

ATTFE College Learner Newsletter

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Liz Barrett OBE

Principal

Dear Learner,

Congratulations on making it to the end of **Spring Term 1!** This is always a challenging half term, with shorter days and plenty of winter viruses going around.

To get the most out of lifelong learning, **consistent attendance is essential.** That's why we place such a strong focus on attendance at ATTFE College—it remains the single biggest factor in ensuring teaching and learning have the greatest impact. If you miss a class for any reason, please make sure to speak with your tutor about how to catch up on missed learning.

At ATTFE College, we are committed to supporting **learner wellbeing.** We have a fantastic range of wellbeing resources available on our website, created by expert



practitioners for you to enjoy and benefit from each week.

ATTFE College Wellbeing

Additionally, we are excited to launch a **new gardening initiative** focused on microgreens! Gardening has been shown to significantly improve **mental health and wellbeing**, with benefits including:

- Increased life satisfaction and psychological wellbeing.
- Reduced stress, anxiety, depression, and fatigue.
- Improved mood, sense of achievement, and relaxation.

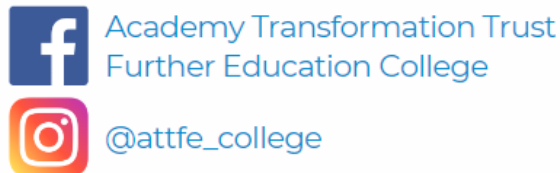
Microgreens are particularly special—they contain **40% more nutrients** than other vegetables and can be used in a variety of delicious ways. Keep an eye on our **social media pages** for more details on how you can get involved!

For those of you heading into half-term next week—**enjoy your break!**

Take care,

Liz Barrett OBE DL

Principal, ATTFE College



Simon Martin

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Hello Everyone,

You will be aware from the extensive media coverage about the knife attack and death at a school in Sheffield.

There are some simple but effective processes for us to adhere to that will go a long way towards keeping us safe.

1. All of our premises are protected by SWIPE lanyard systems. This prevents anyone unauthorised from being able to get in. However, it rests upon students wearing their lanyards for identification, authorisation and access.

Please make sure you have your lanyards with you and on display at all times.

2. Lost or mislaid lanyards must be immediately reported.

3. You must not under any circumstances swap or exchange lanyards – to do so opens individuals to considerable risk and vulnerability.

4. You should not under any circumstances admit people into ATTFE or ATT/academy premises/buildings if you do not know or recognise them as authorised to be there – e.g., a current staff member or student.

5. Everyone needs to be aware of “tailgating” and immediately shutting doors/gates behind them. It is fine to tell people that they cannot just follow you in and that they need to go through the proper identification/admission process as appropriate.

6. Anyone/anything arousing suspicion in and around our buildings and our learners needs to be immediately reported as a matter of emergency.

7. Please remember that you can talk to staff if you feel worried, anxious, vulnerable or unsafe, whether in "College time" or out of "College time".

Many thanks

Simon Martin

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Sarah Wilkinson

Head of Quality of Education

The power of checking for understanding!

Hello everyone,

Well done for all your hard work this term, you should be proud of your achievements and enjoy your break ready to return for Spring term 2.

As we move into next term, one key focus in your learning journey with us will be checking for understanding, which is a vital part of how we learn, grow, and succeed. This is more than just answering questions.... it's about making sure you truly grasp, retain, and apply the knowledge you're gaining.

Why does this matter?

- Identify Learning gaps, to spot and address any misunderstandings early on.
- Boost confidence & independence, to feel more assured in your knowledge and take ownership of your learning.
- Engage & think critically, by being active in lessons, contribute ideas, and develop problem-solving skills.
- Improve memory & retention, to strengthen recall of knowledge through discussions, quizzes, and practical application.
- Prepare for Success – Gain the skills to apply what you learn beyond the classroom.

How might we check for understanding?

1. Group/ pairing activities such as, Think-Pair-Share, to discuss ideas with a partner before sharing with the group.
2. Quick quizzes to reflect on key takeaways from each session.
3. Traffic light system, use red, amber and green to self-assess your confidence in a topic.
4. Class discussions & questioning, to explore ideas deeply through guided conversations.

These approaches help ensure that everyone is on track, understands key concepts, and is fully prepared for assessments and real-world applications. Remember, asking questions and seeking clarification is a strength, not a setback!

#InThisTogether
The QE Team





Dianne Holmes

Head of Curriculum Strategy and Partnerships

Do you have family or friends who will be looking for something to do with their children this February half term? Why not join us for our Fun Together activities which are all free and taking place in a range of venues within the local area.

Please see the Fun Together Half term schedule for more details. Places on all activities will need to be pre booked.

