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## Melin Homes schools project – FACE and you

Our schools programme simply couldn't have achieved the massive results it has without the support and contributions from our contractors like you. Thank you for helping us deliver projects like this to the communities we serve.

Since April 2019 your support has meant we have:

**Worked with 34 schools**

**Engaged with 2,532 students**

**Helped 435 teachers**

**Our staff have given 273 hours  
and 30 minutes helping with  
the success of the project**

FACE has made such a difference in our partnership schools, if we shared every good news story it would take you days to read them all. We have picked out some of the key highlights over the last 18 months.



**Future | Active | Career | Elevate**

## Thank you to:

AP Waters

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Rocksure

(People Safe)

Rushar Scaffolding

Saldo

Select Security

T&C Maintenance  
Services

Thomas Holdings

TCMS

## Donations galore

We invested in merchandise to give out to the young people we work with, and freebies that will equip their school life!

We even donated 100 filled pencil cases to Cwmbran High School that sit within the classroom and are borrowed to the children in classes if they are haven't got the correct equipment.

We donated over £900 in equipment to Councillor Giles Davies Back 2 School project, he said:

*"Wow, I really didn't expect so many items. Thank you so much. All of the items will be donated to Garnteg Primary School in Garndiffaith, for children whose parents are finding it difficult to provide equipment during the course of the Coronavirus pandemic."*



**Trish from Melin meets with Councillor Giles Davies with all of the donations**



**Some of our FACE branded goodies for schools**

## Events

We helped to organise and funded the Careers Wales Torfaen and Monmouthshire Cluster Event. Students from five different schools took part in a Lego Design Challenge and battle through heats to win the top prize! We provided goody bags for all children who took part, and provided transport.

We supported and helped organise Careers Wales Wellbeing Newport Cluster event for local schools.



Workshops getting under way at the newport cluster wellbeing event @gwentdragons @MelinHomes @RobertPriceBM @NewportCityH @WWUtilities @CareersWales @EB\_Exchange @The\_IPO thanks for great presentations @FeelGood\_Ori @Philomenapatrikios



11:07 AM - Dec 5, 2019 - Twitter for Android

We attended and engaged with 100s of residents in Newport at a volunteering event opened by Newport Council Leader Debbie Wilcox.

## Work experience

Your support means that pupils who may have otherwise missed out on work experience can access transport and a warm meal while they learn about our work as a housing association helping them to make important decisions for their future careers.

Thanks to you we have had eight work experience placements from a variety of our partnership schools.

We have provided opportunities for pupils who need guidance and support. Our placement programme has been a great success helping pupils who are struggling with traditional schooling.

One parent of a work placement pupil wanted to say:

*“Massive thank you to everyone involved yesterday, he learnt so much in one day! He was buzzing when he came home. It was nice to see him happy. Can’t wait for next week, well done to you all.”*

## Partnerships

At Cwmbran High School we have teamed up with Lifelong Health to deliver health and sugar workshops to a group of young people in Years 8–11 who have now become ‘Lifelong Learners’.



**We worked with Lifelong health to deliver health workshops to pupils who are now Lifelong Learners**

They have been working on developing a program that they can roll out to the rest of the school encouraging them to look after their physical, mental and dietary health.

They are working towards putting on a whole school event that coincides with their sports day and includes wellbeing activities for those who don’t like to participate in sports. This has been put on hold due to lockdown, but we hope to resume it soon – we are looking at virtual options.

Through our talented staff and partner organisations and thanks to your support we have been able to offer loads of workshops to our partnership schools including:

Rugby, street dance, wellbeing presentations for staff and pupils, employability skills seminars, mock interviews, careers advice and routes into employment, motivational talks and more.

## Sponsorships

We sponsored Abersychan School’s Outstanding Achievement Award. Charlotte in Year 7 was presented with the award. Charlotte has embraced life in school. She plays an active role in the performing arts within the school and has appeared in the Christmas Concert and the school’s recent production of School of Rock. Charlotte’s ‘can do attitude’ stands as an example for her fellow pupils to show that when you work hard and display resilience, you can achieve anything that you put your mind to.

We sponsored the South Wales Argus School Awards recognising the efforts that go into making a school successful and its pupils thrive.



**Charlotte’s hard work paid off with her school’s Outstanding Achievement Award**

## Careers fayres



We are held an interactive careers fair at Abersychan School. Thank you to all our partners for attending; Coleg QS, YPrentis, Cardiff Met, Barclays, Hereford college, Dragons Community Team, Newport County Community Team, Legacy Gym, St John's Ambulance and Blake Morgan.

Looks like all the students had a great day.



## On the road



6:21 PM - Jan 31, 2020 - Twitter Web App

## A lick of paint and more

Through collaborating services volunteer staff at Melin and a local painter and decorator service cleaned up the girls and boys toilets at Abersychan with a lick of paint over the half term. The paint was donated by Dulux for the school and it spruced up the tired toilets.



**A bright new colour is definitely one way to freshen up the toilets!**

October half term 2020 staff from Melin are working their magic at Cwmbran High School to spruce up the staff room to help with social distancing, an create a garden area with plants and flowers to promote wellbeing.

Thank you for all your support over the last 18 months!

We look forward to what we can achieve over the next 18 months.

**#togetherwecan**