

Pioneer House workshop with Jack Nicholls

I wanted to feedback how fantastic Jacks writing workshop was this morning for our students. Students with SEND tend to be very reluctant writers and supporting them to feel confident in their abilities, and confident to share their ideas is something we work hard on. Jack quickly built a great relationship with the students and the games and activities that he planned were great at developing students' creativity in a safe and nurturing way.

All of the students have left the workshops with a character and ideas for a story. Many students were so keen to get started that they have begun the first draft of their Sadie Massey entry in the session and were busy scribbling away. To see our students so engaged and keen to get their ideas down, even if they did not know how to spell the words, was a joy to see. Some of them even asked for his autograph and were so excited to show others that they had a "real authors autograph!". The feedback from staff supporting in the session was really positive too and they are raring to get going with the Sadie Massey entries! I just wanted to thank you again for the opportunity to have a free workshop, with budgets how they are it tends to be the enriching activities that we have to cut down on so we were really grateful for the opportunity.

The students are studying poetry this term in key stage 3 English so it is great that we have a local author to study!

Many thanks,

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