



Chigwell School

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Chigwell School Outreach Activities 2019/20

1. Introduction

Working with the wider community has always been part of Chigwell's DNA. We believe it is important that we are good neighbours to those around us and indeed amongst the School's published aims is: *making a positive contribution to the community.*

We want pupils to go on to make their positive mark around the world and preparation for this begins when they are at school. They are encouraged to work with the local and wider community and the School itself sets an example by sharing facilities and collaborating with others for mutual benefit.

As an organisation, we enjoy working with partners and many of the activities listed in what follows have been running for many years. However, we are open to suggestions for further collaboration, within the limits of the School's resources, and if what is listed below stimulates ideas for other projects, please contact me so we can explore how we might work together in the future.

2. Volunteering

Opportunities are provided for Chigwell pupils to volunteer, both locally and further afield. We hope that this work is of benefit to the recipients of the volunteering, but also to the pupils themselves who learn about the work of the organisations and the needs of those who they are helping.

- As part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, Chigwell pupils volunteer at local scout and brownie groups, help elderly neighbours with gardening and other light duties, support local libraries, Epping Conservation Centre, the Chigwell Riding Trust and in local charity shops. In addition, a small group of pupils worked at a London shelter for the homeless last year while others help coach at local hockey, cricket and tennis clubs. DoE volunteering alone amounted to 1820 hours in 2019/20 (1,500 hours in 2018/19).
- The Chapel Choir CD released in December 2018, continues to raise money and awareness for the work of ELHAP.
- Sixth form students organised the collection and distribution of money and gifts at Harvest and Christmas for the Streets2Homes charity in Harlow.
- Every year, a group of pupils, parents and staff volunteer for a week at the Tim Pruss Memorial School and a local ashram in India. Throughout the year, funds are raised to support this school and to help build housing in the local village.

3. Sharing Expertise

Teachers from different schools gain a great deal from working in partnership and this ultimately benefits pupils in all the associated schools.

- Chigwell staff organise a mock interview evening for sixth form students applying to study medicine at university. Interviewees are students at Chigwell and other local schools.
- The music department has delivered music sessions at four local primary schools with a view to encouraging pupils to enjoy and participate in musical activities.
- The Director of Music worked with the music departments at three local secondary schools to share strategies for stretching the most able pupils.
- The Librarian looks for schools with no budgets for their libraries and supports them with spare stock. Through the Library Association she has arranged to mentor a new school librarian and advised Croxley Danes School on what to look for in a school librarian, job descriptions and Library Management Systems.

- One of the Deputy Heads provides timetabling support at Oaks Park School on an ongoing basis.
- Chigwell School helped establish and then was a partner for the London Academy of Excellence in Tottenham which opened in September 2017. Staff helped at admissions events and LAET students and staff visited Chigwell in September. The psychology departments at Chigwell and LAET are twinned. Four Chigwell teachers acted as interviewers in March for the LAET entrance interviews, and one colleague gave support to a LAET student taking Polish A level.

4. Hosting Events

Chigwell is able to use its facilities and staff to host events that benefit pupils from schools across the local community.

- Annually, Chigwell hosts: tournaments for local primary schools for netball - 15 schools (12 in 2018/19) and football – 15 schools (12 in 2018/19); a primary schools' music day (100 children) eleven schools; a primary schools' art, design and technology exhibition including a private view for families (at which 26 (30 in 2018/19) schools were represented), and the Rotary Youth Makes Music concert for 8 (8 in 2018/19) local schools.
- Chigwell is one of eleven ISFA focus schools and a hub for junior girls' football. In this capacity, the School has hosted Essex representative team games for girls and boys; Essex schools finals and semi-finals; an Epping Forest District Schools Sports Association tournament; a West Essex Schools Sports Partnership tournament; ISFA camps; multi skills events; and U11 regional tournaments, junior development tournaments, ISFA staff training courses and acted as a venue for local schools' fixtures. We also host IAPS U11 and U13 regional tournaments.

5. Sharing Facilities

The School is very fortunate in terms of the facilities it has.

