

Liberty College

NEWSLETTER

TERM 6

Term Rundown

Welcome to your final Liberty College newsletter of the year, celebrating some of the wonderful highlights of Term 6.



This has been a busy and exciting term, with our learners completing their course unit work and many also gaining their Functional Skills qualifications. Well done to everyone on your achievements this year.

In recognition of everyone's achievements throughout the year, each learner had the opportunity to attend an End of Year Whole College Trip. This year, our learners were able to choose between an adrenaline-filled day at Chessington World of Adventures or Thorpe Park, or a more relaxing trip to the Vue Cinema. Some of our learners opted for a day of wonder at Howletts Wild Animal Park, while others chose a team-based experience that challenged their logic, balance and memory skills at the Prison Island Escape Rooms.



The Duke of Edinburgh Group completed their Bronze Award camping expedition, with multiple learners successfully achieving their award this year.

Read on to discover all the great things that have been happening at Liberty this term.

Thank you to Everyone

I just wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you to everyone who makes our college such a special place. To our fantastic staff, amazing learners, supportive parents and carers, and the professionals we work alongside every day. Thank you for your commitment, encouragement and teamwork.

It's been a really positive year with so much to celebrate, and I've loved seeing our learners grow in confidence and achieve so much. I'm incredibly proud to be part of such a caring and dedicated college.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome in my new role, and I hope you all have a well-deserved and restful summer break. I'm already looking forward to what we can achieve together next year.

Lauren
Head of College



Disneyland Paris, Residential Trip 2025-2026

"I enjoyed going on the Eurostar, it was fun and relaxing."



"The buffet was good and we had plenty of choice."



This year marked our fifth annual residential trip to Disneyland Paris, providing an unforgettable experience for our learners. For some, it was their very first opportunity to travel abroad. Eight learners, supported by our Directors, Michelle & JoJo, and accompanied by three members of staff, travelled to Paris on the Eurostar for a trip filled with excitement and adventure.



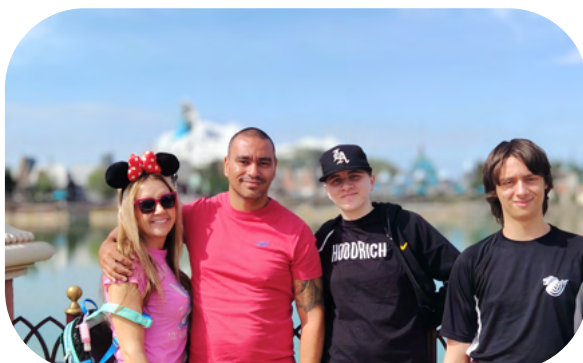
"It was great spending time with different people. We got to know the staff and made friends with learners from other groups."

Enjoying beautiful sunshine throughout their stay, the learners embraced every moment, growing in confidence and independence. The trip was a huge success, helping our learners step out of their comfort zones, form lasting friendships and create memories that will stay with them for years to come.



"The rides were fun, they gave us the chance to try new things."

"I really enjoyed watching the fireworks!"



Message from Gary



"Hi everyone,

I thought I would give you a little update on how things are going here in Australia.

I have been doing lots of exploring and have already seen some amazing parts of this beautiful country. There is so much to see and do! I have spent a lot of time visiting different beaches, and the water is incredibly clear, making it perfect for swimming. The sunsets have been absolutely spectacular too, and I never get tired of watching them.

It's currently winter here, but the temperatures are still around 22°C most days, which is a little different from the weather you have been experiencing in England!

I have been lucky enough to see plenty of kangaroos and have even spotted dolphins swimming along the coast. My next challenge is to find some koalas! They seem to be a bit more difficult to spot, especially during the winter months when they are often tucked away in the trees.

I am really enjoying everything I have seen so far and cannot wait to continue exploring. Australia is such a huge country that I think it will take quite some time to see all it has to offer.

I hope you are all doing well, and I wish everyone a fantastic summer break. I look forward to sharing more adventures with you in the future!

