

# Trinity



## TRINITY SCHOOL

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#### **Trinity Students 'pay it forward'**

Students in Griffin House at Trinity School, Newbury are carrying out fundraising in aid of Newbury Soup Kitchen following in the initiative of 'paying it forward'. The students have been thinking hard in their tutor groups about effective and inventive fundraising ideas, and pitched the best of these to a panel of judges, including Meryl from the Soup Kitchen, student leaders and a senior teacher, on Wednesday 26th February.

The House has been following a 'pay it forward' attitude since a National Homeless Day assembly in October, where students were encouraged to act in a socially responsible way. Following this, it was clear that our students were not satisfied with being members of society who look the other way when walking past a homeless person, and asked if they could help. As such we have begun a term long initiative aimed at helping our local homeless population.

Ethan Doe, Griffin House Captain from Year 13, explained:

"Firstly, we invited Meryl from Newbury Soup Kitchen to speak to us about homelessness in the local community, and we were saddened and inspired by her stories and wanted to do something to help. The statistics regarding homelessness are startling and we live in a community where students are likely to know of several homeless people living in their town, so we feel very strongly it is our duty and obligation as a community to both raise awareness and help where we can.

Our ultimate aim is that we raise as much in funds and awareness as we possibly can for Newbury Soup Kitchen using our students' creative and unique ideas, and that our students and our community are educated regarding homelessness. Our students have taken great initiative in partaking in this, and show themselves to be respectful and compassionate members of the community- ultimately demonstrating Trinity's ethos of Personal Excellence and Collective Responsibility. From the tried-and-tested bake sale to carnival games, film nights and selling home-made keyrings and postcards; we hope that Griffin House's fundraising will achieve these aims, and that we can make a positive impact on our community."

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