

St Matthias Academy week beginning 18th January

Learning and engagement has continued throughout the week with all pupils receiving daily contact through home visits and phone calls. Teachers have been continuing their dedication to continued learning and progression for all pupils and have been designing bespoke learning packs to enable pupils to complete at home for all subjects. The packs have been hand delivered and completed work collected for assessment with staff travelling all over the city.

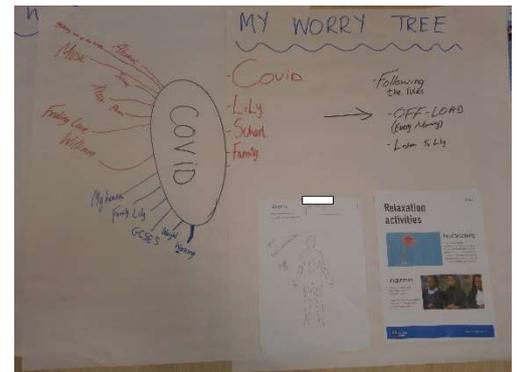
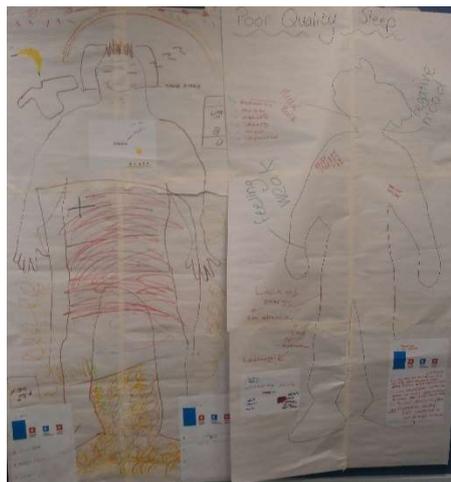
Onsite, the focus has been on responding to the needs of pupils and their wellbeing. Pupils have engaged in daily wellbeing sessions designed to promote relaxation, discussion and talking about feeling and emotions and current worries and difficulties as a result of the pandemic and lockdown. Pupils have focused on discussing their worries and developed a worry tree with individual strategies to cope during this difficult time. Many pupils reported difficulties in sleeping due to worries about the pandemic so engaged in a wellbeing session discussing the benefits of sleep and developed strategies to promote good quality sleep. Pupils applied their learning to form an action plan making changes to their bedtime and daily routine. Following morning wellbeing sessions, pupils said that they found it beneficial and that it enabled them to focus on academic learning for the remainder of the day and some great quality work was produced as a result.



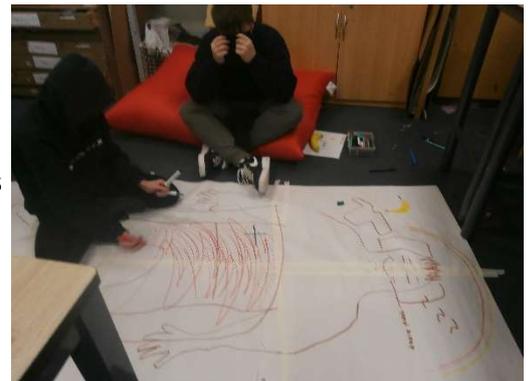
art lessons



wellbeing sessions



Pupils have been developing their life skills through cooking sessions and have been preparing daily lunches for pupils on site-well done to Lily, Justin and Kallum!



This week at Brentry, students on site have been working through their lessons, and have spent time this week reading and responding to feedback on their previous work. It's great to see the quantity and quality of work we are getting back! Tutors have been keeping in daily contact with their students, and it even seems as though some of our students look forward to their visits from us.



Our students have been cooking lunch for everyone this week with Mr Boyd; on Tuesday Harvey cooked a delicious Chinese Chicken Curry with rice which was enjoyed by everyone.

Harvey even took a spare portion home with him for later. On

Thursday, Harley cooked a Tepsi kebab which required some very skilled, fine chopping. Both meals were delicious. We are looking forward to Harley baking an Oreo cheesecake tomorrow afternoon!



There has been an influx of games at Brentry this week; students have been playing pool and Hive at break and lunch time which has been great entertainment. Noah has even been teaching staff how to play Hive (and probably regretted this once they beat him). Mr Boyd has successfully set up the school's Xbox to his classroom computer so students can play games such as Fifa and Skate on a big screen which has caused plenty of excitement. Students have been thoroughly enjoying this and have been working well and keeping motivated throughout the day so they can earn this afternoon reward!

