

Reaching out to the community - 4YP



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Hello,

I hope this email finds you well. First of all, I would just like to say a massive congratulations for winning the Climate Response of the Year award for 2025. This is such an amazing and admirable achievement. There is no doubt about the hard work put into this and it is lovely to see you getting the recognition you deserve.

I wanted to reach out as I had a meeting with Clare Lamb last week - a member of the Holbrook community - about my work at Holbrook academy. I am a youth worker at a Charity in Ipswich called 4YP (for children and young people) and within this role, I am based at Holbrook academy for three days a week. I am currently working hard to bring organisations to Holbrook academy and to connect the young people with places. An example of this is I am bringing an art studio named "AMPP" to form part of a series of self-esteem workshops I am hosting for the year 7s to build up their confidence. They will be hosting a session on expressing yourself through arts and crafts - something that is so important for young people who cannot express their feelings directly.

With this, I do not only want to bring organisations into Holbrook academy - but I would also like to do this for the community as a whole. I am aware that you have a lot going on already, which is amazing, but I would also like to see if there is anything that you maybe want to bring in that you have been unable to. An example of what I have discussed with my manager - Simon - and with Clare is the idea of a gaming van. We thought that I could organise this to come into Holbrook one evening or Saturday morning for the young people to spend a few hours gaming and connecting with each other and to also connect them with the community further. The cost of this would be fully covered by 4YP and would be free of charge to anyone who wanted to get involved. The only thing that I would need for this idea is somewhere to put the van and connect to a power source. Again, I am happy to cover the costs associated with this.

The gaming van is just an idea of the things we could do and if you think it is a bad idea then that is also ok. I am going to speak with some young people at Holbrook to see what they think may be missing/what they would like to do but I am also reaching out to you to see if you feel as though there is anything that you would like to see in Holbrook for young people. If you have any ideas, then please let me know - I am here and happy to help.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

Emily.



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