

5. Reaching out for support

All Saints Academy- a Church Academy based in Cheltenham for 11-19 years. (South West / SLIDACI: 2 / PLIDACI: 3)

What?

With a restriction in budgets within schools, there is an increasingly difficult challenge to deliver an enriching timetable of co-curricular activities as a result of limited resources from a physical and human perspective. With community sport facilities continually being squeezed and facing challenges due to the cost of living crisis, the collaboration between school and community could provide a solution to providing opportunities for young people.

So what?

All Saints Academy has tackled the challenge of limited resources by accessing a Department for Education investment programme that aims to meet the goals of the Government's School Sport and Activity Action Plan. Alongside investing in their facilities, the school have connected with their local organisations including Move More* to source specialised teachers to broaden the opportunities on offer for young people to build their physical literacy skills, improve their health and wellbeing and unlock their full potential.

To encourage the attendance of young people to these co-curricular activities, staff at the school have reached out to parents and students through an Edulink which provides easy access to sign ups from home. Through involving parents and guardians within the process, this communication informs key stakeholders of the opportunities available at school to encourage them to attend and participate.

Now what?

By sharing All Saints Academy's practices, secondary schools looking to overcome similar challenges could consider:

1. Building relationships with pupil's parents and families as an influential stakeholder, increasing their awareness of opportunities available at school and their importance.
2. Creating an easily accessible method for booking onto co-curricular activities. This will reduce resource time by adding bookings automatically.
3. Considering accessing the Opening Facilities funding to renovate the current space within the school to provide wider opportunities for disadvantaged young people. Further information and the application to get involved can be found [here](#)
4. Creating a relationship with local partnerships through the School Games Organiser to provide specialised resource for delivering co-curricular activities.

*Move More is an external charity incorporated organisation (CIO) dedicated to delivering the provision of PE and Sport School in every primary school across Cheltenham and Tewkesbury, (Move More, (2023).

[Move More \(2023\) 'Our Charity'](#). [Accessed 15/08/23]

[We Sport \(2023\) 'Opening School Facilities Fund'](#). [Accessed 16/08/23]

