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A Varied Menu of Activities

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Trent Bridge Cricket Ground has opened its doors to a new out of hours learning centre after becoming the latest sporting venue to benefit from the Playing for Success (PFS) scheme. The centre, which has been named Wicket! by pupils at Radcliffe-on-Trent Junior School, uses the environment of Trent Bridge as a motivational tool to help raise standards in literacy, numeracy and ICT. *Playing for Success (PFS)* is a partnership between the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), local authorities and a broad range of sports. Partners include clubs and the Premier League Football Clubs, Rugby League Union, and County Cricket clubs with a total of 18 different sports represented throughout the UK.



Digital media has been the vehicle used for our literacy activities and students have been highly motivated. They have shown great enthusiasm and produced engaging pieces of work using digital cameras, Comic Life and iMovie when in our Apple Mac suite.

Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club Chief Executive, Derek Brewer, welcomed the opening of the centre:

"Trent Bridge is an inspiring environment in which to watch and play cricket and also learn new skills. We are pleased that more young people than ever before will have the opportunity to visit our venue to take advantage of the great facilities at Wicket!"

In addition to the classroom activities, visiting schools are given a behind-the-scenes ground tour, enabling them to see parts of the club seen by very few. Some even managed to see the changing rooms where international teams prepare for matches and take their ice baths afterwards – ice machines at the ready!

The international venue allows Wicket! the privilege of employing the sporting environment in our activities for maths challenges in the club shop and search and find numeracy activities around the ground. Years 8 and 9 students even participated in a Dragon's Den contest and presented their "pitch" to the panel of judges which included club staff.

Comments from pupils, staff and parents/carers have been really positive and we hope to grow from strength to strength after such a great first term.

We're really looking forward to the summer term and what that brings, especially with the excitement of the ICC **World Twenty 20** in June.

Thank you to pupils and staff at Heymann, Jesse Gray and Stanhope Primary schools and Redhill School for all of their hard work this term.

In addition to our after school programme, we have been developing a series of daytime modules too. We are offering schools the chance to come to the centre for a day to participate in our digital literacy day modules: animation, creating a movie or creating a comic, crime scene investigation (CSI), literacy and/ or numeracy days.

For further information about Wicket! and the Playing for Success scheme, including costs of the programme please e-mail: wicketpfs@hotmail.co.uk or call **(0115) 982 3000**.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY SUPPORT AT HAGG FARM OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE & ST. MICHAEL'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

Hagg Farm and St. Michael's are the Nottinghamshire County Council's outdoor education residential centres based in the inspiring and beautiful northern Peak District. Both centres offer comfortable high quality accommodation with full catering and full activity support from experienced outdoor activity specialists.

Typical activities at Hagg Farm include a wide range of problem solving and adventurous activities (including caving, climbing, and gorge walking). There is a climbing tower, zip wire, and Jacob's ladder in the extensive grounds. There is a Centre minibus available for off site activities. Visit the website: www.twiyo.net/users/haggfarm/index.htm for details of activities on offer.

St Michael's is located in the Peak District village of Hathersage. Activities include problem solving, orienteering, and superb local walks to famous landmarks such as Stanage Edge and Higger Tor. The Centre is ideal for Year 6/7 transition groups.

The centres contribute significantly to the Every Child Matters agenda in the following areas:

Enjoying and achieving

- experiencing success whilst in education;
- re-engagement with education;
- developing positive attitudes;
- raising attainment;
- building self confidence and independence.

Being healthy

- through outdoor physical activity.

Staying safe

- through learning about and managing risk;
- involvement in risk assessment.

Making a positive contribution

- social awareness, teamwork development;
- encouraging decision making, leadership skills;
- environmental awareness.



As a guide the price for a visit for a group of 24 students and 3 staff for a three day/two night programme would be:
Hagg Farm £1570 (or £65 per student) including catering and
St.Michael's £1176 (or £49 per student) self catering.

The price includes accommodation, equipment, activity tutors and a programme of activities. At Hagg farm use of a minibus and catering is also covered. You may wish to have a longer stay or bring more students, or reduce your costs by having less support. We are happy to help! Please get in touch to discuss your requirements. A visit to school can also be arranged.

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Both Centres are available for selected dates during the Summer Holidays. Please contact the Centres for available dates. Schools have sole use of the centre that they choose to book.

Minster school have used Hagg Farm as part of the summer study support programme and have reflected very positively on the benefits of a residential visit for the transition from primary to secondary.

In addition Nottinghamshire schools consistently use Hagg Farm as part of an induction programme for their Y7s in the autumn term because they see clear benefits throughout the participant's school career.

'An excellent experience for both our young people and our staff. It is an essential part of transition from primary to secondary school. This will have such a positive effect in school.' (Evaluation from Becket RC School following year 7 transition programme at Hagg Farm).

Please contact Bill Hanley on 01433 650309 or bill.hanley@nottsc.gov.uk for further details.

Funding Study Support

As we begin a new financial year it seems timely to provide a recap of the main funding streams for Study Support programmes. Study Support activities in schools can be funded by their main funding streams – the School Development Grant and School Standards Grant and the Delegated School's Grant. Charges may be made, or contributions may be requested, for some specialist Study Support activities, though not for activities directly in support of the curriculum. Information about planning, charging and ensuring the sustainability of programmes can be found in 'Planning and Funding extended schools: A guide for schools, local authorities and their partner organisations' (DfES 0472, 2006)

Specific activities can be funded from the relevant parts of Standards Fund monies.

