

Following a meeting between Simon Jacobs and our Chair of Governors, Lucy Walsh-Waring, I have been asked to put a list together of what we do for the local community. This is not something that we have ever sought to publicise or broadcast.

We are very keen to develop local partnerships of mutual benefit and would be delighted to be approached. We have just appointed a *Head of Outreach and Partnerships* with the intention that these activities will grow in the years ahead.

The current list of activities is below. It is split into two sections, with the first about partnerships and the second about the use of our facilities:

A) PARTNERSHIPS

1. Sport

- Outreach is a programme provided by Dauntsey's whereby members of our Sports Department visit nine local primary schools on a weekly basis and coach the pupils a different sport each term. The objective is to promote links with the local community and to encourage participation in the various sports. The main three sports are hockey, football and cricket, while there are also taster sessions of tag-rugby, netball, basketball and other activities. This programme has been running for over ten years.
- Towards the end of each term, the schools are invited to a tournament at Dauntsey's: hockey in December, football in March and cricket in June. Each primary school enters one or two teams all children and their parents stay for lunch afterwards.
- The schools involved are Five Lanes, Wansdyke, St Joseph's, St Thomas, St Barnabas, DAPS, Urchfont, Bishop Cannings and Holy Trinity.

2. Design and Technology

- In the Summer term of 2006, the Design Technology Department invited ten local primary schools to undertake a CAD/CAM experience at Dauntsey's. Every year since, Year 6 pupils visit the department to undertake a 'design and make' experience using Computer Aided Design Software, and then manufacture their designs using our laser cutting machines.
- Since its inception the School has hosted more than 2200 pupils (the numbers vary year by year, but are usually between 200 and 250 pupils) and each pupil takes away an individually designed, fully functioning project.
- The local schools involved are Five Lanes, Wansdyke, St Joseph's, St Barnabas, DAPS, Urchfont, Holy Trinity, Bratton and Rowde.

3. Mathematics

- The Maths department run a Dodecahedron Competition for pupils in Year 7 and below. There is a multiple-choice preliminary round, which we create and send to schools along with the answers and they run the round themselves. We usually have around 1,000 entries and then invite the best 30-40 to a finals day at school. We have just completed the 30th year of the competition.
- Two colleagues took a 'Fun Maths Roadshow' to Holy Trinity School, Great Cheverell for their year 5 and 6 pupils this year. This comprised fifty hands-on maths challenges that pupils complete in pairs, with each puzzle set up at a different table. The pairs try to complete as many puzzles as they can in one hour, with a small prize for the winners.

4. Volunteering

- A significant number of Sixth Form pupils volunteer in the local community, on either a Tuesday or a Thursday afternoon. These placements form part of the school's VSU (Voluntary Services Unit) programme.
- Some pupils help out in local primary schools, while we have additional partnerships with three retirement homes nearby, and with two charity shops in Devizes.
- All except one of these partnerships are long standing and mutually beneficial.

5. Drama and Dance

- We lend lighting equipment to Holy Trinity and to Lavington School every year.
- Local primary schools are invited to major productions and to look around backstage.
- We run a series of dance workshops for Five Lanes Primary School.
- In the future, there are plans to visit more Primary Schools as part of creating an Outreach Dance Festival.

6. Biology

- Nursted Primary School visited for a Lung and Heart Dissection class with twenty-one Year 6 pupils.
- Wansdyke visited last year for the same purpose.

7. Mercers' Lecture Programme

- A series of six to eight public lectures are held at the school every year. Recent speakers have included adventurers Steve Backshall and Monty Halls; historians Dr David Starkey and Dr Lucy Worsley; journalists, Jeremy Bowen, Mariella Frostrup and Frank Gardner as well as sportsmen and women Nigel Owens, Heather Stanning, Alison Mitchell and Eddie, 'The Eagle' Edwards.
- The 2019-20 lecture programme includes Amanda Owen, Ant Middleton, Alison Weir, The Marian Consort, Michael Portillo and Candice Brown.
- Publicity material for the programme is distributed widely in the local community through to schools, libraries, bookshops and community groups.
- These lectures are free to members of the public.

8. Music

- The Choral Society has been running as a free choir for all members of the local community for at least 30 years. They sing large choral works and provide free conductor, accompanist, orchestra and soloists. There are two concerts per year, one in school and one each year in a different church in the diocese, helping to raise funds for the upkeep of the churches. The last three years have seen concerts in the churches at Chitterne, Edington and Rushall.
- The department supported Commemoration for the Lavingtons and also visits Dauntsey House, the retirement home in the village, to sing carols every year.
- All school concerts are free and are open to the local community.
- In conjunction with West Lavington Village Hall, members of the community came to the school in June for a cream tea and music recital. They have been invited to a Christmas lunch and carol concert in December.

B. USE OF FACILITIES

1. Athletics Track

- Lavington Athletics Club use the track on a weekly basis.
- Wiltshire Schools' Games uses all the sports facilities at Dauntsey's and we are in the third year of working with the Wiltshire and Swindon Sports Partnership (WASP). This year WASP were the first organisation to use the athletics track in May, with over 600 state school children participating in the event.
- The School has also been working with Wiltshire Council Sports' Development Team to allow athletics training to take place at Dauntsey's during the summer holidays as part of the Star Track programme. They intend to use it during the Easter holidays too.
- We are working with the Wiltshire Council Disability Officer to allow the track to be used for adaptive cycling.
- The School hosted the Wiltshire Disability Games, in June, and it is anticipated that this will become an annual event.
- Appleford School have also used the track.
- The School has created various partnerships with disabled athletes, free of charge, to allow them to train at a central hub within Wiltshire.
- Devizes Running Club are using the facility on a monthly basis.

2. Swimming Pool

- The swimming pool is used by DAPS, Holy Trinity, Appleford School, Lavington Scouts and Lavington School GCSE Physical Education pupils.
- Wiltshire ASA Development Programme use the swimming pool on a regular basis for their junior swimmers.
- The swimming pool is also used on a weekly basis by Trowbridge, Devizes and Lavington Swimming Clubs and twice a week, during term time, by West Lavington Early Birds swimming club.

3. Astro turf Pitches

- Devizes Hockey Club run eight tournaments for clubs from all over Wiltshire, for various different age groups. These take place on Sundays and attract 150-200 players.
- Wiltshire Hockey run many of their Development and Academy sessions here.
- Bishop Cannings FC and Devizes Town Youth FC train here during the winter months.
- Lavington School use the astroturfs for their GCSE Physical Education moderation.

4. Grass Pitches

- Lavington Ladies FC use the football pitches on a regular basis during the season.
- Devizes Rugby use the rugby pitches, as required, and the pavilion.
- London Irish Rugby Club have provided coaching for junior rugby players from within Wiltshire for the last three years.
- Wild Edge Archery provide day camps for junior pupils during the summer months.

5. Sports Hall

- Devizes Wizards Basketball and both Wiltshire and Devizes Table Tennis play their home matches here. Calne and Devizes Badminton clubs also use the facilities.
- Lavington Scouts and Cubs use the climbing wall.

In addition, the School facilities are used by the Lions Club, Super Choirs, Wiltshire Cricket and for the Marylebone Cricket Club for their cricket hub.