

On Wednesday 26th April 2023 our deaf Key stage 3 pupils went on a trip to Nottingham Deaf Society.

We have been learning all about Deaf clubs and the services they provide for deaf people during deaf studies.



The day was led by a deaf man called Simon. Because he uses BSL to communicate we also had an interpreter called Andy who translated everything he said into speech and vice versa.

We learned about the deaf club's history and went on a tour of the building. It is a very old building with lots of rooms including a social room, meeting rooms, halls and a chapel.

We learned that there used to be a deaf school here long ago but that it closed in the 70s.







We were also visited by a deaf couple and their hearing dog 'Hank'. They have had Hank for 3 years. He will put his paw on his nose on their leg to alert them to different events such as if the phone is ringing, the doorbell is going. He also has a special signal if there is smoke or the smoke alarm is going- he will put his nose on their lower calf and then lie down. This way they know it is smoke. We loved meeting Hank and giving him lots of fuss!



We had the opportunity to meet an interpreter called 'Rani' and we asked her lots of questions about her job. We found out that it took her 10 years to train to become an Interpreter! Rani said that she most enjoys interpreting medical appointments and even sometimes gets to interpret in operation theatres!

