



CHANNING



PARTNERSHIPS



INTRODUCTION



I am very proud to present this A-Z of Partnerships which provides a flavour of the partnership work we have been involved in during 2023-4.

Channing School has a long standing tradition of community service which is underpinned by our Unitarian ethos. Over the past few years through 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 partnership with HNCP, St. Aloysius' College, and Brookfield Primary School involves sustainable, mutually beneficial links with local schools such as Highgate Primary School, LSU, William Ellis and St. Joseph's Primary school, 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.

Thank you to Mrs L Hillier and our new HE and Partnership Coordinator Mrs M Bell, for ensuring the success of the partnership activities over the course of this academic year.

Ms J Kung
Director of Social Impact



Quotes from children who attended clubs over the past year:

'I came here with no friends, and now I have loads'

'It helped me step out of my comfort zone'

After attending the annual Summer School, children were asked if they would like to attend the camp again next year. Every child put their hand up to say 'YES'.

Feedback questionnaires showed that 99% of visiting pupils that engaged with Channing School's partnership activities agreed or strongly agreed that they enjoyed their time on the programme.

A photograph of three young women in a kitchen setting. They are all wearing white aprons over their school uniforms. The woman in the foreground, on the left, has dark hair in a long braid and wears glasses. She is focused on cooking, with her hands near a black pot on a black induction cooktop. Behind her, another woman with dark hair is smiling. To the right, a third woman with glasses and dark hair is also smiling at the camera. The background shows white kitchen cabinets and a wall with some colorful posters or notices.

BAKING CLUB

This year saw the introduction of one-off baking sessions for a number of different year groups. The sessions were run with La Sainte Union students at La Sainte Union school, but led by catering staff from Channing. Students enjoyed making favourites such as apple crumble to take home and share with their families, as well as making new friends.



BREAKFAST CLUB VOLUNTEERS

At Highgate Primary School and Brookfield Primary School our volunteers arrived every Wednesday morning before school and spent time with the children at their breakfast club, reading with them, drawing, playing games or simply just talking to them about their day.

Feedback from one group of volunteers:

'It is certainly a change to how our mornings might normally go, but we have found it incredibly rewarding to see how the children have become more and more confident and comfortable with us each week. We find that volunteering is a really enjoyable way to start our Wednesdays, and are looking forward to continuing this term!'

Feedback questionnaires showed 100% of Channing Senior School pupils engaging in Breakfast Club strongly agreed that they were able to change the way they worked, depending on the needs of the pupils.



CHESS CLUB

During this academic year, two members of Channing's teaching staff supported Year 7 and Year 8 students from St Aloysius' College, who joined us at Channing Senior School for Chess Club with Channing students. Our aim was to help the students improve their chess skills, by encouraging them to play with a greater variety of opponents, whilst building their confidence and developing new friendships. From absolute beginners to more experienced players, the students greatly enjoyed developing their understanding of chess, and we were impressed by their enthusiasm. We very much hope that, in future, none of the students will be caught out by the 'checkmate in 3 moves' opening trap, and we wish all of the students who joined us this year every success in future games of chess.



COOKING AT ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE

Year 9 and 10 Channing students alongside St. Aloysius' College students undertook a 6 week cookery course organised by our Catering Manager, Judith Hibbert (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 healthy chicken wraps and apple doughnuts.

A Year 9 student's comment following a cooking session aimed at those with a sweet tooth:

"This week we made apple doughnuts! We dipped the apples in cinnamon sugar and wrapped them in puff pastry and then dusted them off with some more cinnamon sugar and brushed some milk on top. Then they went in the oven for a while and they were so good! We let them cool for a while and then we could add icing or chocolate sauce if we wanted to. I can't wait for next week!"



COMMUNITEA

This year, Channing Senior School and HNCP once again hosted the popular monthly community teas in Channing's dining room. Local residents enjoyed a wonderful assortment of freshly made cakes and sandwiches, accompanied by hot beverages. The guests were able to enjoy some company, get help with their digital devices if needed from our student volunteers and, at some of the teas, enjoy live music from some of our talented musicians.

We now have many regulars attending the events, clearly enjoying the company as well as the great food and digital advice on offer. Feedback from some of the volunteers:

'Volunteering for Communithea was an opportunity for us to give back to the local residents. Communithea is dedicated to supporting the local elderly community. During the hour and a half, all of the students assisted them with technology, listened to their stories and funny jokes, and offered warm hospitality with tea and cake. Our first experience with Communithea was unbelievable; equipping us with the skills and compassion needed to volunteer effectively in other projects that will also benefit us and our local neighbourhood. In conversations, we were given great advice for our future, and taught important life lessons. It was fascinating to listen to their compelling stories. Overall, the experience left us feeling warm hearted and made us realise the significance of doing small things to make others feel good.'



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 fret saw 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.



