



CHANNING



PARTNERSHIPS



INTRODUCTION



I am very proud to present this Partnerships booklet which outlines the partnership work we have been involved in this year.

Channing School has a long standing tradition of community service and it is embedded in our Unitarian ethos. Over the past 18 months, with our partnership with HNCP, we have been building strong relationships with our local community and making a positive impact. Together with HNCP, we are working to create a more supportive and inclusive community for everyone.

Our Education + programme, in collaboration with HNCP, St. Aloysius' College and Brookfield Primary School, involves sustainable, mutually beneficial links with local schools offering academic enrichment and cultural capital for those who would otherwise not have access to it.

Without the support from colleagues as well as our partners, we would not be able to run these clubs/activities. We are grateful to our students whose dedication, interest and enthusiasm has ensured the success of our clubs and wider work in the community.

Ms J Kung
Direct of HE and Partnerships



On the days of the Channing clubs, our children come in with real enthusiasm and it is clear to see that the clubs are the highlight of their week! The feedback from both parents and children has been overwhelmingly positive, and teachers have noticed a difference in children's self-esteem and confidence in class.

State Primary school partner

I have very much enjoyed everything I have been involved with, and it was such a great experience

Channing volunteer and participant in club activities

I have been really looking forward to this all day

Communita guest



ART

Over the course of a 4 week period, St. Joseph's students were engaged with the Channing Art department in different activities. Channing ran a series of after school creative sessions to encourage the partnership school students to explore portraiture with Ms Ward, Still Life using ink with Ms Mackie and Cyanotypes and photography with Mrs Watts. All of the participants made work that stretched and challenged their visual perception.



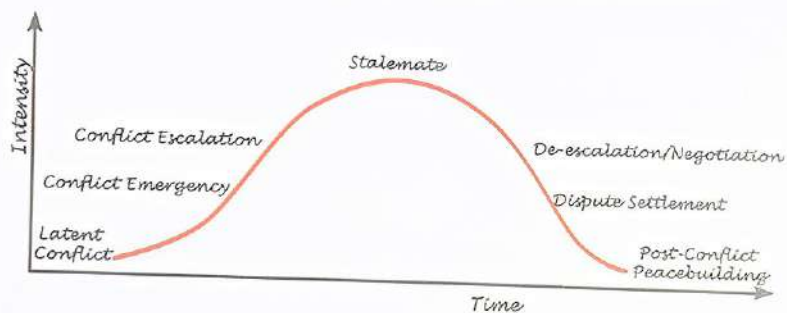
COMFORT BOX

Moving into a hostel or temporary housing is a choice no one ever wants to make; the first few days can be especially overwhelming. The new HNCP Comfort Box was packed by Channing volunteers under the watchful eye of Ms R Fox (Director of Communications, Marketing and Development) with essentials that will make those first few days easier to bear. Inside recipients would have found a selection of dried goods, tins of soup, beans, tea, coffee and so on to keep them going while they find their feet.

Some volunteers who helped pack the boxes said:
'I really enjoyed packing the boxes for charity because it was amazing to know we were preparing them for people in need'
'I really loved knowing that by packing the boxes we were helping the people they were going to'

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Understanding Conflict Resolution



CONFLICT PRESENTATION DAY

Year 10 Channing students alongside the Year 10 leadership team from St. Aloysius' College were involved in a conference focussed on 'conflict and conflict resolution'. The students heard from a number of guests such as a psychologist, war photographer, architect and journalists. Students also collaborated in a workshop on conflict resolution delivered by Pip Brown and ended the day with group presentations on their reflections on the day.



COOKERY CLUB

Year 9 and 10 Channing students alongside St. Aloysius' College students were involved in cookery courses organised by our Assistant Catering Manager, Lou C (and assisted by Diego, catering assistant). The cookery course was held in the Food technology room at St. Aloysius' College. Students were tasked with cooking a variety of dishes from soups to fajitas and blondies.



COMMUNITEA

Channing and HNCP host a monthly community tea in Channing's dining room. We provide cakes, sandwiches, tea and coffee alongside lovely mini victoria sponges for local residents where they can enjoy some company and help with their digital devices.

Channing volunteers alongside IT Manager, Mr J Copson, Catering manager, Ms J Hibbert and the Director of Communications, Marketing and Development, Ms R Fox, made certain that the guests felt welcome.

Volunteering for Communithea is very popular and here are a couple of comments from those who have volunteered:

'I do feel like I helped others, and I enjoy community volunteering'
'I actually think the elderly people at Communithea helped me more'



D/T CLUBS

Junior School specialist D/T and Art teacher Mr R Fellows organised a D/T club for our Year 7 students using St. Aloysius' College's facilities. In this club, Year 7 students designed and made their own clocks. Having used a fretsaw to cut out their clock face, the pupils chose to use either wood stain or vinyl sheets to add colour. Some made designs with numbers or indices and others chose to have no markings.

Year 9 and 10 Channing students also joined St. Aloysius' College students for an after school D/T club. During this time, students learned how to use specialist equipment, built boxes and designed jewellery as well as building their own chess board.



DEBATING

St. Aloysius' College students joined Year 7/8 Channing students for a weekly Debating Club at Channing. Organised by Miss Donington (Head of Debating), the Debating Club provided an opportunity for the students to discuss controversial topics, work collaboratively and to speak publicly with confidence.

