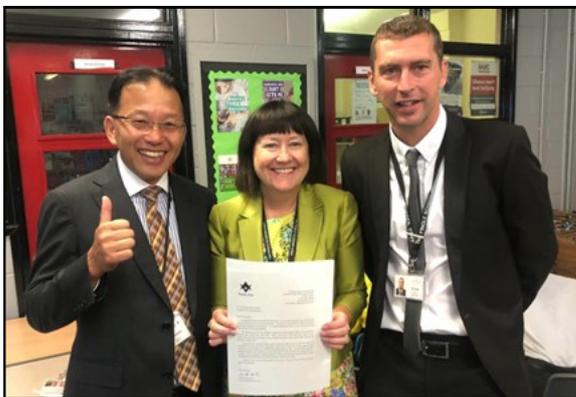


From Toyota City to Pingle

This term saw Japanese fever hit The Pingle Academy once again. Each year visitors from the 28 Junior High schools in Toyota City, Japan, visit South Derbyshire as part of a Toyota UK, Burton and South Derbyshire College and Derbyshire County Council exchange programme. The Pingle Academy has become one of the host venues for the students and everyone really enjoys the experience. Students were paired with Pingle students from Years 8, 9 and 10 and attended lessons for the two day exchange. The youngsters quickly found ways to communicate and Google translate helped to fill the gaps.



Student volunteers were on hand at lunchtimes and breaks to help the visitors as the Japanese students took to the stage for a wonderful rendition of the Beatles classic, 'Hey Jude'.

Plans are in the early stages for a return visit to Japan next year and a staggering number of students have already expressed an interest in the visit.

Charity Fundraising at Pingle

Following a visit from the Guide Dog charity in 2017, form group TFO decided to fund raise for the charity that provide life changing services to blind and partially sighted people in the UK. Form Tutor, Mrs Foster and the students set themselves a target to raise enough money to name one of the guide dog puppies the very special name, Pingle.

Three years later, in September 2019, Pingle visited the students so they could see what all their hard work had managed to achieve.

The students worked incredibly hard putting on cake sales and bingo evenings. They even managed a sponsored silence for a whole day. Although one student did admit to finding that very difficult and that, 'everyone paid the money anyway as it was for the puppy.'

Well done to all the students that showed such dedication to raising funds for the worthwhile cause. What a sense of achievement you must all be feeling!



TV stars visit Pingle

Celebrities Josh Ritchie and Danny-Boy Hatchard surprised The Pingle Academy Sixth Form students, joining Burton Albion Community Trust on a recent visit.

Just days before the Pirelli Stadium played host to the latest celebrity football match to raise funds for BACT programmes across Staffordshire and Derbyshire, the TV stars joined the Sixth Form for a Q&A session and photo session.



Pingle in line for community award

Congratulations to staff and students at The Pingle Academy for their recent nomination for the Active Derbyshire Community Contribution Award.



Nominated by South Derbyshire District Council for the accolade, the academy has been recognised for all their work in the community. Activities such as primary football festivals with Active Schools Partnership, work with local businesses and the community use of the artificial grass pitch, refurbished in 2018, were all cited in the nomination.

Mr Brown, Mrs Holland and Mrs Sharples were all filmed for the nomination video that will be shown on the night of the awards in Chesterfield.

Good luck!

Forthcoming events at The Pingle Academy:

Thursday 17 October, 9:30am
Thursday 17 October, 4:30-7:00pm
Tuesday 22 October, 6:00-8:30pm
Thursday 24 October, 6:00-8:00pm
Friday 25 October
Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November
Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 November

Parent/carer tours with Mrs Sharples, Principal
Year 13 Parents'/Carers' Evening
Year 7 Halloween Disco
Sixth Form Open Evening
Non-uniform charity day
Half term holiday
Staff INSET days - academy closed to students