Best wishes,

Gary



Liberty Sports Day 2026



This year's Sports Day, held at Dane Park, was a fantastic event that brought the entire college together for a day filled with fun, enthusiasm, teamwork, and plenty of smiles.



The day featured a range of sporting activities, including tug of war, rounders, football and various races, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy.



Learners and staff joined forces in mixed teams, demonstrating that Sports Day was about much more than competition.

The event provided an opportunity for everyone to share a positive experience, build connections and strengthen the sense of community across the college.



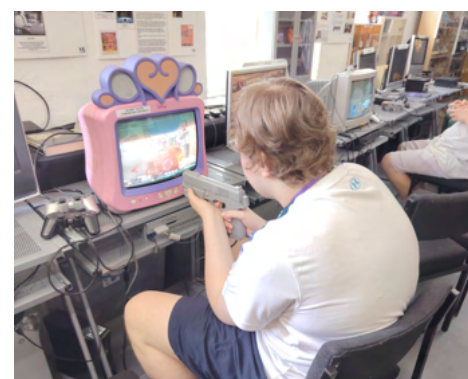
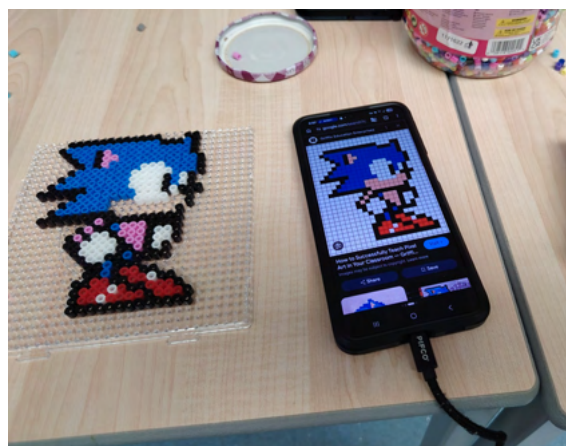
Group Trips

The **Pink Employability Group** recently spent a rewarding morning volunteering at New Hope Animal Rescue.

They helped to clean out the goat enclosure and, once their work was complete, enjoyed a guided tour of the centre, where they met a variety of animals, including pigs, horses, foxes, chickens, ducks, geese and dogs.



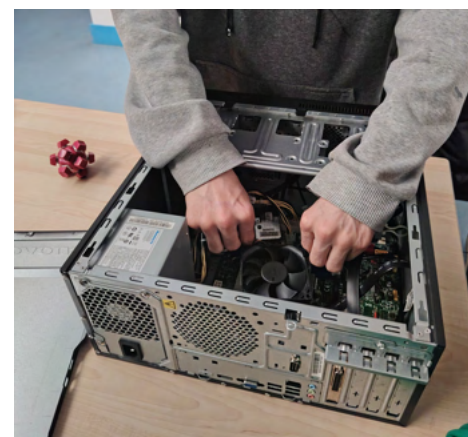
As two members of the group will be starting the Animal Care course at Liberty Farm in September, the visit provided a valuable opportunity to experience life in a farm environment and gain insight into working with animals.



The **IT Group** visited the Micro Museum in Ramsgate and had a fantastic time. Everyone enjoyed playing the retro arcade games, including Pac-Man and Mario Kart. Rhylan especially loved the classic shoot-'em-up game and couldn't stop playing it.



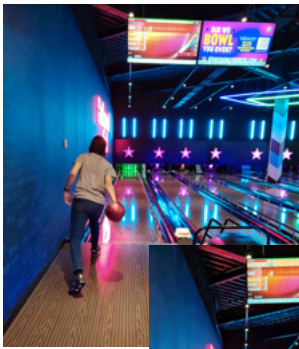
Afterwards, the group had lunch at Charlotte Court, where they relaxed in the shade and enjoyed the warm weather.



