Exploring with Explorer

Embedding TD SNAP within the curriculum

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Introduction

☐ Explorer – what is it?

☐ Explorer – who are we?

☐ TD Snap Schools Licence – why?

Within the Classroom

Learner iPads

Whiteboard

Tutor iPad
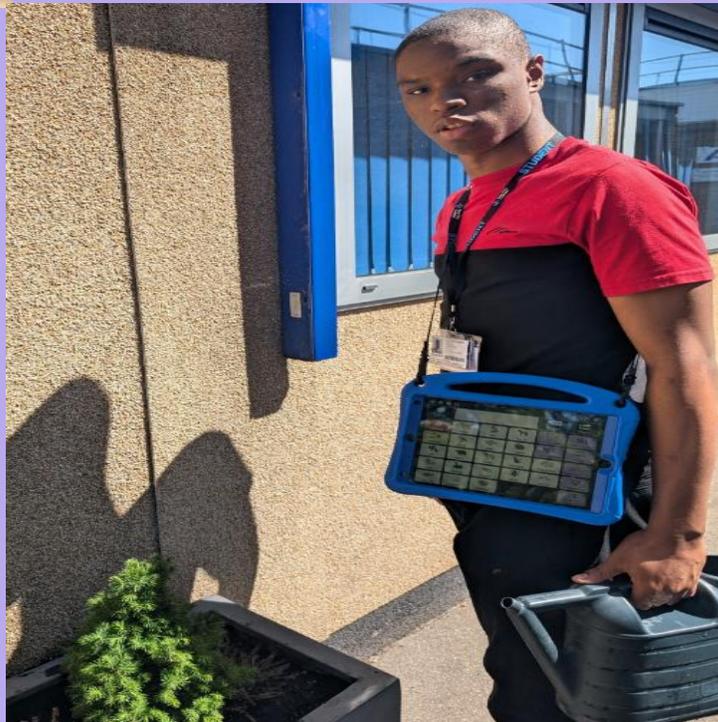
Within the Classroom

Morning Meeting

Ready to Learn

Lessons

"Massager"
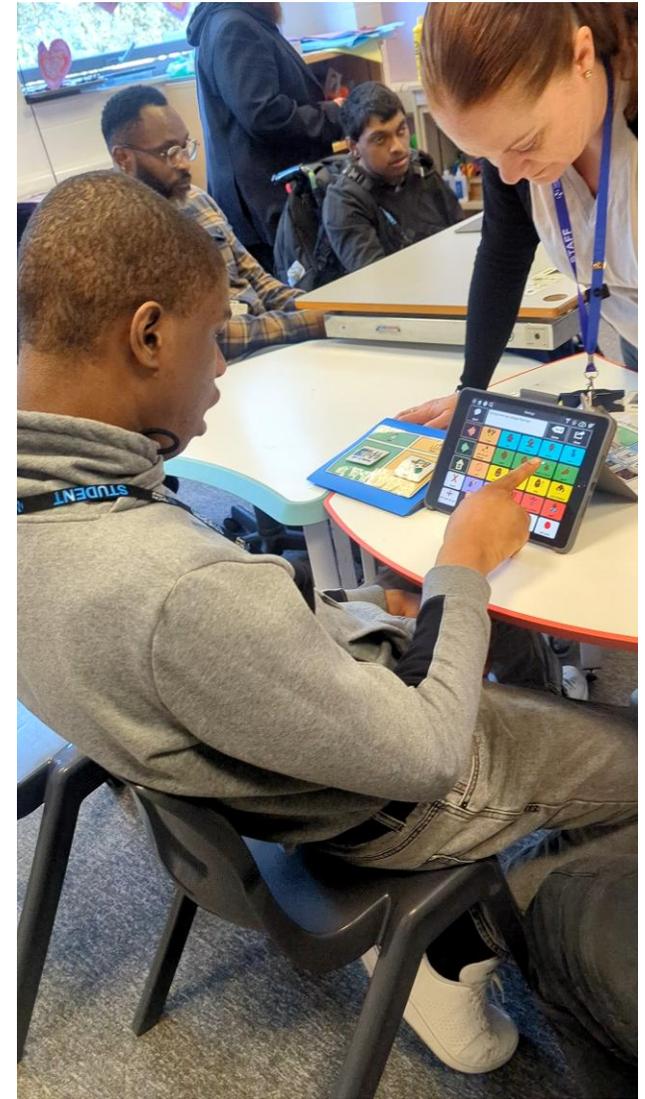
"Ready to Learn"

