

You Said, We Did - Update for Learners: February 2025

You will know by now that we really value your voices and input into making MIAG a better and more enjoyable environment. As part of our commitment to you we said that we would provide a regular communication so that you can see what actions have been taken as part of your important feedback to us.

Your voices are important to us, and whilst we will take everyone's viewpoints on board, we are not able to please everyone with so many learners, so we have to go with the majority of learners' views. We know that this is difficult for those who do not share the majority view, and this feels as though your views are not important, this is not the case and there will be things that do go with your views, and where possible when planning future changes, these will be captured.

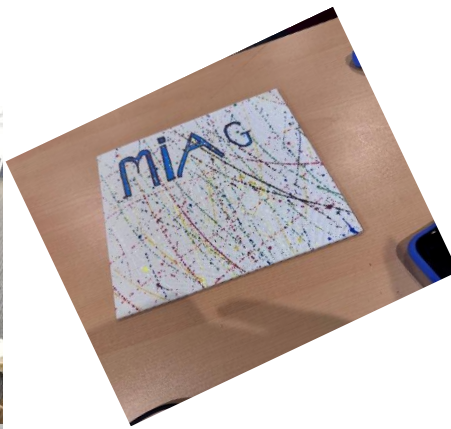
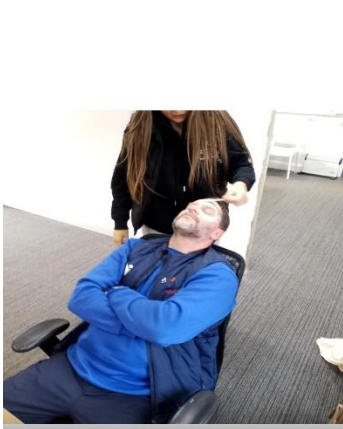
As a staff team we are extremely proud of the work that you are doing, the feedback that you are providing and the mature way in which you are letting us know your views and what is important to you. We are also super proud of the way that you have welcomed our young learners from our Forest School into Beeches.

January 2025 – February 2025

You said:	We did:
You wanted the Arts & Craft Room to be revamped and to create a dedicated space for those learners who are working in this area	We promised that we would undertake this as our next project between January – April 2025. In fact we were able to deliver this to you way ahead of schedule and the room 'opened' to learners at the start of January 2025. Learners are currently planning a mural on one of the walls inside the room
You want to be able to do some nice off-site activities at the end of term	The new behaviour system has now been implemented, and you will all have a reward card. These cards, as part of the behaviour policy will be used to enable learners to enjoy rewards and end of term activities
You have asked for the outdoor area to be more welcoming	You will have started to notice so outdoor works that will make that environment more welcoming. As outlined in the last 'you said, we did' this is weather dependent, but here are a few

	<p>things that we have been able to do so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MIAG Sign is back up ➤ Other new signage has been put up ➤ The Bungalow has been painted grey ➤ The fence next to construction is being painted ➤ A 'bin store' has been erected to enclose the large bin and has been painted ➤ A 'Not on your Tod' banner has been displayed on the outdoor fence ➤ We have taken delivery of some flower beds that our Forest School Learners will build in the coming weeks which we will place outside the bungalow and grow wild flowers ➤ A Herb Garden is being built by our learners at Shab Hill and will be brought down for you to plant and grow our own herbs <p>As the weather improves there will be more work that takes place so watch this space!</p>
<p>Further Kitchen Improvements requested by learners</p>	<p>As with any new initiative, as you start to use a space more, you identify things that you need. The lunches continue to be a big success with the highlight of last term being the Christmas Roast Dinner and the Christmas Buffet.</p> <p>Over recent weeks we have added the following to our Kitchen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Drinking Water in a dispenser with ice cold water now on tap, this has also helped us to reduce the amount of plastic waste ➤ Drinking Tumblers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Range of equipment requested by learners including new chopping boards; potato peelers; colanders etc ➤ Food Temperature Probe ➤ Recycling bags
You asked us to reduce the number of visitors who were visiting during session hours as this was disruptive to your learning	<p>We have, where possible reduced visitors, including potential new learners to break or after session times. Sometimes we are not able to stick to this, e.g occasionally a learner's school may wish to visit and observe them in a session. However, where possible we will prepare you for these occasions</p>
You told us that the website was 'rubbish' 'out of date' and 'pointless' as it told you nothing about MIAG	<p>A lot of work has been undertaken on the website and an updated version was launched on 4th February 2025. Please do pop on and have a look at www.miag.co.uk let Lisa know what you think and what further improvements you think are needed</p>



What Next? February 2025 – April 2025

At the start of March 2025, we will welcome another new staff member to the team when Gulshan Shaheen (she will be known as 'G') will join us as a specialist Hair & Beauty Tutor. G will work with our Hair & Beauty learners on a Thursday & Friday.

We will continue to embed the Key Worker model over the coming half term and again would like your views on this. Is it supportive to you? What could we do differently?

You will see works being undertaken at the entrance to the Beeches site, the gatehouse at the front will become our offices, meeting space and reception for all visitors. The Forest School learners will also be based from early Spring in the area at the back of the house. This will mean the bungalow where we currently have our offices will become an available space, please do have a think about what we could use this space for, it will need to be different to the rooms/spaces that we currently have but we would love to hear your suggestions! We might even run a little competition for the best suggestion.....get those thinking caps on!

We also have committed to undertake some further improvements and wanted to outline these to you.

You said:	We will:
It would be helpful to have a teaching space in the construction area	Build a designated teaching area inside of the construction room, this should be completed by Easter, if not earlier
End of Term Leavers Event	Listen to your suggestions, you can speak to your Key Workers about these or to any staff member. Please do remember though that with so many Year 11 & Year 12 leavers this summer that the event should be something that everyone can get involved in.
Outdoor Painting	As part of the request to make the outdoor area more inviting, we have been working behind the scenes with a number of Bristol Street Artists. They have put together an amazing programme that will include learners being able to work alongside them and create street art at specific points across the site.
Not on your Tod Project	Some of you will remember the visit by Chris Todd back before Christmas. Chris set up and runs a young person's mental health charity, NOYT (Not on Your Tod) and as part of his awareness raising he has agreed to come in after half term and

	deliver a programme to learners, this will include helping to design art work for hoodies that show how NOYT and MIAG work together.
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As you can see we have continued to be busy based on your feedback but don't stop there as we love to hear from you about things that will make the MIAG learning environment better, not just for you but for the young people who come here when you have left for your next placement or work. We are committed to improving the site and need to do this through the eyes of you the learners. If you have ideas for improvements, please do speak to George and he can bring this forward to the leadership team.