DEBATING

This year Senior and Junior Debating Clubs took place weekly, organised by Miss Donington (Head of Debating). Channing Senior School students were joined by students from St Aloysius' College for Senior Debating. The clubs provided an opportunity for the students to discuss controversial topics, work collaboratively and to speak publicly with confidence.

A KS2 Debating Club was also organised with Brookfield Primary students invited and saw the students work on their debating skills.





DRAMA CLUB

Channing Senior School students welcomed Year 7 St Aloysius' College students to Partnership Drama Club, where they worked on practical tasks and games to improve creative collaboration, listening and responding and also developing their imagination. The boys loved working in the Arundel Centre and had lots of fun learning about the theatre and even seeing behind the scenes for one of our productions. A lively bunch, their energy and confidence was a real inspiration and brightened up Tuesday lunchtimes.



ENGINEER AND EXPLORE (IBRICK)

St. Joseph's Primary School pupils and Channing Junior School pupils worked on developing their engineering skills through Active Day camp's iBrick club.

Pupils began with a focus on structured builds and strong shapes used to make buildings durable and able to absorb weight. They did this by using different materials, some of which were easier than others, for example - using straws, sticks and marshmallows, Lego and paper to design bridges, piers, skyscrapers and more! Children worked together, at first in their school groups - with 4 different schools taking part, but throughout the term children found confidence and groups started to mix. Each group presented their creation at the end of class and explained why they thought the structure they created solved a real world problem! It was a great term, and it was good to see increased communication between all of the club's pupils.

Comments from St. Joseph's pupils:

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

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



GAMES DESIGN

We were delighted to be able to offer a brand new game design club for pupils in Year 11 this year. Channing Senior School pupils worked alongside pupils from St Aloysius' College, using the 'GameMaker' software to look at and create basic 2D games and learn the fundamentals of game design. Students attempted to recreate the 1979 arcade hit 'Asteroids'. Using GameMaker software they put their coding skills to the test to create their own version of the game.



GARDENING CLUB

Channing Senior School students crossed the road to work at our neighbouring educational charity. Harington provides vocational training in horticulture and retail for young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. It is a wonderful green space with a 17th century walled garden, a greenhouse, polytunnels and vegetable plots. Students learnt to identify common trees and plants, how to compost, create wildlife friendly habitats, grow their own vegetables and help prepare plants and natural decorations for Harington's annual Christmas and Spring sales.



GERMAN FUN CLUB

At the German Fun Club this year pupils from Channing Junior School and St Joseph's Primary School enjoyed a taste of German language and culture led by Year 8 German pupils. Pupils learnt to introduce themselves, to count and to ask for food (always very important!). They recited a poem: *Herzlichen Glückwunsch* to Tate B who won the Poesiae recitation competition for Year 5 German with her lovely rendition of Arne Rautenberg's *ichsoerso*. We were also so grateful to Diego who inspired us with *deutsche Kekse* and the Winter treasure hunt proved great fun and memorable. Pupils described this as '*the best club ever*'!

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of a weathered stone wall. The wall is covered in Latin inscriptions carved into the stone. The letters are large, bold, and in a serif font, typical of ancient Roman or Greek inscriptions. The stone is a light tan or beige color, showing signs of age and wear. The inscriptions are arranged in horizontal lines, though some are partially cut off by the edges of the frame. The lighting is warm, creating a golden glow across the scene.

LATIN CLUB

Students in Year 7 and 8 from local state schools enjoyed the chance to learn some Latin with us this year. We covered the foundations of Latin grammar along with some fascinating sources on the Underworld, ancient theatre and Roman dinner parties. Students most enjoyed the competitive quizzes on Latin vocabulary and learning some new stories from ancient mythology.

MINIMUS

Starting out in Latin



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Minimus is an exciting after school club for Years 5-6 pupils who are interested in history, myth and languages. This year we had an excellent uptake from our neighbouring primary schools, with pupils attending from Brookfield Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School, Highgate Primary School and Channing Junior School. Two Year 12 volunteers, facilitated by Ms McNamara and Ms Kennedy, taught the pupils the foundations of Latin by using the 'Minimus' course, which explores the lives of a real family who lived in Roman Britain at the fort of Vindolanda. In addition to this, our Channing Senior School volunteers introduced the pupils to some of their personal areas of interest in the Classical world, covering topics such as the Odyssey, Gladiators and the Roman army. The pupils particularly enjoyed playing language games and putting their knowledge into practice by designing their own temples and battle strategies.



MEDICAL DISCUSSION GROUP

The discussion group was aimed at potential medical students and was a weekly activity. It brought together Year 12 and 13 students from St Aloysius' College and Channing Senior School to discuss medical matters in a collaborative environment and boost their knowledge base. The discussion between students was guided by a Channing's Biology teacher.