I.T. Group

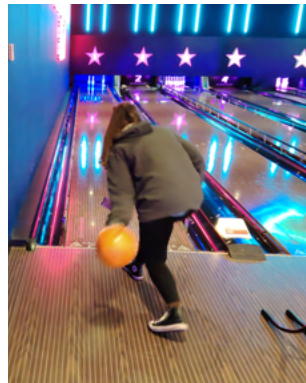
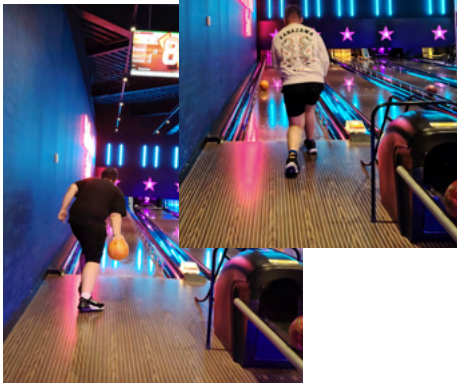
Group Trips

Hospitality & Catering Group



1 End of game

PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
Jake	9	3	27	44	59	74	85	90	98	103	103
Levi	8	15	24	32	40	49	58	68	77	84	91
Dayton	9	15	24	33	42	51	60	63	69	77	77
Anita	9	18	24	33	41	49	52	66	74	81	81
Tamika	7	14	27	34	43	48	56	64	72	79	79



Our **Hospitality and Catering** learners were rewarded for completing their first exam of the year with a trip to the bowling alley.

Everyone enjoyed a fun and relaxed afternoon, providing a well-deserved break after all their hard work and determination.



Employability - Yellow Group



The **Yellow Employability Group** enjoyed a fantastic trip to Quex Park Adventure Farm as part of our wellbeing activities this term.



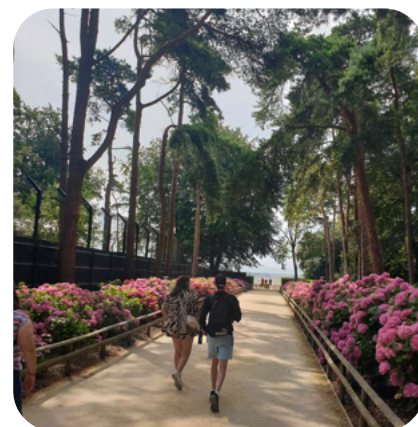
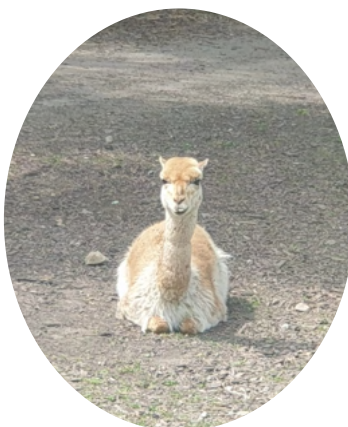
The group had the opportunity to practise teamwork, communication and taking turns while feeding the animals. Everyone had a great time exploring, learning and supporting one another throughout the day. They even found a tiny house, much to everyone's amusement!



It was a fun and memorable outing that helped build confidence, friendships, and wellbeing.

Group Trips

Reintegration Group



Liberty's **Reintegration Group** enjoyed a trip to Port Lympne Hotel & Reserve this term, giving them a valuable opportunity to spend time together away from college. It was a wonderful chance for everyone to take part in a shared experience and celebrate their achievements throughout the year.

A highlight of the day was the ranger safari ride, which allowed the group to get up close to the animals, making the visit especially memorable. The trip was clearly enjoyed by everyone and provided a fantastic day out for the whole group.



Purple Group

This term has been action-packed for the **Purple Group**, who have continued their work experience at Monkton Nature Reserve, cared for the animals at New Hope Farm and completed their travel training with bus trips to Margate and Ramsgate, combined with community walks.

The group also rounded off the term with a fantastic trip to Wingham Wildlife Park.