St. Joseph's students were invited to KS2 Debating Club which saw the students work on the motion 'This house would ban medical animal testing'. Both teams argued with passion and made persuasive arguments, but the motion was carried in favour of the proposition. Parents were invited to watch their children in a show debate at Channing.





GERMAN FUN CLUB

St. Joseph's and Brookfield Primary students had the opportunity to learn German in a fun and interactive way with one of Channing's German teachers, Miss Pavlopoulos and some Year 7 volunteers. To round off the year, Channing catering staff supported Year 7 Germanists and students from St Joseph's Primary in baking Kekse in the final session of the German Fun Club - sehr lecker!

Congratulations also to Enitan, from St. Joseph's, the Joint Winner of the Oxford German Olympiad, Year 5 and 6 Category. Our partnership German Fun Club encouraged Enitan to create a menu entirely in German for his restaurant 'Almdudler'.



HIGHER EDUCATION

Over the course of the year, Channing has hosted a number of Higher Education events which provided an opportunity for Channing Sixth Form students alongside students from St. Aloysius' College, Highbury Fields, Central Foundation, Parliament Hill, QEGS and City of London (Highbury Grove) to engage in intellectually and academically challenging discussions. The annual Springboard to the Future Event saw over 35 institutions visit Channing and this provided Year 12 students, St. Aloysius' and Highbury Fields Year 12 students with the opportunity to speak to admissions tutors as well as hear about Degree Apprenticeships and Overseas applications.



IBRICK

St. Joseph's students and Channing Junior School students have been working on their engineering skills through Active Day camp's ibrick club. In this club, students assemble different ranges of machines and vehicles and during the building process, students develop a deeper understanding of the world around them, and understand exciting mechanical and physical principles, and so much more! They have also engaged collaboratively, working on their team building skills.

Comments from St. Joseph's students:

'I could make anything out of Lego and it was amazing'

'I enjoyed building Lego and really enjoyed going to Channing'



LATIN CLUB

This year, our Head of Classics, Mrs Elliot, organised the Latin club where students from St. Aloysius' College; Parliament Hill and Acland Burghley were taught Latin which was not a subject offered at some of these schools. One of the lessons involved using VR and this provided some entertainment as well as an opportunity to explore the language and culture in a different way. The club has encouraged some of the students to study Latin at GCSE even though it is not offered at their school.

A comment from one of the students:

I have enjoyed Latin this term and would definitely want to return.



MINIMUS

Year 12 volunteers alongside Miss Cannell (Classics Department) helped St. Joseph's and Brookfield Primary school students enjoy Latin at Brookfield Primary school. This club provides an enriching experience and access to a language that is not offered on the primary school curriculum.



MULTISPORT

One of the highlights of the year, Active Day Camps' Multisport was a club oversubscribed for Brookfield Primary school students. In this club, Brookfield and Channing Junior School students enjoyed different sporting activities each week at Channing Junior School.



PROBLEM SOLVING

Year 12 volunteers, assisted by the Channing Mathematics department, helped students from St. Joseph's and Brookfield with their problem solving skills. Over the course of the year, students have worked with mini whiteboards to solve puzzles and enjoyed online games that have challenged as well as excited them!



READING

Year 9 and 12 volunteers helped KS1 and KS2 students with reading at St. Joseph's and Brookfield primary schools, respectively. This provided an opportunity for primary school students to read in a safe environment with helpful volunteers.

Brookfield Primary School Assistant Head, Faye Winslade, commented on how the students have progressed and enjoy seeing the volunteers every week.

From the volunteers' perspective:

I could visibly see the volunteering I did at St Joseph's helped the children's reading skills.

I was able to help children that struggled with reading and enjoyed it very much. I thought I brought a little bit of joy to a child's day and helped make them excited about reading.



ROBOTICS

A small number of St. Aloysius' College students joined the Year 7/8 Robotics club with Head of Computer Science, Mr Holmes. In this club, students built kits which flew, hovered and were driven by remote control.



SCIENCE CLUB

Brookfield Primary school and St. Joseph's students joined Year 12 volunteers for the Science Club which was led by Mrs Hillier (Biology Department) at Channing. In this club students enjoyed the opportunity to conduct experiments and work with equipment in Channing's science labs. A Brookfield parent asked if their child could return for more sessions as they had enjoyed them so much!

One of the volunteers commented that:
I really enjoy getting to know the students from Brookfield and I look forward to each week. Their progress and interest in science is fascinating to see. This has helped me learn new leadership skills and communication skills. I am grateful I have had this experience.



SUMMER CAMP

Last summer, we hosted our second week-long HNCP Summer School for disadvantaged state primary pupils which was invaluable in boosting the children's self-esteem, confidence and academic progress. This year we aim to double the number of participants.



URC LUNCHES

Year 8 and 9 students volunteered on some Thursday lunchtimes to help keep local residents company at the United Reform Church during their Community lunches. These lunches are provided by HNCP, and Harington students help to serve the lunch. Our students were on hand to chat with guests over a hot meal.

An A-Z of some of the benefits of the Partnership activities and clubs. Students develop or learn:





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