Principal's Update 24/01/25

Dear Families,

After Easter break we will be celebrating 30 Years of Severndale, and we have a week of celebrations planned with competitions, presentations, music, fun and community spirit! If you or anyone you know has old photos of Severndale that they would be happy to share, please send these to admin.severndale@lct.education. We are looking to create a collage of photos from Severndale past and present to celebrate our school history.

Events coming up in the next two months:

January

- Week beginning 27th January – National Story telling week celebrations in Key Stage 3.
- 30th January – Pyjama Day for Foundation and Key Stage 2 for National Storytelling week

February

- Weeks beginning 3rd and 10th February – Stay and Plays/ parent events across the academy.
- Week beginning 10th February - Valentines Discos
- 11th February – Safer Internet Day

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your young person's department lead.

Reporting Your Child Absent

What Parents and Carers Need to Do

Severndale Academy has a pupil absence line and we would ask all parents and carers to contact the absence line to officially report an absence. The telephone number is **01743 563333** and parents and carers then need to select **Option 1**. In addition, parents and carers can still email class teachers to inform them of their child's absence if they wish to, but please report via the phone number first.

When a pupil has a medical appointment, we ask that parents and carers email medical evidence (e.g. appointment letter, text/email confirmation of appointment, etc) to one of our enhanced SEN administrators:

Trudi Queen - trudi.queen@severndaleacademy.co.uk

James Meyrick - james.meyrick@severndaleacademy.co.uk

This will mean that we can officially record the absence appropriately so that it is not classified as unauthorised absence.

Past Futures Student's Success Story

'Nine interns join Trust as part of second cohort of employment project'

Shropshire's hospital trust has welcomed young adults with learning disabilities and autism from across the region into a range of different roles within its two acute hospitals.

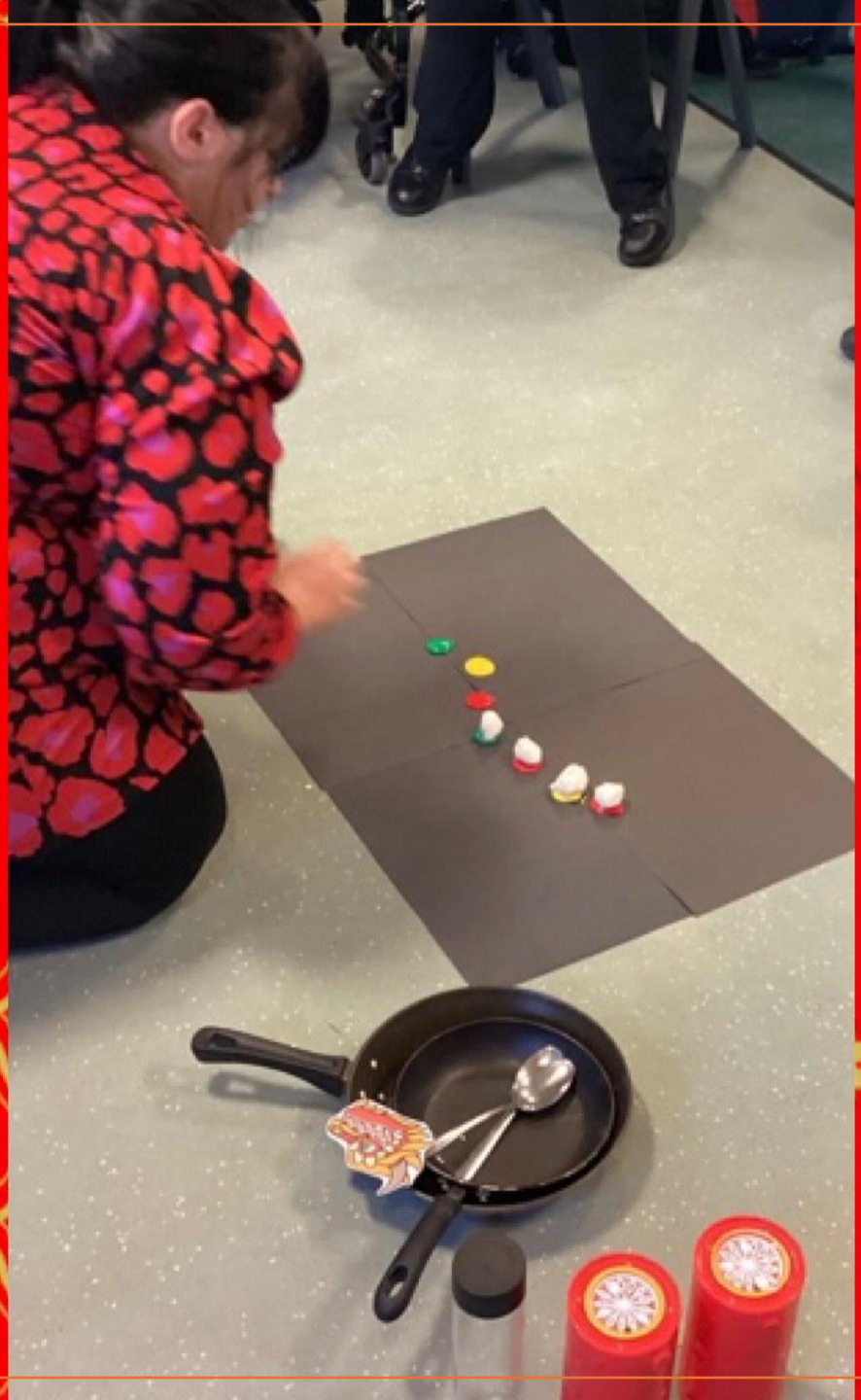
The first cohort of interns finished last summer, and each young adult graduated as 'job ready', with some some securing paid employment at the trust.

This includes Lauren Clarke who is now a porter at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) after she completed the programme after undertaking rotations in catering and portering.

Lauren said: "The internship has been life-changing. It has given me the skills and confidence to take on full time employment, and I feel so lucky to have been a part of it.

Read more at: Shropshire hospitals welcome nine new interns with learning disabilities and autism as part of employment project | Shropshire Star

MFL Day: China

During our MFL focus this week, students have been learning about China through various activities. Some students experienced cooking Chow Mein, and there was a workshop in the drama studio for students to move around a carousel of activities. We had classes which worked collaboratively cross-department to share their learning experiences with each other to strengthen the bonds in our school community.

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