

SUCCESS 4 ALL



LEARNING HUBS®
Young People Learning From Each Other

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Welcome

For those who don't know us, or for those who would like to know more of the work we, this newsletter has been created as a great way to introduce ourselves and tell you of our work.



Success4All is a social enterprise that was established in 2006 and we started working in Walker Technology College soon after. We now run 6 Learning Hubs in the East and West of Newcastle (Walker, Blakelaw, Benwell,

Elswick). We are a social enterprise, and an approved provider of the Mentoring & Befriending Foundation and a recognised training centre for Open College Network (OCN) and the AQA.

We believe that by creating the right environment, young people learn best from each other. Our Learning Hubs & Clubs provide a homely learning environment for children and young people aged 8 to 18 years. We engage the intellect and skills of young people and parents to train them to become tutors, mentors and club leaders. Our Learning Hubs are self-organised learning environments (SOLE) where independent, collaborative or paired learning can take place. Success4All allows for learning 'beyond the school gates' and fills the gap between home and school. Especially for those where home is not a conducive environment for learning

Walker Statistics

Last term, 155 children and young people registered at the learning hub and were supported by 18 volunteers, totalling up to 516 hours of their time. So far this term the attendance remains high – on average **78 students attend the learning hubs per week.**

Regular students that attend the learning hubs, do hard work, and are given their own personal learning passport. The passport are used to record attendance, for volunteers to give positive feedback on how a session went, and for the student themselves to give their own feedback and set personal goals. After 30 sessions, they are rewarded for their attendance with a £5 Eldon Square voucher. The learning passport was introduced in September and 6 of the children have received the award so far!



JAPANESE CLUB

A Japanese club runs every Monday from 15:00 to 16:45, by the talented volunteer Danielle King, who studied Japanese in school and has spent time travelling Japan. She is very interested in the club because she loves the country and the language. She thinks that 'Japan is a very diverse and beautiful country with a very rich history Japanese was Danielle's favorite subject at school because it was taught to her in fun and exciting way. Now that the language is a talent of hers, she is using that skill to teach the children and young people of Walker Technology College in new and creative ways.

On the 25th February those who have been attending the Japanese clubs are going to taste authentic Japanese Bento Boxes at Osaka restaurant. Followed by an evening watching the Kodo One Earth drummers at the Sage Gateshead.

Our Clubs

As well as one-on-one peer tutoring and befriending, we also offer other educational activities. Running this year in Walker are;

PORTUGUESE

Last term, we had 17 EAL (English as a second language) students that attended – and still do - the learning hub. Although we



support the children to learn English from beginner to an advance level, they have the amazing opportunity for them to gain another GCSE in their native language. A number of the EAL students are Portuguese. We therefore provide the children with Portuguese tuition every Friday by our Portuguese volunteer Anabela.



SIMPLY HANDWRITING

Nowadays, young people's keyboarding skills are better developed than their handwriting skills; however academic intelligence is measured by what one is able to write down on paper during exams. This is an issue that really concerns us at Success4All.

Handwriting training and practice can raise exam marks by an average of 30%, which is why *Simply Handwriting* is a new educational activity offered to the children and young people at Walker Technology, every Thursday from 14:45 to 16:45.

GREEK

Our Greek language club runs every other Friday at Walker Technology and is ran by our native Grecian Sofia Spanou. It is her maternal language and now that she live in the UK, it is good practice for her and through teaching it has given her an understanding on how complex the Greek language is.

Junior Apprentice

The Junior Apprentice funded by vInspired, a national charity that helps volunteers connect with the right volunteering opportunities, ran last year. The Junior Apprentice gave the children a chance to develop their entrepreneurial skills, such as design, persuasion, organisation, public speaking, budgeting and team work. During the design process, Procter and Gamble (P&G) visited Success4All to judge and share their expert advice on the products that they had designed. It was a new and exciting experience for the children, where they showed great confidence and excellent speaking skills when pitching their products. The children at Walker decided on iPhone cases, and created 5 designs to sell at the Walker Technology Christmas Fayre.



Kirstie Nilsson from P&G thinks that 'it is brilliant that you are showing children at such a young age some really crucial life skills about business and money management. It has been a privilege to see the children have so much energy, drive and enthusiasm to succeed.'



The children from Walker Tech managed to raise **£61.00** in total, but more than that truly engaged with project.

I think it was good because it helped the student to know how to sell things and work with money. It was AMAZING. I want to do more
(Denise, Walker Technology College)

Bestselling design was

LOL
Little.Old.Lady



I really enjoyed the Junior Apprentice. I enjoyed making the cases the best and would like to make more phone cases. I might even set up my own business
(Danny, Walker Technology College)

What is next?

Over the years S4A has realized that more and more homework is set to children through websites such as 'MyMaths'. Although it is important in contemporary society for children to learn how to navigate a computer, it is important for society to recognize that not everyone has access to computers or the internet. The children that come to our learning hubs and clubs are given access to computers and the internet and as a result are given the opportunity to complete their homework online. We believe that we can extend our digital opportunity to fill the gap between home and school by running a digital skills learning club for the parents of the children who attend. Our hope is that, this would be a perfect way to develop our relationships with the parents by giving them the necessary skills and confidence to extend the learning from school and our hubs to the home.

News Outside of Walker Technology College



One of our young volunteers from Benwell was nominated and awarded with a Princess Diana Award last year. The Diana Award was established in 1999 as a lasting legacy to Diana, Princess of Wales' belief that young people have the power to change the world. The Award exists to celebrate young people who support others and strive to improve their communities. Young people receive the Diana Award for demonstrating the qualities

associated with the late Princess – compassion and a selfless commitment to improving the lives of others. This award represents all that we are trying to achieve and believe in at Success4All so it is great to see our volunteers getting the recognition they deserve for what they do at our learning hubs.

In September two new learning hubs were introduced in the West End; Bentinck Residents Association in Elswick and the Newcastle City Learning Centre in Benwell. We were able to open the Elswick learning hub as a result of Procter and Gamble's sponsorship. P&G contributed a large amount of funds from their Community Matters Fund to make the Bentinck Residents Association what it is today. Not only did they contribute money, but employees of P&G gave up their personal time and volunteered to decorate the Bentinck Residents Association with paint, chairs, tables and plants, transforming the centre into an acceptable place to learn.



We had a visit from Chi Onwurah, MP for Newcastle Central and a Shadow Cabinet Office Minister, to our Learning Hub at Newcastle City Learning Centre. It was nice to meet with her and for us, to be able to demonstrate the work our children and young people do.

This is Success4All's 8th year and we now run 6 learning hubs. Over all the hubs, in the first half term we had a total number of 245 learners, between the ages of 8 and 18. Over the first half term, children and young people have visited us 991 times and have been supported by 50 volunteers, who have run 362 tutoring/befriending sessions! 14 parents supported our learning hubs too with 78 tutoring/befriending session. We have also seen an increased involvement in our clubs. Since the start of the first half-term, S4A ran 6 clubs: WEYDA, Junior Apprentice, Japanese, Portuguese, German and Simply Handwriting. 58 children and young people showed an interest by registering and attending 226 times over 20 sessions. 10 volunteers and 3 parents supported the clubs.



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