
27th May—End of Term 5
6th June—INSET, college closed to learners
7th June—Start of Term 6
14th June—Transition Day 1
5th July—Transition Day 2
12th July—End of year reward trip!
15th July—End of Term 6

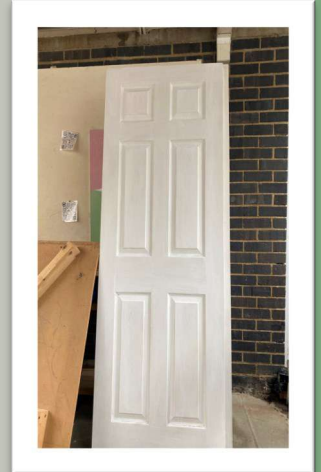
What we've done this term...

Construction and Horticulture

James—This term we have made some new enterprise products. We have made wooden bottle openers and dog lead holders. They have been popular with our customers.

We are selling them to make money for the college and buy equipment we need to develop our skills.

Kai—This term I painted a door as part of one of my construction units. I used a paint brush and learned to use the brush nice and slowly. We have to do the inside of the door first then the edge of the door afterwards. I learned a new skill because it was my first time doing it.



Mikey—At Roseacre Primary School the path and garden were overgrown and abandoned. Grow 19 Horticulture division removed the brick path and trimmed the bushes right back. Recently we have been going for a full day every Tuesday to rebuild the paths edges. We had to make the mortar using sand and cement and set the bricks to follow the edges of the paths. It should be finished soon so we can put some gravel down.

Thomas G—Last week we went to Mencap to paint their fences. We used blue paint with paint brushes and paint kettles. We paint the fences all morning it was a sunny day and we enjoyed chatting while we worked. As soon we finish painting the fences the people thank us and gave us biscuits as a reward for our hard work.

Summer—On Tuesday I made a noticeboard for the allotment. We screwed some legs onto it and painted it to protect it from the weather. We dug holes in the garden for the posts and compacted the soil by treading on it.

Cameron—We made bottle openers out of old pallets and added metal bottle openers. They have a box at the bottom to catch the lids. We added personalised stickers to them. They make a great gift for Father's Day, for parties or anything else.

Toby—I enjoyed digging the mud out of the pond and putting the black sheet in the bottom. I helped use the water tank to fill it up with clean water.



What we've done this term...



Hospitality

George S—I had a job trial at the Premier Inn, Tonbridge. Today the Manager called to let me know I have got the Job, it felt good and I'm happy.

Well done George!

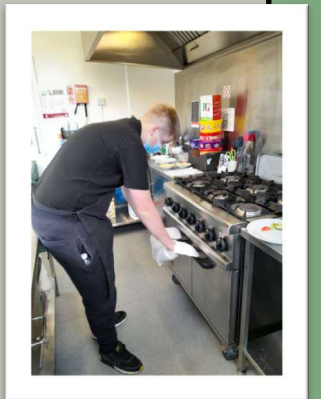
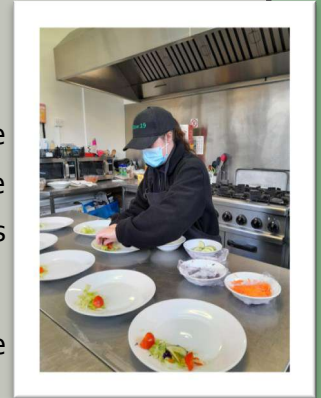
George E—With the staff from Maidstone Distillery, where I do work experience on a Wednesday, I went to a farm to do some volunteer work. While we were there, we chopped up wood and made fences to guard trees and other plants that were growing. We had fun and I enjoyed being there.

Joe—This term I have been doing work experience in the East Malling Centre Cafe on Wednesdays and Thursdays. I have been working with the new chef, Sophie, showing her my chopping skills. This term I won chef of the week for working hard in the café and being a good mentor to my peers. I am very proud!

Clare—This week I have done my City & Guilds Hospitality assessment. To get ready for it I have been choosing my dishes, writing shopping lists and practising my food preparation skills. My dishes are a jacket potato with cheese and beans, a ham and cheese toastie and caramel shortbread. I am trying my hardest to get my hospitality award because it will really help me get a job the future.

Lasya—This term, in the cafe, we have made Jacket potatoes, and different kinds of toasties. For our new special we have started selling mini quiches with new potatoes. For the pudding we now offer mint Cheesecake, millionaire's shortbread, carrot cake and peanut butter cookies.

Lucy—A couple of weeks ago I applied for a job at Home Bargains in Maidstone. I went for a job interview and told them about my experience. I didn't get the job this time but they asked me to try again in the future.



Bespoke, personalised items, made by the Grow 19 learners...

on sale now!

All proceeds go to Grow 19.

Visit The Centre Café on a Wednesday or e-mail

amiles@grow19.com for details