Spring 2025

Academy Transformation Trust Further Education

Fun Together

Fun Together Activities Timetable

Course Title	Date & Time	Venue	Description	Course Code
Family 'Have a Go at Knitting' Workshop	Monday, 17th February 2025 10am - 12pm	ATTFE in the Community Venue 9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	Would you or your children like to have a go at knitting but need a bit of guidance to get you started? This workshop is the perfect place! All resources will be provided but feel free to also bring your own if you have them.	24TL186
Wicked-Themed Family Crafts	Monday, 17th February 2025 10am - 12pm	Kirkby Leisure Centre	We think this one will be Popular! Join us for Elphaba and Glinda themed crafts.	24TL187
SEND Inclusive Crafts & Games	Monday, 17th February 2025 12.30pm - 2pm	Kirkby Leisure Centre	An inclusive session for children with SEND and their families. Take part in fun crafts and games together.	24TL188
Star Wars Activity Camp	Monday, 17th February 2025 10am - 12pm	ATTFE in the Community Venue 9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	Calling all Jedis in the making! Join us for lightsaber crafts and Jedi activities and games.	24TL190

FREE to attend. Suitable for all ages, children must attend with an adult. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For more details or to book please contact **01623 441310** or email college.info@atrust.org.uk, unless otherwise stated in the description.

Where relevant, please make us aware of any known allergies prior to attending. All adults attending will be required to complete a course enrolment form for each session attended.

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Minecraft Family Crafts	Monday, 17th February 2025 1pm - 3pm	ATTFE in the Community Venue 9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	Perfect for Minecraft lovers to get creative in our themed family craft session!	24TL191
Craft and Create	Tuesday, 18th February 2025 1pm - 3pm	Abbey Road Community Centre, Abbey Road, Edwinstowe, NG21 9LQ	Celebrate Valentines week by being crafty and creative in a fun and relaxed environment!	24TL170
Paddington-Themed Crafts	Tuesday, 18th February 2025 10am - 12pm	Tin Hat Centre, Selston, NG16 6BW	A fun family craft session themed around Paddington Bear. Bookings for this session need to be made directly with The Tin Hat Centre. To book, please contact 01773 864510.	24TL181
Paddington-Themed Crafts	Tuesday, 18th February 2025 10am - 11.30am	ATTFE in the Community Venue 9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	A fun family craft session themed around Paddington Bear.	24TL185
Spring-Themed Family Crafts	Tuesday, 18th February 2025 10am - 12pm	Hucknall Leisure Centre	A fun craft session making spring themed items for the new season	24TL189

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Online Safety for Parents and Carers Workshop	Tuesday, 18th February 2025 1pm - 3pm	Hucknall Leisure Centre	This workshop aims to give parents and carers tips and advice for keeping children safe whilst accessing digital devices and programmes.	24DSP024
Fun with Food Family Cooking	Wednesday, 19th February 2025 1pm - 3pm	Tin Hat Centre, Selston, NG16 6BW	Join us for a family cooking session supporting families to have fun with food. Bookings for this session need to be made directly with The Tin Hat Centre. To book please contact 01773 864510.	24TL182
Super Hero Crafts & Games	Wednesday, 19th February 2025 10am - 12pm	ATTFE in the Community Venue 9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	Have fun with your little super hero at this themed session which will include a range of super hero themed crafts and games. Fancy dress welcome but not essential.	24TL192
Family Stop Motion Animation Workshop	Wednesday, 19th February 2025 1pm - 4pm	Sutton Community Academy, Sutton-in-Ashfield	Have a go at stop motion animation, an animated filmmaking and special effects technique in which objects are physically manipulated. A creative way to get digital!	24DSP025

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Hearty and Healthy	Wednesday, 19th February 2025 9.30am - 12.30pm	Edwinstowe House, High Street, Edwinstowe, NG21 9PR	Show your love for Edwinstowe as we create hearts and walk the Edwinstowe in Bloom annual Heart Trail together!	24TL167
SEND Inclusive Games	Thursday, 20th February 2025 10am - 12pm	ATTFE in the Community Venue 9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	An inclusive games session including bocce and target games suitable for children with SEND and their families.	24TL180
Wicked-Themed Family Crafts	Thursday, 20th February 2025 1pm - 3pm	ATTFE in the Community Venue 9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	We think this one will be Popular! Join us for Elphaba and Glinda themed crafts in our new Sutton town centre venue	24TL184
Sherwood Observatory Family Space and Science	Friday, 21st February 2025 10am - 2pm	Sherwood Observatory, Coxmoor Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield NG17 5LF	A chance for families to experience the new Sherwood Observatory and Planetarium. This workshop will include a chance to learn about the solar system, engage in science-based crafts activities and a telescope demonstration. This workshop is most suitable for children aged 7 years and over.	24TL183

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Are you an Ashfield resident? Would you like support to develop your digital skills? ATTFE College are working in partnership with Ashfield District Council and UK Shared Prosperity Fund to provide a number of courses, drop in sessions and workshops to support individuals with a range of digital skills.