Within the Classroom
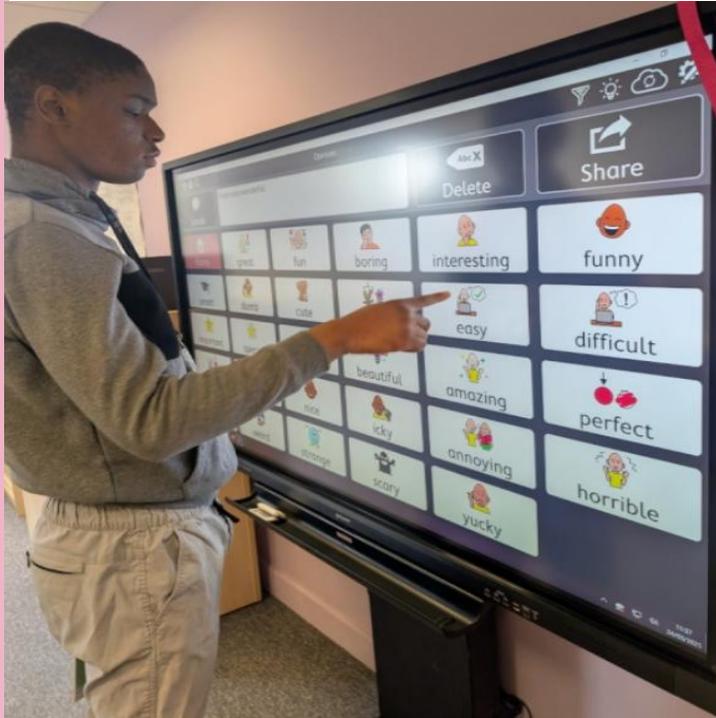
Personalized

Sharing News and Opinions

Needs and Wants

"It's my birthday"

"My best friend"

Beyond the Classroom

Cooking
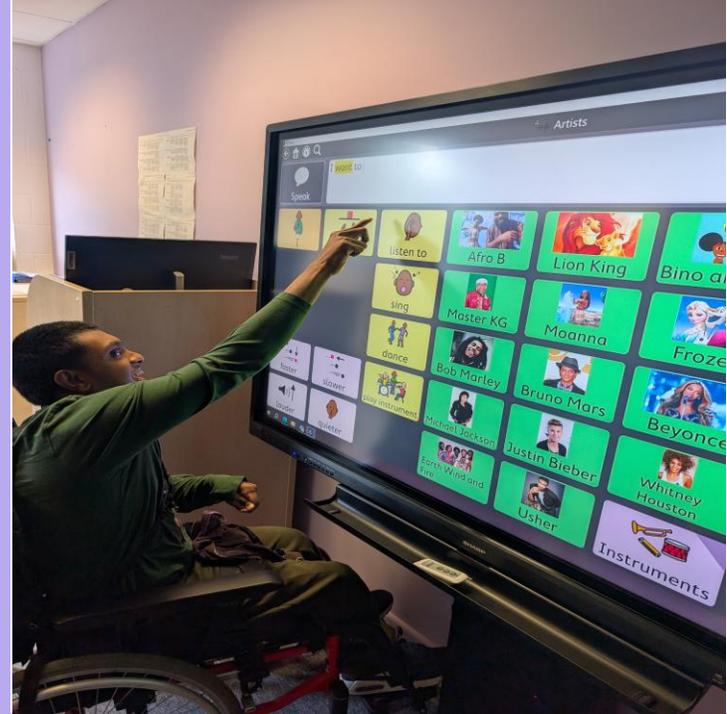
Library

Music

"You do it"