MULTI SPORTS

In this club, pupils from Brookfield Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School and Highgate Primary School, as well as Channing Junior School, were given the opportunity of trying sports they may not have known, learning the basics and ending with match-play. All of this while making sure it was fun and active, and incorporating the much loved warm-up games and challenges along the way. Sports offered included blocks of the following: Basketball, Tag Rugby, Rounders and Football.



PROBLEM SOLVING

Year 12 volunteers, assisted by the Channing Senior School Mathematics department, helped students from St. Joseph's Primary and Brookfield Primary with their problem solving skills. Over the course of the year, students worked with mini whiteboards to solve puzzles and enjoyed online games that challenged as well as excited them! Students also participated in Maths Week England which is designed to develop opportunities for students to become confident mathematicians. This year's theme was "3 is the magic number". Our Brookfield and St Joseph's problem solvers completed some problems based around this theme such as finding how many combinations there are of stacking together 3 cubes each of different colours and multiples of 3 mazes.

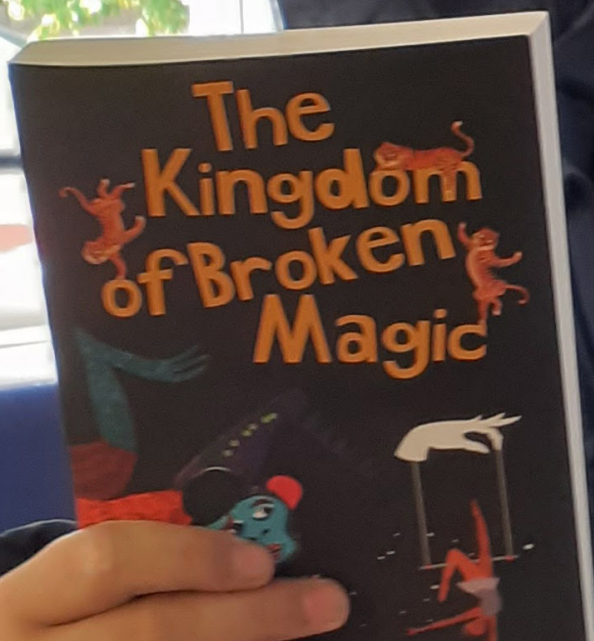


READING AT ST JOSEPH'S

Year 9 volunteers helped KS1 and KS2 students with reading. This provided an opportunity for primary school students to develop their reading in a safe environment with helpful volunteers.

Comments from the students:

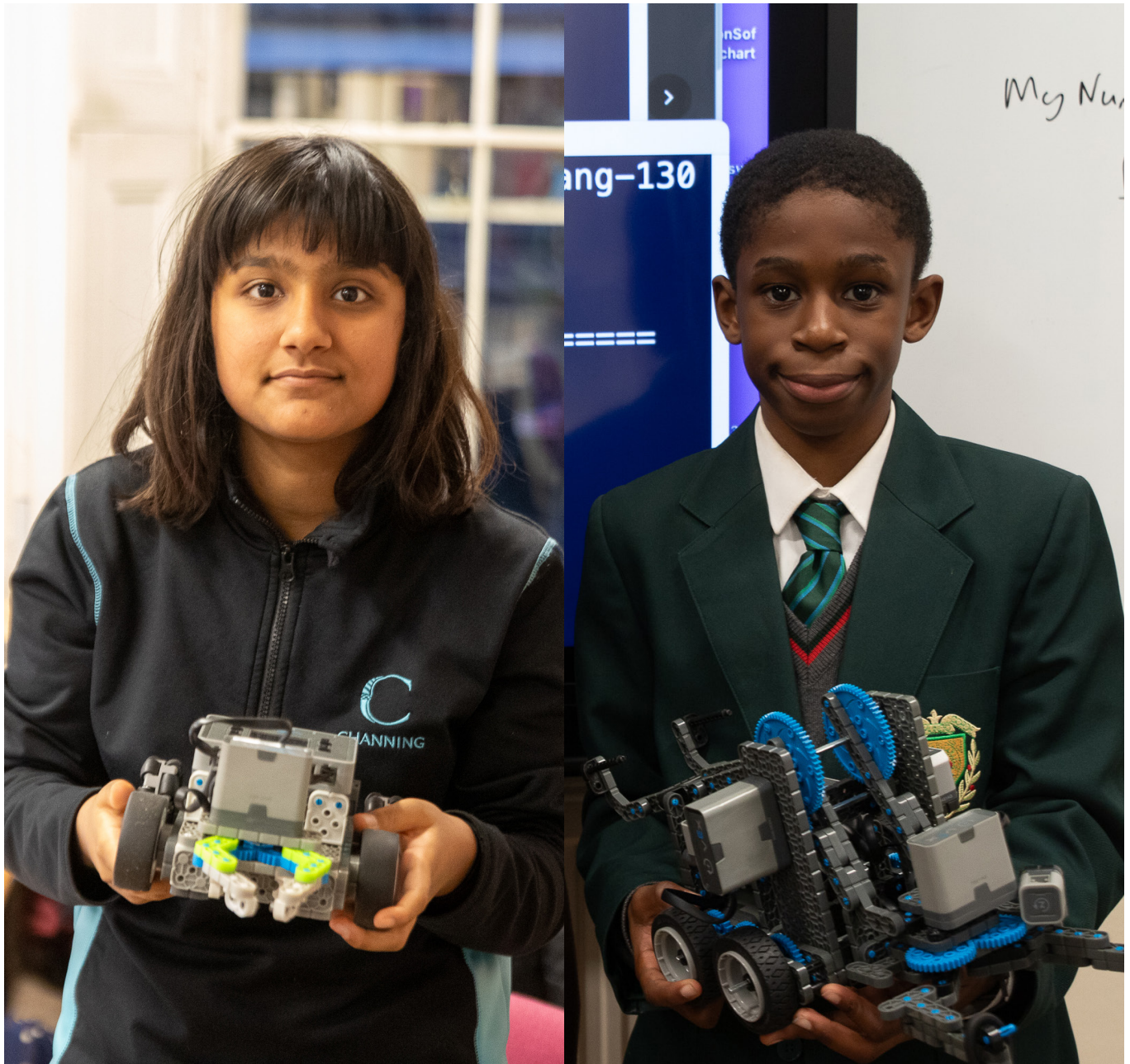
'We recently visited St Joseph's Primary School to read on Wednesday mornings. Every week we would sit down with a new student whilst they read to us, we would discuss and ask questions about the book to engage with the students. This opportunity helped us to connect and support younger children to progress in their reading. Out of the many people who signed up for it we are so grateful to have been chosen for this. Thank you so much to St Joseph's for making this experience possible.'



