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Let's Start with **Happy New Year** to you all, welcome to **2020**, a new decade.

What a fantastic year 2019 has been for STEPScic!

We've welcomed new staff who have enhanced our service delivery and welcomed new attendees who have formed new friendships. We have enjoyed working and learning together and all had so much fun over the last year.

We've seen lots of success through personal progression as well as nationally recognized certification through Open Awards and enjoyed celebrating this success.

We've welcomed school visits and thoroughly enjoyed working with the young people. It's been lovely to receive such fantastic feedback, one example being, STEPScic is very welcoming and provides many opportunities.

We launched our individualized learning journey 'Flightpath' in which everyone can work towards their own personal goal or aspiration and we are already seeing the benefits of this. As shown below.

As we welcome in the New Year, we would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of 2019 and we look forward to working with you as we move forward in 2020. Happy New Year!

Flightpath – A Level of Learning to Suit the Individual' has been designed by STEPScic to meet the goals and aspirations of all our attendees. Jack's goal was to plant and grow a raspberry plant, therefore Jack is currently following the Personal Development Flightpath. Through accessing our gardening workshops Jack has identified the plants that he wants to grow, he has been supported to purchase the plants and he has followed the process of soil preparation, tool selection, planting and plant aftercare. We look forward to seeing Jack harvest the fruit in the coming months.



Jason would like to work in a hairdressing salon and is therefore following the employment flightpath. He is currently working towards an Entry Level 3 award in Hairdressing Skills under the guidance of our experienced Hairdresser. Jason has been learning about the main hair types and conditions, client preparation, shampoo and conditioning as well as safe and hygienic working practices. Jason's regular client has given excellent feedback on his developing skills and growing confidence.





Abigail and Katie are following the Independent Living Flightpath and are currently developing their skills and independence in the kitchen. Not only are Katie and



Abigail developing their food preparation skills but also their knowledge of working safely, storing food and drink appropriately and cleaning the kitchen. Their developing knowledge will enable them both to work towards an Entry Level 3

Open Awards qualification in Independent Living.



We look forward to each of our members journey's on Flightpath, and will continue to support and encourage them and progress their development at each step of their journey.

Oh what a night!' Fantastic company, fantastic food and fantastic entertainment was enjoyed by all at our attendees Christmas party. We had fun with selfie props and green screen, had a visit from Father Christmas, enjoyed a hot pot supper and selection of cakes and then danced the night away to local artist Michaela. The event was held at Rose Bridge Community Club. Thank you Michaela Whinnett for ensuring the dancefloor was never empty. Thanks to our very own Sheila for the delicious food and all staff for their continued hard work and support. A huge thanks goes to our attendees and their families for making another memorable evening.



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The Christmas festivities continued during December, with three sittings planned we had a fantastic home made three course lunch, all enjoyed by our attendees and staff. Fun was had with our selfie frames and Christmas bingo.



Wigan Warriors stars, George Burgess, Dom Manfredi and Kai Pearce-Paul visited our Ashland House Base at Ince in December as part of their Community Blitz Initiative. This initiative which is delivered in conjunction with Wigan Council allows the players to give back to the community by supporting a range of projects. They joined our attendees to clear the overgrown area at Ashland House which will enable us to develop the green space to become a functioning garden area. Our attendees thoroughly enjoyed working with the Warriors and were delighted to be able to gain autographs and photographs. We would like to thank George, Dom, Kai and John for their enthusiasm and hard work which has made a significant improvement to the grounds. [#wiganwarriorscf](#) [#ourtownblitz](#) [#wiganCouncil](#)



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It was a pleasure to be a part of the Transition and Beyond Event 2019 that took place at the Edge. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone and showcasing what our service has to offer. We would like to thank the organizers who had once again created a fantastic event.



It has been a pleasure to welcome Hope School and College and Landgate School to Ashland House and to Golborne. Students have participated in a range of activities including hair and beauty, floristry and art whilst also enjoying our breakout activities including gaming. We thoroughly enjoyed working with the students and it's great to know that you thought staff were 'friendly and welcoming' and had a 'fab' visit. We look forward to seeing you again in the future.

It was also a pleasure to attend Oakfield Schools careers week in which we introduced students to hairdressing, floristry, photography and art. Two of our attendees and past students took the opportunity to chat to students and teachers to inform them about what they have been doing at STEPSic since leaving college.

We would like to thank Carmel College for inviting us to their transition event. It was a pleasure to attend and fantastic to meet so many people interested in our service. We look forward to seeing you for some planned transition visits in the near future





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