

COMMUNITY LEARNING



This has been a very successful first term of community learning and our students really look forward to their Friday afternoon lessons out and about in the community with their peers. It is great seeing so many students achieve so much, developing their confidence and independence skills each week. So far the students have taken part in two of the four groups.

- 1) Travel and Safety
- 2) Chelmsford City Centre
- 3) Various Towns and Places
- 4) Activities

Travel and Safety

The travel and safety group have been very busy, going to many locations. One main focus of the group is learning how to catch a bus, including where the bus stop is, ensuring it's the right bus and paying for a ticket or using their bus pass. They have been able to get a bus to Chelmsford Town centre, Broomfield Hospital and the Police Station. Using buses is a great step towards independence for all students.



Student Feedback

"I liked learning the prices of household items in the shops"
Alasdair

"It has been fun and useful to go on the bus to visit the police station and Broomfield Hospital "
Ismael

"I have found community learning quite good, I go to different places that I haven't been to before "
Hope

"I have been learning if I have enough money to buy presents for people I love"
Libby

Chelmsford City Centre

The Chelmsford City Centre group have been learning the route into town, ensuring that they can cross roads safely, especially where there aren't any pedestrian crossings. Once in town they have been working on ordering food and paying by card or cash and have been going to different places each week to ensure they are transferring the skills learnt in different locations.



Special Mentions

Matthew has been challenging himself to socialise with different students and try new activities, engaging with others and having a go at everything that was offered, I couldn't ask for anymore.- *Rebecca Rowden*

Walter has listened to staff advice and has made a noticeable improvement on road safety. - *Corinne Painter*

James for his growing independence skills and remembering to be organised when boarding the bus- *Maryanne Hall*

Sean has been great at supporting other students when in the community, he has helped others stay safe when walking between shops and helped students understand the ordering system in Argos. - *Rachael Collins*

Various Towns and Places

The various towns and places group have been going to a new location each week. One outing that all the students appeared to enjoy was a trip to Chelmer Village where they went into Currys. The students had to identify which items were essential and non-essential. They were also looking at the prices, comparing prices with functions. They were all impressed by the fridge that you can knock on and it lights up and the televisions that you can talk to.



Activities

The activities group has been out in the elements this term, in spite of it being very hot in September and recently significantly colder and muddier. The students have been able to try new activities, such as footgolf, crazy golf and snooker. Whilst some students were unsure to start with, many have really enjoyed trying new activities. Some students even asked if they can go again! There has been a focus on team working skills with their peers each week, which has included playing in teams, supporting each other and problem solving. All the students have enjoyed taking part with friends.



Important Information

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

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