READING AT HSLI

Comments from the Channing Senior School student Mentors:

"This past half term, we have been assisting as reading mentors in a program involving Year 7 and 8 students from St. Aloysius and William Ellis at the Highgate Literary and Scientific Institution. The program seeks to encourage reading among students who are less enthusiastic. During the sessions, we read books from a variety of genres and participate in one-on-one and group discussions about the themes and plot of the book. This process has been very rewarding for us and the students involved, as it has been an opportunity to have interesting conversations about various different types of books and we are able to engage with the wider community. "



ROBOTICS CLUB

To start off, pupils in Year 7 from St Aloysius' College and Channing Senior School worked in teams to create Robots using Vex bricks. Each team had one pupil from Channing and one from St Aloysius'. After creating the robots, they programmed their robots to perform various actions.

Next the same teams of pupils used Marty robots. They first learnt how to program the basic movements for Marty and then applied their knowledge to make their pair of Marty robots perform a choreographed dance. They also created a video/presentation explaining their code and dance movements. The sessions challenged the pupils to creatively use their coding skills with robots.



SAMBA

On Wednesday afternoons, the school came alive with the vibrant sounds of Samba Club, a high-energy musical experience designed to help pupils unwind after a busy day. This collaborative effort included participants from our Channing Junior School, Brookfield Primary, and St. Joseph's Primary, fostering a sense of community and shared enthusiasm for music.

The Samba Club was a highlight of the week for many pupils, offering a dynamic mix of music, movement, and camaraderie. It stands as a testament to the power of music in bringing people together and providing a joyful escape from the daily routine.



SCIENCE CLUB

At Science club Year 5 and 6 pupils from Brookfield Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School, and Channing Junior School came together to carry out a variety of fun and educational activities, accompanied by Sixth Form helpers. Activities included making red cabbage indicators to test on a range of different household products to see whether they were acidic, or alkaline. Another activity challenged pupils to make cheese! They watched a video about how cheese is made in industry and then were challenged to make the cheese themselves in a lab following a method. Pupils had great fun making it, with the most challenging part being resisting tasting their creations!

Feedback questionnaires from the Science Club attendees were evaluated by ImpactEd and the following was one of the highlights:

For pupils that took part in Science Club, there were increases in both growth mindset (+2.8%) and self-efficacy (+1.9%). Pupils completing the programme registered self-efficacy scores that were 20.2% above the national average.



SPRINGBOARD HIGHER EDUCATION EVENT

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



SUMMER CAMP

Last summer, we hosted our annual week-long HNC 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.

A wide variety of activities took place, from developing animation skills, to learning how to budget, to Taekwondo.



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

This year we have developed our partnership links and joined forces with students from St Aloysius' College to create our Young Enterprise teams. Opposite is a photo of Mrs Williams explaining all things business to the new teams. Teams created and marketed a product with the ultimate aim of making a profit, whilst learning new skills in working as a team, creativity, planning and problem solving.



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







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