

## Farm visit Picture Special



A NEW EWE... pupils discovered a new side to themselves during the trip.

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# Pupils conquer fears during trip

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**INTREPID students from a Nuneaton school have discovered a new side to themselves as part of a trip to a Herefordshire farm.**

A total of 12 students from Years 8 and 9 at the Nuneaton Academy enjoyed a week-long stay at Jamie's Farm, in Wiltshire.

During the visit, students spent time chopping logs needed to heat the farmhouse, mucking out animals and enjoying walks in the countryside, which even included a hike up the famous Offa's Dyke on the border with Wales.

The budding students overcame animal phobias, lack of self-confidence and homesickness to take full part in the life of the working farm.

Year 9 pupil Dalton Marston, said: "It was a brilliant trip and it really helped me to build my confidence and helped me with my concentration."

Adele Newell, another pupil who visited the farm added: "My time at Jamie's Farm was challenging and interesting, it was a once in a lifetime opportunity, I did a lot of things that I never thought I would do and achieve."

Operational principal of the Nuneaton Academy, Simon Lomax, said: "This trip enabled our students to achieve things they never thought they were capable of, from conquering a fear of heights while climbing a mountain to cooking and serving delicious home cooked meals to their fellow pupils and farm staff. They even went a whole week

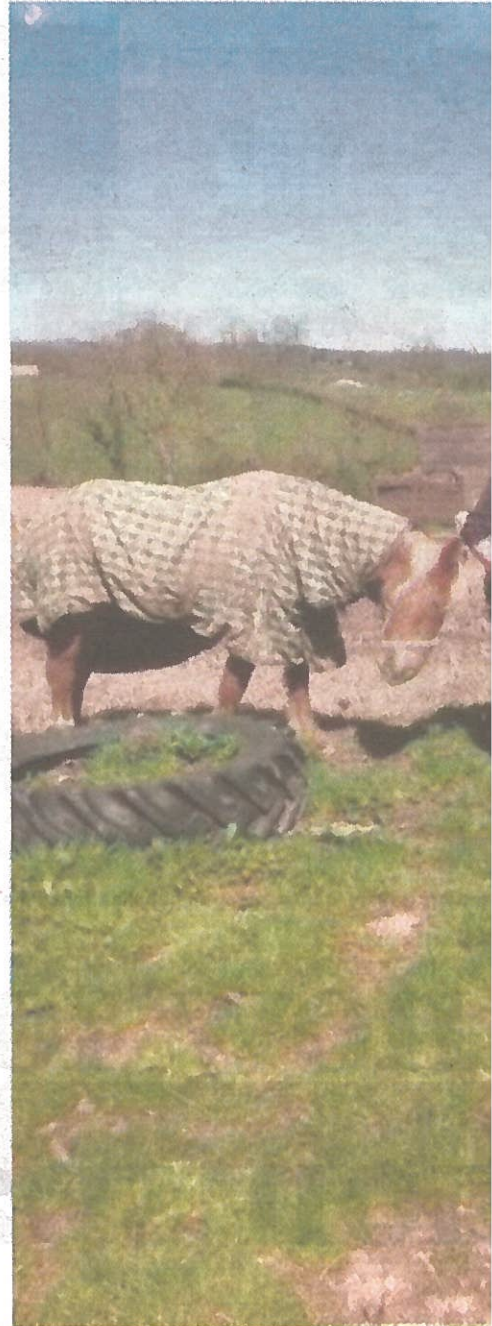
without eating sugar or using social media.

"We are working with Jamie's Farm in order to give those pupils who need it the confidence and self-esteem to thrive in school, as well as improving their life skills, which are essential in helping them achieve their full potential, both in school and beyond.

"The team at Jamie's Farm are fantastically dedicated and are incredibly skilled at using the farm environment to transform pupils' perceptions of themselves.

"We thank everyone there for looking after our students so well throughout the week."

The Nuneaton Academy is part of the Midland Academies Trust, sponsored by North Warwickshire and Hinckley College.



NEW FRIEND... students were given the chance to