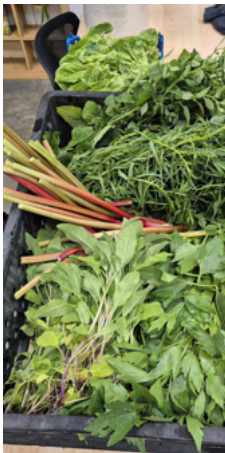
Group Updates

Land-Based Studies & Horticulture Groups



As always, Term 6 has been an incredibly busy and rewarding time for our **Horticulture and Land-Based Studies Groups**.

Throughout the term, learners have worked tirelessly to maintain and develop Plots 53 and 54, demonstrating exceptional commitment, teamwork and horticultural skills.

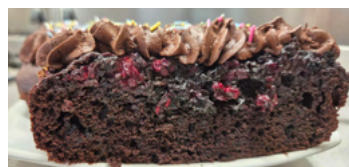
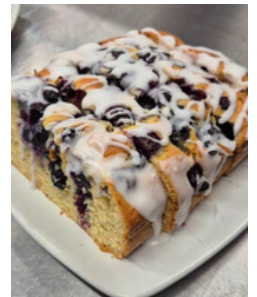


Despite a challenging start to the growing season, the allotment has flourished, producing over 60kg of fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs so far. Our harvest has included potatoes, cucumbers, mixed salad leaves, onions, garlic, cherries, plums, peaches, rhubarb, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and a wide variety of herbs.

A major focus this year has been on reducing waste and preserving as much of our harvest as possible. This has led to an outstanding collaborative effort between the Horticulture, Catering and Employability groups, who have worked together to process more produce than ever before.

Learners have been busy drying herbs, pickling seasonal produce and significantly expanding our jam-making operation, turning the fruits of their hard work into a range of delicious preserves. Not only has this provided valuable practical experience, but it has also helped learners develop skills in food production, teamwork, enterprise and sustainability.

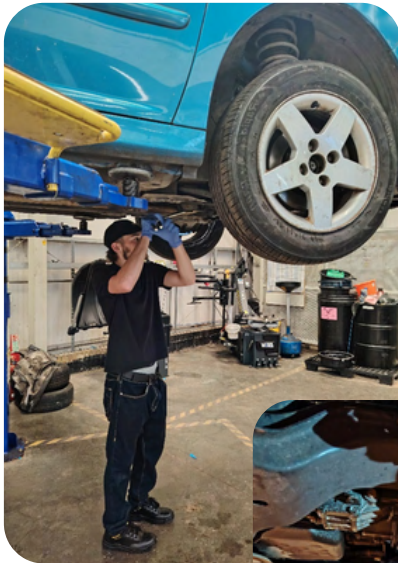
The allotment continues to be a fantastic example of what can be achieved through dedication, collaboration and a shared passion for learning. We are incredibly proud of everything our learners have accomplished this year and look forward to building on this success in the next academic year.



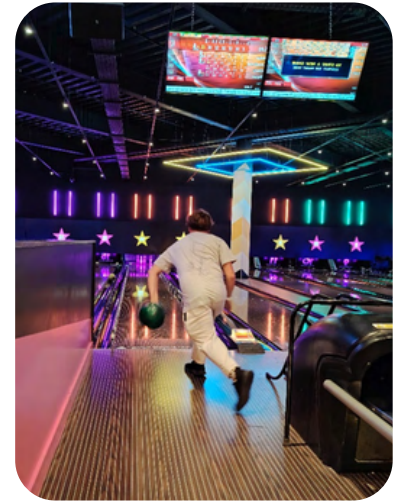
We have Blackberry, Cherry and Plum Jams all of which have been given to the Grub Hub to make the most delicious snacks and cakes.

Group Updates

Motor Vehicle Group



Our **Motor Vehicle Group** have been completing their final practical tasks in preparation for finishing coursework. The learners have also been putting the mechanical knowledge and skills they have developed throughout the year to the test, attempting to diagnose and solve realistic, simulated vehicle faults.



To round off a successful year, the group enjoyed a trip to Hollywood Bowl, where everyone had fun playing a few games and enjoying a drink together!

Hair & Beauty Group

Our **Hair & Beauty Group** have been busy developing their practical skills as part of their unit work. The learners have been gaining hands-on experience in manicure treatments and hair styling techniques, with some amazing results.

