

Welcome to Newhaven Outreach's 2026 Newsletter

A brief overview:

This year has been full of successes and lots of wonderful experiences, including our first full year at Pongo's Pad.

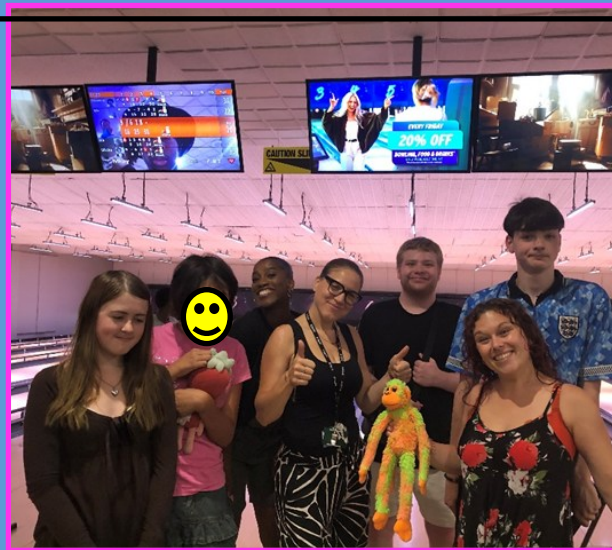
This academic year Newhaven Outreach has supported 34 students—23 on the Inclusion pathway and 11 from our longer term SEN pathway.

10 members of staff worked within the Outreach team including Adam a fantastic volunteer who previously attended Newhaven school and Humbug our therapy dog.



Adam has now moved on, having gained a job as a

data analyst—we are very thankful for your support between January—June and wish you the best of luck in your future.



We've visited lots of homes, cuddled many pets (Dom may have fallen in love with a gorgeous snake belonging to one year 10 student, as well as many, many dogs and cats!).



We've seen friendships develop, students confidence grow, new hobbies learnt,

many card games played (frequently resulting in a Heather-strop!) and seen lots of incredible skills



Academic successes...

Academically students have done well again this year.

Outreach students:



- sat GCSEs in English Language, English Literature and Maths
- sat Functional Skills exams in Maths
- gained Entry level

1, 2 and 3 English

- gained Entry level 1, 2 and 3 Maths

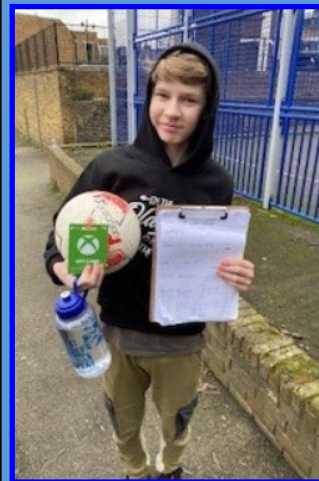
Students received 'in person' lessons in their homes, local communities, at Pongo's Pad, Newhaven Gardens and at Kings Park in:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science
- Laser award
- Spanish



Students received online lessons in:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Coding





Academic successes...



We've been delighted to offer our

Outreach students the possibility to obtain Laser qualifications alongside GCSE and functional skills.

Laser offers a wide and flexible choice of personal development and vocational taster unit. Students can choose modules that suits their particular needs at any moment of their lives, specifically intended for a truly individualised curriculum. Units ranges from planning and carrying out research, Maths, English or Science, fitness, cultivating herbs, etc... —there are so many options to suit a variety of interests!

A year 11 student cultivated 3 different kinds of herbs from finding seeds, planting them and researching the different characteristics of the herbs,

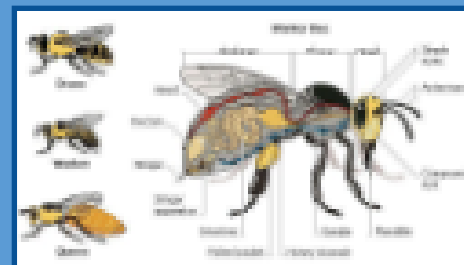


the medicinal, therapeutic or culinary uses for the chosen herbs. It's been a fantastic journey with many opportunities to learn, grow and gain valuable knowledge. We are planning more Laser adventures for next year.