- a) These are made available to organisations which benefit young people:
 - East 15 Acting School used the Drama Centre to rehearse and perform two productions. East 15 film students also used the Centre with the assistance of Chigwell staff.
 - Loyola School Parents' Association holds their family fun day here each year.
 - Stag Explorer Scouts held a sports evening which took place in the Gymnasium.
 - The Epping Forest District Schools Sports Association held a football tournament.
 - Chigwell FC held a safety presentation in the Drama Centre.
 - The West Essex Schools Sports Partnership uses the School's pitches.
 - Middlesex CC held a cricket match on the School's 1st XI Pitch.
 - Colebrook Royals and Chigwell Boys Club play football fixtures here.
- b) Facilities are also shared with local charitable or community organisations:
 - The N.E. London Magistrates Welfare Committee meets regularly at the School.
 - The Chigwell School Art Gallery exhibits the work of external artists and is open to the public.
 - The School provides grazing land for use by the Chigwell Riding Trust.
 - Rotary held their annual 'Youth Makes Music' and the RIGBI Young Musician 2020 events in New Hall.
 - The Children's Society held a bridge event at the School.
 - The BAPS Swaminarayan used the school car parks for their Diwali Festival.

6. Staff Examiners

By acting as GCSE or A level examiners, Chigwell teachers help to ensure that candidates across the country have their papers marked accurately at a time when the public examination system is arguably under strain.

- In 2019/20, staff acted as examiners for:
 - OCR A level Chemistry
 - Pearson I GCSE PE

- Pearson I A level PE
- Pearson BTEC Sport
- One teacher was the Principal Examiner for CIE Biology O level.

7. Staff Volunteers

Just as pupils take opportunities to use their time and expertise to help others in the community, staff are encouraged to do so too.

- The Chaplain conducted services in local churches, attended area Deanery meetings, and spoke at a number of local church and community groups. He provided holiday and inter-regnum service cover for local parishes. He visited training camps for the Army Reserve, conducting services and providing Adventure Training instruction. He also led the community Remembrance service in Chigwell.
- One teacher volunteers at Chigwell Riding Trust each week.
- One teacher is a volunteer translator for Prisoners Abroad.
- One teacher is part of the Education Group of the Royal Society of Chemistry.
- A member of staff is a volunteer supervisor on Smallpiece Trust courses.
- One teacher acts as a volunteer marshal at the Harlow Junior Park Run each Sunday.
- One teacher supports prospective foster parents and another has trained as a foster parent and provides respite care for children.
- One member of staff has been running a local Rainbow group for the past seven years and continues to be involved in girl-guiding.
- A Chigwell teacher is Chair of the Woodford Wells Open Tournament Committee which attracts five hundred tennis players aged eighteen or below from across the South East.
- A member of staff helps at the London Titans Wheelchair Basketball Club and at the Get Active Sports Day for cancer patients from Great Ormond Street

8. COVID-19

Some outreach activities were not possible this year as a result of the pandemic but opportunities were taken to support the community in different ways.

- The D&T department made over one thousand protective visors for use in GP surgeries, NHS hospitals, health centres, pharmacies, care homes, hospices, housing associations, food banks and for SEN staff working at other schools.
- The Chaplain was released by School to provide chaplaincy support to the army, deployed across London. During this period, he also worked on the chaplain's rota at hospitals across the City.
- Catering supplies were donated to a primary school for use with their children of keyworkers.
- The children of keyworkers were looked after at Chigwell through the lockdown period.
- Although the regular volunteering carried out by pupils for the service element of their DoE awards was limited by the pandemic, many took the opportunity to assist their local community such as undertaking small jobs for the elderly and vulnerable neighbours. Examples included shopping, gardening and cooking for neighbours.
- Two members of staff reduced their salary and returned their Trinity Term fee reductions. Twenty-three other parents returned twenty-eight pupils' fee reductions and these contributions were all used to support other Chigwell families who were suffering financial hardship as a result of the pandemic.

9. Economic Impact

Although Chigwell School exists to provide the best well-balanced education for its pupils, as an organisation we recognise that we have an impact on the local and national economy and on some families who have a very low income.

- In 2019/20, Chigwell contributed nearly £23m to the GDP of the UK, of which over £12m was to the GDP of the local area. 435 jobs are supported by the School and nearly £7m of UK tax is contributed by Chigwell School and its supply chain. Meanwhile, the total savings to the UK

taxpayer through pupils attending Chigwell School rather than taking up a maintained sector school place is some £6m.

- A growing number of pupils in Year 7 and above receive means-tested financial support (bursaries) to enable them to attend Chigwell School. Bursaries help bright children who would really benefit from a Chigwell education, but whose parents/guardians would otherwise be unable to afford fees, to attend the School. Bursaries are advertised widely, including through the London Fee Assistance Consortium, and the Headmaster visits those families who are under consideration for an award. Currently 8% of children in Year 7 and above receive a bursary and of these, half receive a 100% award.