The Standards Fund 2008-2011

Advice and guidance issued 12 November 2007 (Updated January 2009)
the continuation of School Development Grant, with a protected per pupil baseline for schools; School Standards Grant and School Standards Grant (Personalisation);

Please note that specific grants are paid direct to Academies, rather than via the local authority.

Grant 1.1: School Development Grant

Schools are free to spend this grant on any purpose to support improvements in teaching and learning in schools, leading to higher standards of attainment for every learner.

The funding for those programmes merged into SDG in 2004-2005 and 2006-2007, continues within the main SDG baseline (for example Excellence in Cities, Enterprise Learning, Study Support, SEN and Gifted and Talented).

In addition funding for one to one tuition is being introduced on a national basis, drawing on lessons learned from the Making Good Progress model. The tuition will be aimed at supporting pupil progress in English and mathematics.

Grant 1.6: Extended Schools

Funding is provided to support schools, by providing access to a core set of extended services, in raising standards of pupil motivation, aspiration, achievement and behaviour and contributing to a wide range of other activities including childcare, community cohesion, neighbourhood renewal, adult learning, combating child poverty, health inequalities and crime reduction. By 2010, all schools will provide access to a core offer of extended services.

Study Support is included in the core offer under 'A varied menu of activities'. This might include academically-focused activities (from extra tuition for those who have fallen behind to more challenging opportunities for the most able), homework clubs, arts and creative activities, sports activities, and other recreational activities.

Over time extended services should become sustainable either through charging, for childcare for example, or through pooling budgets to support extended services in schools. This funding reduces in 2010-11 to reflect the DCSF commitment of "every school an extended school by 2010"

To support sustainability whilst ensuring access and equality **Grant 1.6a: Extended Schools Subsidy Funding for Disadvantaged Children and Young People**. The Children's Plan, published in December 2007, set out plans to make £265.5 million in funding available to schools between 2008 and 2011. This funding will help schools provide a comprehensive range of exciting, high quality extended services, and ensure that these are accessible to all children and young people, focusing on those disadvantaged by economic circumstances and children in care. From September 2008, the DCSF started a pathfinder with schools in 18 LAs to explore how best it can support schools to meet this objective. Nottinghamshire is a pilot LA (pathfinder) and in 2008-9 two clusters of schools trialled this funding – Gedling & Wheldon and Garibaldi.

Additionally there are also a range of external funds to which schools and their partners can apply. For further info see information on NCC website at: http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/learningandwork/nottscypartnership/everychildmatters_extendedservices/changeforchildren-planningandfunding.htm

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Census (PLASC) Results for January 2009 – Reporting for Study Support



Overall 97% of Nottinghamshire schools report that they run Study Support activities. This includes all schools, infants, junior, primary, secondary and special. The census is based on each school's own self evaluation but there may be mistakes in reporting – For example: we know that the one secondary school reporting no Study Support is actually running a summer scheme this year and has done so for several years previously but the school census may have been completed by a person who isn't aware of activities. It is important that we have as correct a report as possible because the school funding sources in this issue are based on data from the annual census.

Mathswizards and your school

Mathswizards has been running since January 2007 in Nottinghamshire. We run after school maths clubs for children aged 5-11 years. The sessions are one hour long and run by qualified mathematics teachers. Until recently the clubs have run independently of schools in village halls and parents have paid for the opportunities we offer. The mathematical activities are based around a theme and a variety of approaches are available to solve the problems. Games, creativity, practical work and computers are used every session and the children are given a choice. Parental feedback has been brilliant (see comments on website).



We are now working with Lowdham Primary School providing a 10 week course for pupils as an extended schools activity. Depending upon the interest this may be repeated. In addition we have been working with Gunthorpe Primary School once a week with a targeted group of G&T pupils. Basically the same approach is used with these pupils but only one problem is presented to them. The aim is to engage the pupils in thoughtful discussion and develop higher level thinking skills. The feedback from these sessions has been very encouraging.

Claire Marks, teacher at Gunthorpe Primary School says "It seems that Mathswizards is working wonders for the children! They absolutely love going out to carry out all your fantastic activities and are so enthusiastic about Maths in general now. I have noticed a large improvement in their problem solving skills since they have been coming to you and their teamwork skills have also come on leaps and bounds! They are coming back into the classroom and almost 'mentoring' other pupils by explaining to them how to solve certain problems, which as a class teacher with limited support, is fantastic! I am in no doubt that it is because of your group!"

The pupils responses to a questionnaire showed that they felt they benefited most from:-

- Doing harder maths activities,
- Working with pupils I would not usually work with,
- Thinking about how to approach a problem,
- Giving me confidence to try new things.

If you feel your pupils could benefit from Mathswizards please contact Sue Byrne on 01949 20983 or mathswizards@hotmail.co.uk or visit the website: www.freewebs.com/sabyrne

The ASDA Foundation

The ASDA Foundation is a charitable trust which was set up to support local good causes chosen by their staff, and is funded by profits from the mid-week national lottery. They support a wide range of good causes with which their colleagues are involved – including local charities and playgroups to football teams.

www.about-asda.co.uk/communities/asda-foundation.asp

Wilkinson Hardware Stores Helping Hand scheme

Wilkinson hardware stores supports UK charities which are local to their stores. Each year a contribution is made from company profits to community initiatives within the company's trading areas, supporting education, the family, sports and arts.

The company's Helping Hand scheme offers vouchers and financial support to local groups, charities and organisations within the store's catchment area.

To apply for funding, write to: Lesley Banks, Sponsorship Administrator, Wilkinson Hardware Stores Ltd, J K House, Roebuck Way, Manton Wood, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 3YY, or telephone: 01909 505505.