One year 14 student completed a wide range of English qualifications, while researching a science unit, exploring the structure and functions of the skeletal and muscular systems, investigated the structure and functions of the lungs and the heart and identified the key requirements of a healthy diet. He demonstrated exceptional research skills, capable of carrying out independent research and summarising information effectively in his own words.



A year 13 student explored the fascinating world of honey bees, creating a fantastic research project, combined with many other units he previously completed.





Vocational successes...



FLOWER SKILLS
Build a future in construction

Academic/'book learning' isn't for everyone and many students thrive when they are able to apply themselves to practical, 'hands-on' learning options.

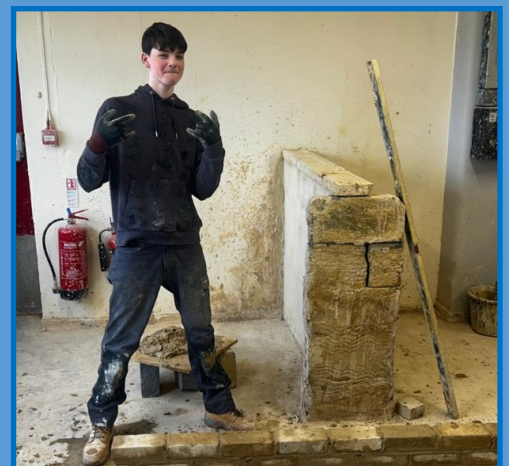
Outreach students who prefer vocational learning are given the opportunity to engage in college link days to support them to find their passion, develop vocational skills and begin the potential pathway towards their future.



This year Outreach students:

Attended Flower Skills Construction college where they -

- obtained 3/5 credits towards an Level 1 City and Guilds Diploma including passing the dreaded Health and Safety assessment
- completed an Level 1 City and Guilds Diploma, enabling them to progress onto a Level 2 Multi-trades qualification next year





Vocational successes...

HB Academy

HB Academy is dedicated to supporting young people, helping them to build confidence, independence, and practical skills within the hair and beauty industry.

Students had the opportunity to learn about hairdressing, barbering, beauty therapy, nail technology, makeup artistry, lash and brow treatments and more!



We are incredibly proud of our two students, whose commitment, enthusiasm and determination have been evident throughout the programme. Through their hard work and commitment to opening up to new challenges, they have developed greater confidence, strengthened their communication and teamwork skills. Supported by an inclusive learning environment, they have progressed at their own pace while gaining valuable hands-on experience in hair and beauty services.

We congratulate both students on everything they have achieved and wish them every success in the future. Their dedication has been inspiring, and we hope the real-world experiences and industry opportunities they have gained through HB Academy will continue to empower them as they work towards their goals and fulfil their potential.





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Independent living skills...

We passionately believe that developing Independent Living Skills is essential to supporting our students to prepare for their next steps, whenever and wherever they may be.

Over the course of the year 74% of Outreach students engaged with our Independent Living Skills curriculum.



Our Independent living skills sessions have been hugely rewarding! We have explored a number of important topics that encourage students towards a more successful independent life, including; budgeting and financial planning, food shopping and preparation and travel self-regulation strategies. We have been proud to introduce our Monday morning food tasting sessions that have encouraged students to try new foods including (our personal favourites) kiwi, berries and cumquats.

In order to encourage students to explore other potential ways of managing difficult times we have also explored hobbies that include baking, cross stitching, candle making and painting.

Social Communication...

Supporting and enhancing social communication skills is vital for all of our students to ensure they are able to successfully self-advocate in the future.

Over the course of the year 80% of Outreach students engaged with our Social Communication curriculum.

Social Communication learning was delivered both overtly via 1:1 and small group 'in person' lessons, 1:1 mentoring and through direct speech and language therapy sessions, as well as covertly on a 1:1 basis and via a gaming group that supported students in interact in a fun and informal way.



Our social communications group sessions have thrived this year! We have focused primarily on building self-confidence and strength of character. We have explored a number of topics including; emotional regulation, navigating friendships, boundary setting and self-advocacy.

