



Eden Girls

Eden Girls' School Coventry – Service to Communities

Pupils at Eden Girls' School, Coventry have been lending a helping hand to local residents through a range of community service and environmental conservation projects. Promoting our school STAR values of Service, Teamwork, Ambition and Respect, pupils from Year 9 were given an opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills through organising five different community outreach projects, all of which took place on Thursday 5th May.



Pupils carefully selected the five charities/organisations they wanted to support and, following a planning day on 22nd March, where pupils were able to meet with the organisations to discuss their requirements, Year 9 Team Leaders guided and supervised other pupils as they worked together to plan and deliver their projects.

They included visiting elderly residents at Cordelia Court care home, helping to decorate Hillfields Children's Centre and Nursery School and enhance its outdoor play area, cleaning up Sutton Park in Sutton Coldfield, working with Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre to sort through food donations and prepare accommodation for refugees, and designing a welcome booklet for new arrivals to the country to alert them to places of interest. The projects benefited people of all ages and backgrounds, with a view to helping both established residents and those who were new to the country and city.

Year 9 Team Leaders Safiya, Sakinah, Fatimah and Ummarah, who helped to tidy up the yard, create a vegetable garden and plant flowers for a family of refugees that were poised to move into their new accommodation, said, *"This project was an amazing chance to not only help people who have suffered in other parts of the world, but also to show us how to work together and communicate with each other to bring a project to fruition. Working on this project taught us an appreciation of all the things we have."*

All five projects were a resounding success, and the organisations we partnered with were extremely grateful for our assistance, commenting on how *"polite, well-behaved, helpful and charming"* our pupils are. We were proud to see everyone thoroughly embracing – and enjoying – the opportunity to give back to their communities.



Project-based learning plays a substantial role in Eden Girls' leadership curriculum and reiterates the school's commitment to educational excellence, character development and service to communities. We encourage all of our pupils to become civic-minded, compassionate citizens, and look forward to seeing them continue to effect positive change within their communities.