"Drums"
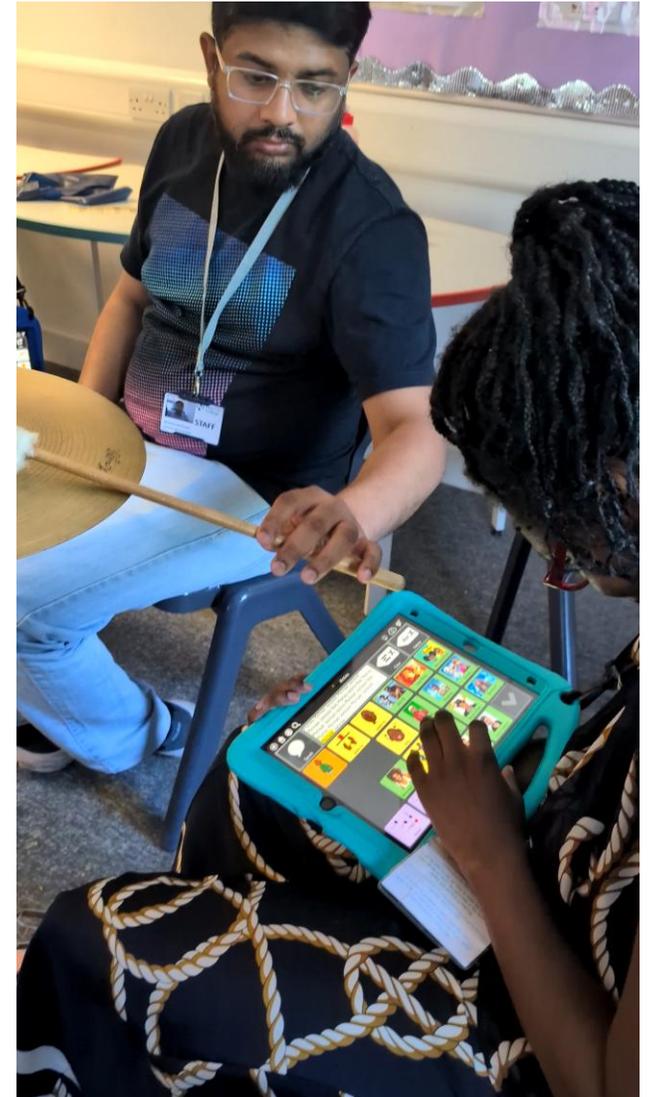
"Michael Jackson"

Beyond the classroom

Garden

Sports

Cultural Celebrations Diwali

Is it working?

- Having both the whiteboard and my own iPad has been vital in modelling, not just for learners but staff too

- Learners are beginning to initiate use of app during even the most challenging of circumstances

- Learners are using TD Snap with reduced prompting, demonstrating more independence

- Have been able to differentiate to varying needs of learners – express page set / use of keyboard function to stretch and challenge

- Reducing prep time

Motivation

Confidence

Communication

Independence

Self-Advocacy

Areas for improvement

- Staff training, learning support and teaching team

- Modelling without expectation

- We need to have a culture of AAC across the department that is not restricted to classroom use

- Teaching peers how to become communication partners

- Increasing mainstream staff awareness of AAC

Next Steps

Training
For learning support and teaching team across the department

Move On Class
Td Snap to be used in both Explorer and Move On Class

AAC Referals
Referrals to be made to CENMAC with the aim of learners gaining own devices

Parent Workshops
Host AAC workshops for parent/carers/family to develop their knowledge and skills in using TD Snap at home

