

Making Music with Horse

Pupils at our independent day and residential school, New Struan School, had a very special visitor earlier in the year. Singer/songwriter Horse came by for a visit on Monday 30th April with her sound engineer Andy and played us her song 'Careful' at the end of our assembly. All of the pupils really enjoyed the performance and getting to meet her.

Following this visit, on Friday 4th May, both Horse and Andy returned to support pupils Jason and Jack to create and produce their own music tracks. Jack and Jason are both passionate about music and enjoy performing and playing their music to their peers.

Horse is the ambassador for Nordoff Robbins Scotland, a charity who provides our music therapy service. Our Music Therapist, Janet McLachlan kindly made the connection for us. Jack has weekly music therapy sessions with Janet where he has been working to develop his confidence and his ability to collaborate. Working with Horse and Andy allowed Jack to further explore his potential in song writing and recording.

Head Teacher at the school, Lucy Chetty, said, "All the pupils loved having her perform and Jack and Jason have been really able to explore their musical talents with her and Andy."

The students described the visit as 'fantastic', 'brilliant' and 'exciting'.



Hello to Freddie!

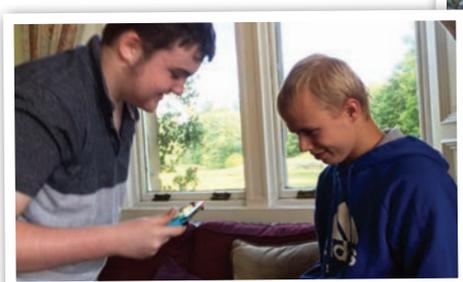
Pupils (and staff) were excited earlier this year to welcome adopted rabbit, Freddie to the school! So far Freddie has enjoyed chewing lots of things when he is taken home at weekends, including wires and artwork. He enjoyed playing outside during the summer and even tried to escape at one point by slipping out of his lead! Freddie also has his own twitter account where you can follow his adventures: <https://twitter.com/FreddieStruan>



Having Fun at Lendrick Muir

In June, staff and pupils from New Struan School returned to Lendrick Muir for their annual residential summer trip, where they enjoyed a range of outdoor activities.

Some of the activities included archery, canoeing, nature trails, biking and crazy golf, as well as more adventurous activities including the leap of faith (which involved climbing up a huge ladder and jumping off the top!). The favourite activity among the group however was once again the King Swing. This activity consists of a giant swing that two people go on while the rest of the group pulls them up really high before they are released and swing forward! Everyone also enjoyed making a campfire and roasting marshmallows!



On to Pastures New



The end of our school year saw a number of our students graduate. The last two assemblies at the school were very special as we said goodbye to four of our pupils; Danny, Erin, Cameron and Dermott.

Firstly we said goodbye to Danny, and watched a special video made for him by our pupils and staff. In our next assembly, we watched a slideshow of Cameron's time at the school, listened to Dermott's favourite song, 'Reach' by S Club 7 and Erin opened some graduation gifts.

We have enjoyed getting to know each of our pupils and although we are sad to say goodbye, we wish them well for their futures beyond New Struan School.

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