Please see the attached list for more information and how to get involved!



ATTFE College Free Courses

Digital Skills, Online Safety & Coding Courses

Visit our website:



Course Title	Description	Venue	Dates & Times	Course Code
An Introduction to Digital Skills	These introductory sessions aim to support anyone wishing to develop basic digital skills for everyday activities using a mobile phone or other device such as shopping online, filling in online forms, downloading apps or connecting with friends and family delivered in a friendly and inclusive environment.	Sutton Community Academy Sutton-in-Ashfield	Thursdays, 6pm - 8pm Starting 20th February to 6th March 2025	24DSP028
An Introduction to Coding	Coding is the process of writing instructions for computers to follow. These instructions are written in programming languages and are used to create computer programmes and apps. During this course you will be given an introduction to coding.	Sutton Community Academy Sutton-in-Ashfield	Thursdays, 9am – 3pm Starting 20th February to 27th March 2025 (6 weeks course)	24DSP030
An Introduction to Digital Skills	These introductory sessions aim to support anyone wishing to develop basic digital skills for everyday activities using a mobile phone or other device such as shopping online, filling in online forms, downloading apps or connecting with friends and family delivered in a friendly and inclusive environment.	ATTFE in the Community Venue, 9-11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	Mondays, 9.30am - 11.30am 24th February - 10th March 2025	24DSP021



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Digital Skills Support Drop-In Sessions	A perfect course for anyone wanting to improve their digital skills for daily use, whether that be searching online, editing documents, using your mobile phone more effectively. Skills taught during the sessions will be based on needs identified by learners attending.	Hucknall Leisure Centre, Linby Road, Hucknall	Tuesdays between 10am and 1pm Starting 25th February to 25th March 2025	-
A Basic Introduction to Coding	Coding is the process of writing instructions for computers to follow. These instructions are written in programming languages and are used to create computer programmes and apps. During this course you will be given an introduction to coding.	Sutton Community Academy Sutton-in-Ashfield	Thursdays, 6pm - 8pm Starting 13th March to 27th March 2025	24DSP029
Online Safety for Parents and Carers	Technology is a big part of our day to day world meaning our children are more and more exposed to the digital world. This workshop aims to give parents / carers tips and advice for keeping children safe whilst accessing digital devices and programmes.	ATTFE in the Community Venue, 9-11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	Monday, 17th March 2025 9.30am - 11.30am	24DSP022



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Digital Skills, Online Safety & Coding Courses



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Online Safety Workshops	Technology plays a huge role in our daily lives, making digital safety more important than ever. This workshop provides valuable tips and advice on staying safe while using digital devices, apps, and online platforms. Learn how to navigate the digital world securely and protect your personal information.	ATTFE in the Community Venue, 9-11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield	Tuesday, 25th March 2025 9.30am - 11.30am	24DSP023
Digital Skills Support Drop-In Sessions	Drop in and speak to our friendly Digital Skills tutor to get support with using digital devices and improving your daily digital skills. Whether you'd like help with using Apps, setting up an email address, advice on online safety or accessing services online we will be on hand to help. No prior booking necessary.	The Digital Zone, Ashfield District Council, Urban Road, Kirkby in Ashfield	Session A: Mondays, 1pm – 3pm Starting 13th January to 31st March 2025 Session B: Wednesdays, 10am – 12pm Starting 15th January to 26th March 2025	Session A: 24DSP017 Session B: 24DSP018



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If you are looking for a new course to get involved in please visit our website to find out about the latest courses available to enrol onto:

Upcoming Courses

This Week's #WellbeingWednesday



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Online Wellbeing Resources

A friendly reminder that ATTFE College has a range of wellbeing resources available on our [Wellbeing Website Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#)! Whether you're interested in Tai Chi, Qi Gong, Yoga, or beginner's exercises, we've got you covered.

Don't hesitate to share these resources with your loved ones!

ATTFE Wellbeing

Dragonfly Skims Water



Tai Chi Kicking Exercise



Powers of Tai Chi Chuan



The Frolic of the Monkey



Chair Based Exercises



Five Loosening Exercises



Restoring Vitality



Tai Chi Stretching



ATTFE College

Sutton Community Academy

High Pavement, Sutton-in-Ashfield,
Nottinghamshire,
NG17 1BW

Dukeries Academy

Whinney Lane, New Ollerton, Newark,
NG22 9TD

Portland College

Nottingham Road, Mansfield, NG18 4TJ
[Portland Pathways] Outram Street,
Sutton-in-Ashfield

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