Our group gaming sessions, in particular, have built a real sense of friendship and playful banter that have really allowed us all to truly be ourselves. We are so impressed by the resilience that our students have shown in team building, understanding others and working collaboratively. We have witnessed such growth in all of our students this year and are proud to celebrate all of our individual and collective achievements.



Pongo's Garden...



Slowly but surely, the garden has come to life, under the watchful eye of Pongo himself. Back in January it was in need of some TLC and a good tidy up.

By June, we'd tidied up the roadside bed, done lots of weeding and transplanted lots of the young sunflower plants to unused containers in the garden. We also planted some young indigo rose and ananas tomato plants in one of the raised beds and more traditional red tomatoes around the corner.



It's the final week of the school year and the garden is teeming with life! Sunflowers are getting taller and stronger, the tomato plants are thriving (although we're hoping we don't miss all the fruit during the holiday) and the verbena bonariensis seedlings we planted out in the front bed have taken well. To try and keep the weeds at bay over the summer we spent Monday morning covering the soil in the raised beds with cardboard. Fingers crossed it helps!





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Trips and outings...



Sayers
Croft
Trust

Our 2026 Sayers Croft trip was a huge success! Students enjoyed a range of outdoor adventure activities including; Bouldering, Rock climbing, zip-lining and an exciting blind fold trail in the forest- a true challenge to trust! This was our first time working together with Sayers Croft and most certainly will not be our last. We are extremely proud of the students who were able to attend- what an incredible experience! We look forward to going again next year!



More trips and outings...

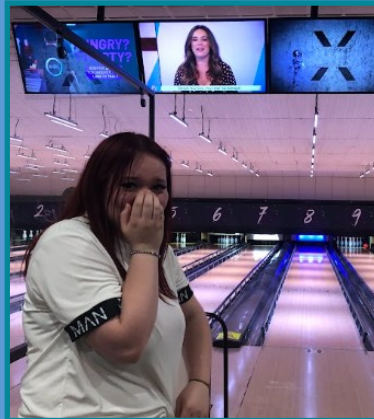
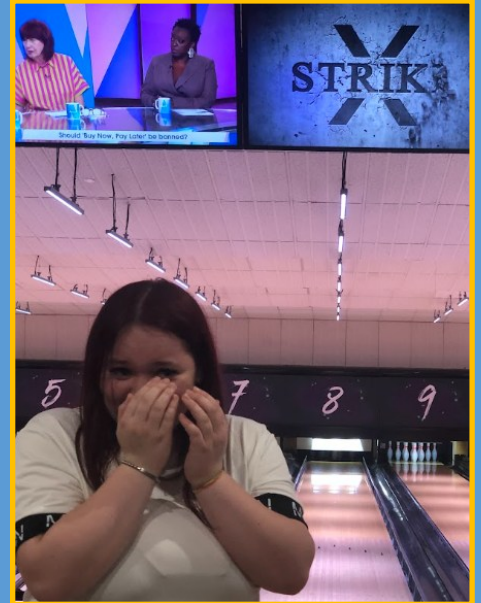
We have worked collaboratively in our ILS and social communications groups sessions to focus on increasing our social outings this year.

We wanted our students to become more comfortable with experiences outside of home and Pongo's in order to gain more opportunities to interact with the general public in a supported and structured way.

Ultimately, our aim has been to remind our students of the joys of being young and free!



Even more trips and outing!