As part of their practical work, they created intricate and eye-catching nail designs, showcasing their attention to detail and artistic flair.



Farewell Romany



At the end of the academic year, we bid a fond farewell to **Romany**, one of our longest-serving students. To mark the occasion, the **Child Care Group** went out for a special farewell lunch.

Romany joined Liberty in 2020 and, over the past five academic years, has developed into one of our most dependable and valued learners. Her personal growth and achievements during her time at Liberty have been truly inspiring.

As Romany prepares for an exciting new chapter, she will be moving on to Broadstairs College in September.

While we will miss her, we are incredibly proud of all she has achieved and look forward to seeing what the future holds for her.

Good luck, Romany - we wish you the best of luck in the future.

Congratulations Alesha

Congratulations to **Alesha** from our **Creative Arts Group** on a fantastic achievement! As part of the Project Design unit in Creative Arts, Alesha created a label design for a new beer from local brewery Northdown Brewery.

Her design was selected for their latest release, *It's Not That Deep*, giving her the exciting opportunity to see her creative work featured on a commercial product.

Well done, Alesha!



Fantastic News from the Pol-Ed Team

We are delighted to share some fantastic news that we have received from the Pol-Ed team.

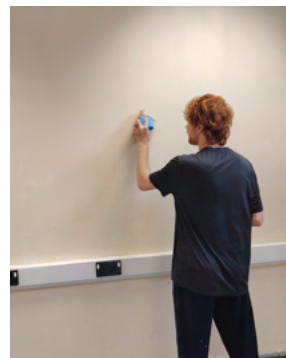
Liberty College has been recognised as being in the top 5% of Pol-Ed schools across Kent for engagement during the 2025/2026 academic year, which is a brilliant achievement for everyone involved.



This recognition reflects the commitment, time and effort that have gone into delivering high-quality PSHE education and safeguarding education throughout the year. It is a wonderful reminder that supporting learners goes far beyond delivering qualifications and also includes helping learners stay safe, make informed choices and develop the skills they need for life.

A huge thank you goes to the whole team for all their hard work and for continuing to put our learners at the heart of everything we do.

Work Experience



Liberty College learners have been lending a helping hand with the renovation of The Pie Factory in Ramsgate, a creative youth charity that supports young people under the age of 25.

The project is progressing well, with learners taking part in a range of preparation tasks, including sanding walls and filling holes to ensure the building is ready for painting and decorating.

Everyone at Liberty would like to extend huge congratulations and thanks to all the learners who have contributed so far.

In recognition of their hard work, dedication and positive attitude, each learner has been awarded 100 achievement points.

Well done to everyone involved!



The WEX team visited **Maria** at her work experience placement at Ashley & Co. in Broadstairs to present the business with a certificate and thank them for their support with work experience this year.

Ashley is so impressed with Maria and how well she has performed during her placement that she has offered her paid work over the summer holidays and has asked her to stay on in September.

Well done, Maria!

ASHLEY & CO

Together We Shine

Team Members of the Week



Date	Team Member	Reason
05/06/26	3 Peaks Team	For their tremendous effort in raising £1750 for charity and to everyone involved for taking part.
12/06/26	Functional Skills Team	For outstanding planning and organisation in preparation for exams.
19/06/26	Nicola	For proactively reaching out to organisations to secure workshops and potential placements, stepping confidently into the role, and being a great team player.
26/06/26	Jo L & The Wellbeing Team	For providing excellent support with safeguarding and consistently ensuring the wellbeing of learners.
03/07/26	Janine	For supporting at short notice with organising trips.
10/07/26	Lucy B	For supporting a learner undergoing a safeguarding crisis with wellbeing and covering for colleagues at short notice.
17/07/26	Jo B	For incredible organisation, initiative and support for learners and families to actively help improve college attendance.
17/07/26	Anita	For going above and beyond for her learners at the end of the year and forming partnerships with other organisations.

