

...OUR TERM SO FAR

As we progress through the term, we are thrilled to share some exciting developments at Alt-Ed Lincs that have enriched our learners' experience and well-being.

Introducing Loki, Our School Dog!



We are delighted to announce the arrival of Loki, our new school dog! Loki is a lovable 4-year-old Cockapoo who has quickly become a cherished member of our Alt-Ed family. With her gentle demeanor, Loki spends her days lounging at the center, soaking up treats and cuddles from staff and learners alike. The presence of a school dog offers numerous benefits, particularly for our students. Loki provides a calming



influence, helping learners focus on their tasks and reducing anxiety. She enjoys visiting classrooms, bringing joy and comfort to everyone she meets. During

breaks and lunchtimes, learners have the opportunity to take her for walks, which not only promotes physical activity but also allows them to practice animal care and dog handling skills through AQA certificate programs. The positive impact of having Loki on campus is evident. She helps improve behavior and concentration, boosts self-esteem, and encourages

participation among more reserved students. We look forward to seeing how she continues to enhance our learning environment!

Streetwise: Independent Travel Training

This term, our learners participated in an informative session hosted by Lincolnshire County Council about Independent Travel Training (ITT). This free program is designed for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) who are eligible for transport provided by the council. The training equips students with essential skills for safely navigating their community. Key components of the program include understanding road safety and coping with traffic, building confidence in using safe walking routes and public transport,



journey planning, utilising timetables, knowing where to seek help, personal safety awareness, and money management skills. The engagement from our learners during the session was fantastic, and we are excited to see them put these valuable skills into practice as they gain independence in their travel.



Exploring the World: Exciting Trips!



This term has also been filled with a variety of enriching trips that have allowed our learners to explore and discover new experiences. During a visit to Lincoln Cathedral, our learners undertook a photography challenge, capturing the beauty of the architecture. The photos they produced were excellent! They also enjoyed an interactive section where they built both Norman and Gothic arches using foam blocks, combining hands-on learning with creativity. Another memorable trip took place at Woodside Wildlife Park, where learners had the thrilling opportunity to see a range of wildlife, including Lynxes, Wolves, meerkats, Sloths, and various types of monkeys. The chance to

observe these animals up close sparked curiosity and excitement among the students. Additionally,





our art-based trip to The Usher Gallery allowed learners to explore the diverse art on display. They were inspired to recreate their favorite pieces in a dedicated art workshop, encouraging artistic expression and creativity. These outings have not only provided fun and enjoyment but have also fostered learning and personal growth outside the classroom.

Enhancing Learning: Online Tuition

We are excited to announce the launch of our new 1-1 online tuition service! Alt-Ed Lincs now offers personalised online classes in English and Maths, tailored specifically for all learners but especially designed for those with Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Social, Emotional, and Mental Health (SEMH) needs. Our experienced tutor is dedicated to creating an engaging and supportive learning environment, ensuring that every student feels valued and understood. This new initiative provides flexibility and accessibility, enabling learners to receive the additional support they need from the comfort of their homes.

