

THRIFTWOOD COLLEGE - KEY STAGE 5

COMMUNITY LEARNING



Introducing Community Learning

In conjunction with the launch of our new *Fundamentals for the Future* curriculum, we have placed more focus on our Community Learning sessions this year. We firmly believe that these lessons are paramount to our students and the development of their life skills and independence. The structure and content of the Community Learning curriculum is ever-changing, in line with the needs and ambitions of the students. As a result, we have adapted many of the activities and visited many new places this year! Over the course of the year, we have begun to forge links with various places in the local community. These include local cafés and establishments such as Cheerful Chai Café, White Elm Petting Farm, the local fire station, Lathcoats Farm, Chelmsford Library and Rascal Bay. The *Towns and Places* group have expanded their destinations to include IKEA at Lakeside. This has enabled students to explore the variety of furniture available and to locate items within the warehouse.

Student Feedback

"I have been learning about road safety in town. I can now cross the road safely with just a tiny bit of help."

Libby

"I have been learning how to budget and keep track of money, whilst also exploring new places!"

Jude

"The best thing is, it's good fun! We have learnt to play games by the rules at Top Golf."

Fiona

"I like seeing how much something costs and spending the amounts."

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Travel in the Community

During our group planning sessions, many of the KS5 students requested support and more experience with travelling on trains. As a result, we broadened our horizons and ventured out to Westfield Shopping Centre in Stratford. This was a daunting prospect for some students, who can find public transport and busy places overwhelming. However, everyone coped exceptionally well, and we had a fantastic time.



Important Information

You will continue to receive a weekly text every Wednesday to let you know what your child needs for their Community Learning session.

If you have any queries, please contact Laura Kendle on 01245 262779 or laura.kendle@thriftwoodcollege.com

Special Mentions

"Paige has shown confidence when ordering food in restaurants and asking questions in shops."

Laura

"A special mention for Ewan, who suggested TopGolf as a new activity for our group. It has been wonderful to see all of the students get involved, learning to take turns, encouraging each other and smiling or laughing with one another."

Rebecca

"I was really impressed with Harry, who showed confidence when paying at the self-checkouts in the supermarket. He even rang his Mum to ask if she needed any shopping!"

Janan



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