

EMANUEL IN THE COMMUNITY

PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH PROGRAMME

SPOTLIGHT

DECEMBER 2023

We have an active community and partnership programme that involves pupils, staff, parents and the wider community. We are delighted to share some of the highlights of our activities this term.

CELEBRATING THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS PARTNERSHIP WEEK 2023

The Independent School Council's 2023 [Celebrating Partnerships booklet](#) was published on 27 November to mark the start of Partnership week. The booklet showcases the incredible partnership work taking place between state and independent schools and highlights the transformative impact of these collaborations.

We are delighted to be included in the booklet again this year for our Ukrainian Coffee and Conversation Hub. Many of you were involved in making this happen. Working together makes things possible – we couldn't have done this without you. The same is true for all of our partnership activities. If you are an

avid follower of social media, you will have seen our daily posts highlighting our partnership activities including Ascent, our summer Year 5 academic support programme; Primary Ambitions, our Lower sixth-led enrichment programme for Year 6 pupils; our Ukrainian Coffee and Conversation Hub; our partnership with Fulham FC Foundation including the EmpowHER initiative; and the partner school university interview programme we ran recently.

We are proud to be working in partnership with the state schools in our local community to widen inclusion and opportunity, raise aspirations and increase attainment.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS THANK YOU!

Our lower and middle school pupils put together an astounding 78 hampers for local single parent families in our community. Co-ordinated by our partner, CHEER, the hampers were delivered directly to the recipients this week.

'We are so grateful to Emanuel School for providing so many generous hampers for our single mums. CHEER stands for Comfort, Hope, Empathy, Encouragement and Rebuilding. This is what these hampers do for our vulnerable families at Christmas time. We couldn't support these families in this way without you.'

Lucinda Martin-Thomas,
CHEER hamper coordinator

As always, our Emanuel families' generosity is extraordinary – each assigned family received wrapped personally chosen age-appropriate gifts for the children and parent as well as delicious Christmas treats and decorations. Pupils from Emanuel school have provided Christmas hampers to over 400 families in our local area over the past 7 years.



EMANUEL'S HOME GROWN MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On 10 November, our Charity and Community Partnership and Outreach Prefects, Coleman, Atitiya, Tiewo and Katherine, organised a coffee morning that extended through to lunchtime in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Demonstrating their entrepreneurial skills, they moved their stand from the Buttery to be close to their customers! Positioned next to the lunch queue, they sold their tasty hot chocolate, lemon drizzle cake and chocolate brownies raising over £260 for Macmillan. It was all planned and executed with aplomb – what a fabulous effort!

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

PRIMARY AMBITIONS FABULOUS FIRST MODULE

Primary Ambitions, now well embedded in the Lower Sixth curriculum, continues to go well. Our Lower Sixth pupils have facilitated their first Primary Ambitions modules for Year 6 pupils from 12 of our partner primary schools. After a busy first half of term planning their sessions including presentations, activities, games and worksheets, it has been rewarding for our students to put their hard work into practice.

Our partner schools are incredibly enthusiastic and have loved every minute. Our Lower Sixth pupils have grown in confidence throughout the programme and delivered some really fantastic lessons across 19 different topics. Robots have been programmed, clay creatures have been formed and fired, science experiments have been mastered and gymnastics routines have been executed. We are excited to welcome our partner schools in January for the start of the second module.



SAVE THE DATE WINTER BOOK DRIVE

We are planning a post-Christmas book drive to collect much needed books for our partner primary schools. They will be distributed via our charity partner, The Children's Book Project. www.childrensbookproject.co.uk. The Children's Book Project's aim is to tackle book poverty and give every child, regardless of circumstances, the opportunity to own their own book. (One in three disadvantaged children own fewer than 10 books; one in ten own none.)

We will be holding our book drive on the 22, 23 and 24 January so if you are planning a post-Christmas clear out, please hold on to your new or nearly new books for our primary school partners. Look out for details in early January.



SECONDARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE SUPPORT

As part of our secondary school partnership programme, we provided university preparation support for five of our secondary partner schools including facilitating MMI, Oxbridge and Imperial College interviews for over 40 students. The MMI session alone, organised by Ben Strathearn-Burrows, Head of Science and Biology, was supported by 16 members of Emanuel staff each of whom provided detailed feedback for the participants. Participants relished the opportunity to practise their interview skills.

Our partner schools will also join us for a series of events including our Careers and Higher Education Fair in January, upcoming speaker engagements and our GCSE booster programme during the Easter holidays.



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For more information on our community partnership and outreach activities, and to volunteer for any of the initiatives, please contact Mrs Irwin, Head of Community Partnerships and Outreach: Lisa.irwin@emanuel.org.uk

VOLUNTEER AT OUR BOOK DRIVE SORTING SESSION WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY

Join us to unpack and sort donated books for our partner schools. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and support our community partners. We will be sorting the books from 9.30am - 11.30am and again from 1.00pm - 3.00pm in the Hampden Hall. They will be collected by the Children's Book Project for distribution to our partner schools on Wednesday too.

CHANCE TO INSPIRE SPEAKERS WANTED FOR OUR EMPOWER PROGRAMME

As part of our EmpowHER programme – a joint initiative with Fulham FC Foundation designed to inspire and empower girls and young women through sport – we are planning to have a number of inspirational speakers address the girls. Ideally our speakers will share their journey from school to where they are now including all of the bumps and bends on the way. Our aim is to motivate girls to stay in school, inspire them to explore new pathways they might not have considered and to communicate a sense that all is possible!

Sessions run at our Off-Site Sports Ground, Blagdons, on Thursday evenings. We would ideally like you to speak for 15 to 20 minutes with some time for Q&A. This can be pitch side but better yet could be indoors if you would like to show slides or share any materials. It is all very flexible. If this is something you would consider, we are keen to hear from you.

