

Grand Opening of Queen's Cavern

On Wednesday 1st February the Queen's Cavern shop was formally opened by Dr Trevor James. Guests were provided with refreshments in the Queen's Retreat Café. The Post 16 Hospitality and Catering students baked delicious cakes especially for the event. Dr James represented Lichfield Rotary when he cut the ribbon in front of students and invited guests.

He was impressed with the shop and soon selected an item to buy for one of his grandchildren. Lichfield Rotary recently made a generous donation towards the sensory garden, an important area of the school environment.

Mr David Harman, Manager of Tesco Extra, visited Queen's Croft recently and was happy to be invited to this special event. Mr Harman cast a professional eye over the display of goods and has kindly offered future support from one of his staff; who will give our students advice and help them develop their skills. A big thank you!

Other guests included Mrs Georgina Roberts, who has supported Queen's Croft pupils and students for many years in her role as careers advisor. She said: *"It is lovely to see the students learning about shop work and gaining skills ready for when they leave school."*

Also represented were the school governors, the Friends Committee and school staff. Mrs Bowles, a parent governor, commented on the range of goods for sale, as did Mrs Ridgway, secretary of the Friends Committee. Both ladies had enjoyed the refreshments, with Mrs Bowles recommending the spiced apple cake. *The hospitality and catering team will be happy to send out the recipe, should anyone wish to try the cakes at home.*

The Post 16 retail students would be happy to accept donations of unwanted presents, pre-loved toys, books, clothes, DVDs etc. They will then sort and prepare the items for sale in the shop. The character of the Queen's Cavern reflects the philosophy of **recycle, reuse, reduce** and is captured by the phrase 'New to You'. The opening hours will initially be Monday and Wednesday 9.30am to 12 noon, then 1.30pm to 3pm. It is expected that these hours will be increased at a later date. In the first few hours the shop was opened, the taking were £60.75. Mr Hawksworth our Headteacher, praised all Post 16 staff and students for their hard work in making the shop a success!



Our proud headteacher Mr Hawksworth with Dr Trevor James at the cutting of the ribbon