Team Member of the Term

The Team Member of the Term for Term 6 is **Jo B.**

Jo has shown incredible organisation, initiative and dedication in supporting our learners and their families. She has played an active role in helping to improve college attendance and has consistently gone above and beyond to support those around her.



Jo B



Learner of the Term Awards



The winner of the Learner of the Term Award will receive 1000 achievement points which can be exchanged for a £10 voucher.

Term 6's winner is:-

Crystal has faced challenges but has shown remarkable determination in attending college each day. Through this resilience, Crystal has not only achieved her Employability Level 2 qualification but she has also passed her Functional Skills Maths Level 2 qualification.

Well done, Crystal!

The nominees for Term 6 are:-

Katie has made fantastic progress in her confidence this year and has really come out of her shell. She now regularly knocks on the upstairs office window to wave and always greets us with a smile when she walks past or sometimes stops for a chat. Her commitment to her Work Experience placement this term has been excellent and she has pushed herself out of her comfort zone to attend the set-up meetings.

Max W has made remarkable progress this year and has been a real pleasure to support in Additional Functional Skills lessons. He has shown determination and maturity, working consistently hard towards his exam success and demonstrating a strong commitment to securing an apprenticeship. He has been polite, dedicated and focused throughout the year and his commitment and perseverance have been rewarded with excellent exam results this term. Max should be incredibly proud of what he has achieved - an amazing accomplishment.

Luca K has shown outstanding determination since returning to college after an extended absence. He has worked incredibly hard to catch up, asking for additional work so that he could complete his course. Luca has never been willing to settle for second best, approaching every task with a positive attitude. In class, he has been focused and motivated while being eager to succeed. Luca has also demonstrated excellent self-awareness, recognising the need for a short break and always managing this responsibly by asking first and returning promptly. Luca's resilience, maturity, and dedication have been exceptional and he has truly smashed it this year.

Jensen faces everything with a can-do attitude. He showed amazing resilience when taking his Functional Skills exams, even though this was a new experience for him.

Louie has been consistent in his engagement, positive attitude and attendance, all of which have resulted in an exceptional term and year. He is supportive of his peers and has a bright, positive attitude towards both his personal development and his work.

Andrew consistently shows a positive attitude towards his work and has exceptional attendance.

Pat demonstrated incredible courage and resilience when attending the Disney trip. Although she was initially reluctant and anxious about going, she embraced the challenge, stepped outside her comfort zone and ended up having an amazing experience. Throughout the trip, Pat was appreciative of all the staff, formed new friendships with her peers and was a real credit to Liberty College. She showed outstanding kindness and strength of character throughout the trip. Pat has continued to socialise with her peers outside of college, which is a huge achievement for her. She has also created a memory book of her time at Disney, reflecting on how much the experience meant to her.

Amy's attendance and confidence have improved massively this term and her commitment and dedication to her work experience placement has been outstanding.

Alesha has consistently completed her unit work to a high standard and always shows a positive attitude in class. Her ability to reflect positively on her work and exams demonstrates maturity and a commitment to working towards new goals. Recently, one of her pieces of work was selected by Northdown Brewery to be used as the artwork for a new product.

Attendance Trends



Term 6's attendance

This term, we had an amazing 37 learners achieving between 90% and 100% attendance, four of whom attained 100% attendance for the term.



Congratulations to you all on this fantastic accomplishment.

Each learner will receive up to 1000 achievement points, which can be exchanged for vouchers or a reward from the prize cabinet.

100% Attendance for the Academic Year

This year, we have four learners who achieved an outstanding 100% attendance record for the entire year.

Each of these learner have been awarded 1000 points and will receive a certificate.

Alex T
Andrew
Jack B
Teagan M



Liberty's New Staff



Bill
House Keeping



We are delighted to welcome Bill to the Housekeeping team.



Upcoming Events and Reminders

The Youth Participation Group will be continuing in the new term.

Please ask a member of the Well-Being Team for the upcoming dates.



Term 1, 2026-2027, will begin on Tuesday 1st September 2026.

Please look out for emails and social media posts for information and updates about the upcoming academic year.