

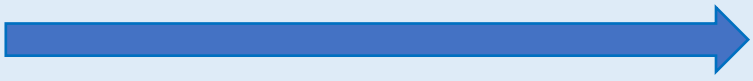




## ECA in the local community

Many thanks to colleagues who chatted with me about all the things we do with and for the local community. **We are showcasing four of our offerings here, but are keen to hear of more.**

We are building up a picture of practice in this area in pursuit of **this part of the Pride strand:**



*We are proud to be members of Ely College and Meridian Trust, and we demonstrate this with colleagues, parents, students and the community. We have strong links with local primaries and secondaries, and with King's Ely, as well as with many local employers and businesses. Our Work Experience programme supports students to build their skills and also offers networking opportunities.*

## Students in extended Work Experience

In addition to participating in the usual WEX programme, some of our older students have also been able to **extend their placements voluntarily** into their summer holidays, benefitting local organisations and enhancing their own life experiences, as well as building strong links between the college and the community.



Here is **one of our AP students** joining in with extended WEX in Site Management by coming in to help paint the college over the holidays.

## Graffiti Art in the Underpass

Some of our Year 8 – 10 students have **worked collaboratively with a Cambridge street art company** to brighten up the footpath to the leisure village, transforming a grey concrete wall into a stunning contemporary installation. The work has been described by local residents as **"spectacular"** and **"a ray of sunshine"**.



## The Powerhouse Games in PE

Our PE students have been involved in the **Powerhouse Games** for several years now, learning about **inclusive and adaptive sports** and sharing their skills with others.

With the support of sponsor PEM, 12 of our Year 11s recently worked with **the University of Cambridge Rugby team** to deliver sports activities and collaborative learning **to students from the Castle School** in Cambridge, a 2-19 special school. Our students also worked with pupils from an **international school**, building links and really extending themselves in leadership and advocacy.



## Community Outreach in Catering

Our Catering students recently offered their services to craft and present a very **professional buffet service** to the East Cambs Careers and Skills Fair, hosted at the Cathedral. This opportunity to **serve the community** was a great experience for them both educationally and personally. Standards were sky high and local employers and partnerships were grateful.

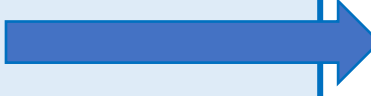


## And let's not forget...

Our **Poppy appeal** and **Christmas markets**, our participation in **community art** and **music events**, the work of our **Sports Leaders** and our regular **Food Bank drives**.

**BUT...**

**Could we be doing more?**



## Some other ideas which people mentioned

- Christmas shoeboxes
- Afternoon tea for OAPs
- Classrooms to Carehomes
- Christmas card project
- Supermarket bag packing
- Leadership opportunities which support local disadvantage

**Keen to explore?**

Contact Sam Rasmussen

## NEXT TIME...

**Join in too!**  
Showcase **your amazing practice** and contribute to the vibrant T and L culture around college!

**The next edition will focus on Challenge. We need YOUR EXPERT ANSWERS to these questions:**



How can we support students who want to 'opt out' in lessons?

How can we help students who may have missed learning?

Have you found AI helpful when modelling?

How do you know when to withdraw scaffolds?

**Keen to contribute? Good!**  
Contact **Sam Rasmussen** or **Charity Novick** with ideas, articles, tips, reviews etc.