Good News
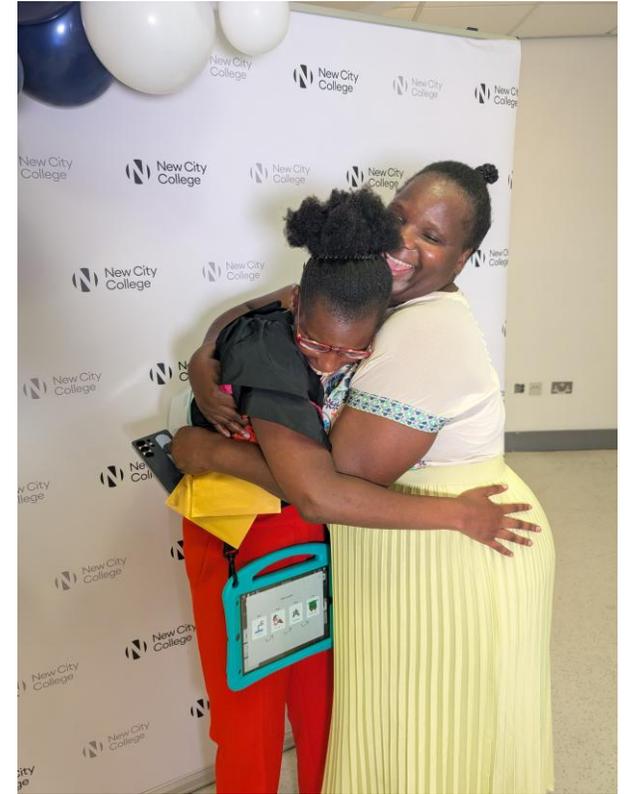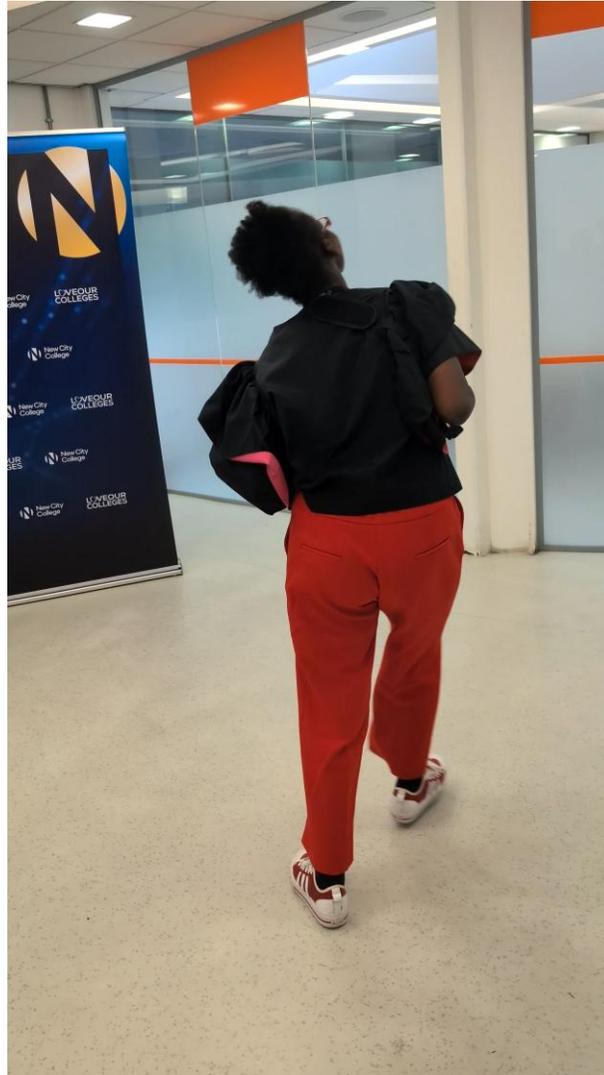
Final Thoughts ......

- The number of learners transitioning into college without a robust AAC system is highly concerning

- College is often the last phase of education and the majority of learners EHCP's will be ceased as they leave us

- We need to grow awareness amongst FE staff

- We need to provide access to AAC, we need to give our young people a voice ......

we need our young people to #GETSEEN