



EDUCATION UPDATE | SPRING 2024

It's been a busy and fun 2024 so far and promises to get even busier with our new catalogue of workshops and much more coming soon!

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

In January, we welcomed 35 different schools on the Ambitions Programme from Delta Academy Trust! 165 Year 5 pupils visited for a day to explore the House through guided tours. These incorporated interactive activities such as '*find the griffins*' to give the children a fun insight into our history! Then they explored the Gardens through our new self-led historical garden resource - they learnt about the various monuments and enjoyed the beautiful animals and flora in some lovely January sunshine!

Spring was truly kicked off with a Gardens visit for Blackburn Primary School who got nice 'n' messy making seed bombs in our mud kitchens using water from our rainwater harvesting tanks in the Forest of Bewilderment Education Hub. The children will throw the bombs back at school in their meadow, investigate their growth and send us some colourful photos of the wildflowers!

Thorpe Hesley Primary School's Woodpeckers and Science Ambassadors visited to take

ome learning back to school on climate change. They learnt about, and had a go at, dead-
hedging with our Assistant Gardener, Helen, and if you don't know what that is, dead-
hedging means creating hedges from forest debris such as branches, twigs, leaves and
moss. This tidies up the woodland in a sustainable way and creates new homes for insects
and even animals like hedgehogs - increasing biodiversity whilst working against climate
change by creating a healthy ecosystem. Plus, they look beautiful so can form the basis for
art projects too! This industrious young group have also agreed to help us with our flora
interpretation and carefully identified the flowers, plants and trees we have, to continue a
project back at school researching our flora so we can put informative signs up for the
public!



SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Hall Cross Academy in Doncaster brought 50 Year 11 students to gather photos for their GCSE horror project. They discovered some of the nice and the not so nice areas of the House & Gardens! They took a mixture of photos and sketches to take back and work on in school – we cannot wait to see what they come up with as some of the props (a headless Barbie) were particularly creepy!

HIGHER & FURTHER EDUCATION

We have lots of internships and projects starting. Patrick and Charlotte from Sheffield Hallam University (SHU) began working on creating a digital access map to enhance their geography degrees. We worked with applied psychology students from SHU last year to create our wonderful [Wellbeing Booklet](#) so were keen to work with this year's seminar group. We had the first meeting to get started with the projects they'll do this year - creating methods to assess the impact of our Gardens on visitor wellbeing.

We were happy that Isobel from Edge Hill University began her placement supporting the

Past Issues
Fundraising Department and students from SHU and the University of Sheffield have visited to inspire their creative writing from poetry to zines!

With National Lottery Heritage funding we were delighted to be able to fund a talk by Daniel Elkington, an Associate of Donald Insall architects. He gave students from the Sheffield School of Architecture climate group an insight into the conservation and sustainability behind the recent Camellia House renovations.



EXHIBITIONS

We were honoured to display the wonderful artwork created by Affinity 2020 CIC. The varied methods the young people communicated their experience in care was creative, thought-provoking and emotive.

This was followed by the beautiful House of Hidden Meanings exhibition by Rotherham College fashion students. Exploring the meaning behind what we can see...it was another must-see for visitors.

OUTREACH

It was great to once again support students at the Wath Academy careers day and Wickersley School students at their mock interview day.

CONNECTING WITH EDUCATORS

We hosted another co-creation session for local educators to explore the House and share ideas on what they'd like to see happening here.

Here's to an equally busy and fun upcoming summer term!



A SCHOLAR'S TREAT!

Looking for an end of year trip for your Y4 – 6 pupils?

Come to Wentworth Woodhouse for a day of fun! Enjoy a variety of exciting activities in the Gardens as well as a roaming theatre experience about Wentworth Woodhouse through the ages.

Dates: Monday 24th, Wednesday 26th June 2024

Time: 9:30am–2.00pm

Child Price: £1.00 each | **Staff:** Free

Lunch: Please bring lunch and snacks with you, an ice lolly will be provided.

To book, please email: jenwall@wentworthwoodhouse.org.uk

Please note: There will be other schools in attendance on the day (up to 100 pupils per day) but you will move around the activities in your school group.