



Headteacher

Gordon
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Top character
qualities developed

- Teamwork
- Compassion
- Selflessness
- Service
- Problem-solving



Bishopbriggs Academy

REGION Scotland
 TYPE State Secondary School
 STUDENTS 1181 students aged 11-18

Our academy's vision is to develop active global citizens and unlock the true potential of our young people as valued and valuable members of the community. As well as being successful learners, we want our students to become confident individuals and responsible citizens and so we teach values that show respect for others and compassion for those less fortunate.

This means we teach everything through the lens of social action. The British Council has accredited us with the 'International Schools Award' for work including partnering with a German school to teach the values of other cultures. Our students have written to prisoners as part of the 'Write for Rights' Amnesty campaign and all our S1 pupils studied a cross-curricular 'Water for Life' project to learn about conditions in developing countries. **Students ran Fair Trade stalls selling goods from around the world and won a social enterprise award for raising awareness of the products.** In terms of social action closer to home, we have forged strong links with the Senior Citizens' Soup Lunch organisation and with Silver Surfers, which encourages intergenerational

relationships. Our students have also worked with Glasgow City Mission to raise awareness of homelessness and poverty. This diversity of local and global partners means that our young people gain a truly worldwide understanding of social action, where it is needed and how to help.

A group of our students trained with East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Council to become Community Ambassadors, establishing a 'Community Action Project' within our academy. One such ambassador, Natasha, volunteers with her grandfather at the local hospital, guides boat trip tours, and coaches young people at the kayak club after school and on Saturday mornings. Kenneth, 17, is a carer for his mum, but also volunteers weekly for the Air Cadets and has been working with Anchor Boys for a number of years as a coach. He was awarded his Queen's badge last year and his confidence is growing daily. **We are extremely proud of the work our young people do and we will continue to keep it at the heart of our academy's culture.**



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Enjoyment, enthusiasm and the inclusion of those taking part in all the events was most evident. Another benefit has been seeing the pupils maturity and confidence when volunteering at the cafes and events; they seamlessly interact with the people with dementia and their carers both in the care home and café settings.

Karen Heath, part of the 'Action on Dementia' team