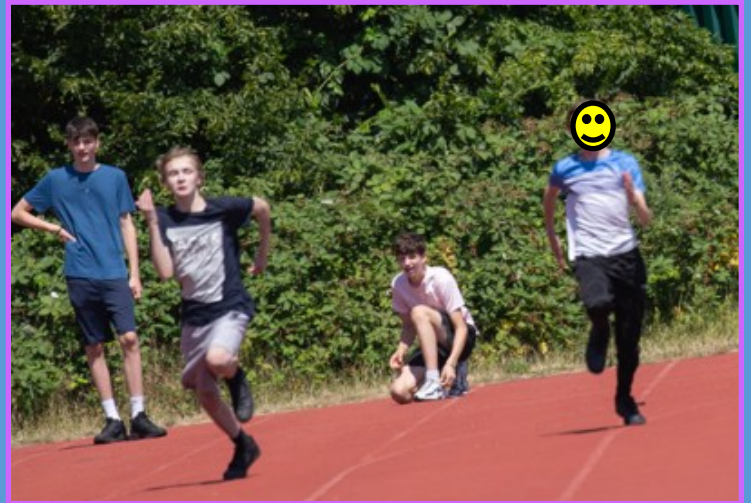




Sports day

To say we cleaned up at sports day is an understatement! Despite only 4 Outreach students participating, we annihilated the competition, gaining over 10 gold, silver and bronze medals! We may have a some future Olympians in our midst!

We are immensely proud of the students who were able to attend to cheer on their peer and to those that were willing to take part (you're braver than most of the staff team!) - you have all done us proud!





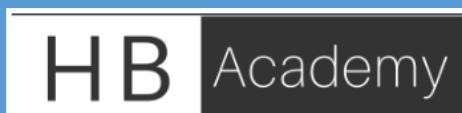
Sports day—more photos...





Moving on...

We've had a number of students move on from Outreach to:



NEST and
Kings Park

Year 11 and post 16 students received CEAIG (Careers Education, Advice, Information and Guidance) from our wonderful transition mentor Sharon (when she's not busy dressing as an inflatable cow!), Paige Newhaven's CEAIG lead and Simon Connolly, RBG careers advisor.

Talk to me about
your future!



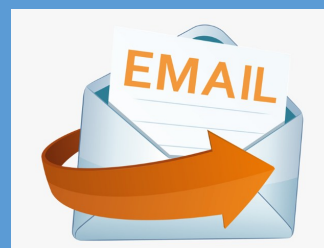
One student left us after he turned 18 to develop an already successful gardening and maintenance business with support from the Kings Trust—we wish you continued success (feel free to come and spruce up Pongo's Pad if you have a spare afternoon!)

We are extremely proud of everything that all of our students have achieved over this past year.

For those of you who are leaving us - we wish you the best of luck in your future.

Not much makes us happier than when we hear from old students, so feel free to email us updates on occasion:

outreach@newhaven.greenwich.sch.uk





The summer...

All Outreach students have been sent the Newhaven Summer challenge, where they are tasked with completing as many of the tasks that they can over their six week holiday.

For students returning in September, don't forget to complete and return the form, as points mean prizes!

The Newhaven Outreach team wishes you all a wonderful summer holiday.



2026 Newhaven Summer Challenge...

You have six weeks off for the summer holiday – the perfect opportunity to try the Newhaven summer challenge (you could aim to complete one challenge for every day of the holiday)! For each activity you complete, you get a point - points mean prizes in September!

- Complete 1 – 5 tasks: Packet of sweets/chocolate bar of your choice
- Complete 6 – 10 tasks: Greggs sausage roll or donut of your choice
- Complete 11 – 15 tasks: \$5 gift voucher
- Complete 16 – 20 tasks: £10 gift voucher
- Complete 21 – 25 tasks: £15 gift voucher
- Complete 26 – 30 tasks: £20 gift voucher
- Complete 31 – 35 tasks: £25 gift voucher
- Complete 36 – 40 tasks: £25 gift voucher and McDonalds breakfast/lunch

A great big thank you all the parents, carers and guardians for being so supportive of Newhaven Outreach. Your unwavering understanding, kindness and support has made this year the success it has been. We are privileged to have been able to work with all of the students and their families/supporters this year.

All Newhaven staff return for inset (training) days on Wednesday 2nd September and Thursday 3rd September.

Returning students will be contacted by a member of the Outreach team on Friday 4th September for a post-summer check in.

New students will be invited for their admission meeting the weeks commencing 7th or 14th September; as we have lots of new incoming students there will be a staggered start for new starters.

Existing Outreach students will be sent their timetables on Friday 4th. Lessons will start on Monday 7th September.

Have a great summer break—make good choices, be happy, healthy and safe.

September 2026

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