



If you didn't already know, Thrive sessions are a safe and emotionally nourishing refuge for Hubbers and Gallerians alike at Meadowcroft School; forever in the business of turning sullen frowns into cheek filled grins.

Perhaps it was only natural that here, in this unorthodox think-tank, a pretty selfless idea would emerge. I speak of a particular session that took place one Wednesday morning. One that required pupils to co-operatively band together to spawn a worthy project, in a bid to capture their capacity for empathy. Typically, little time passed before a common theme was established: Homelessness. Students expressed such concern and compassion for people desperately attempting to squeeze what little comfort and safety they could from the brisk streets of Wakefield this time of year.

Our Thrive practitioner Miss Edwards, the facilitator of such a warmth-filled session, wasted little time capitalising on her group's open-hearted call to action. Kevin Dobson, from the Community Awareness Program (CAP), proved to be just the person to liaise with. After delivering an enlightening assembly at the Hub, CAP proved invaluable in helping organise our passion filled homelessness project known as 'Thriving in the community' (gotta love the name).

The project would utilise Meadowcroft's vocational site (The Works), to host an event for those in need of shelter, food and clean clothing over the course of a well-meaning weekend. Alas, a project as lofty as this demanded meticulous planning, ample support and an unwavering drive. We're proud to say, our team delivered in spades.

Braving a cascade of rain and formidable gusts, our staff and pupils scattered across West Yorkshire to garner donations for this event; all too conscious that the weather they faced is a constant reality for those they set out to help. However, even with goodwill and moral tenacity on our side, time was short. Miss Edwards had high ambitions for what this event should be for the needy, sincerely fearing that the project wouldn't have the donations needed for the scope she'd previously envisioned. Thankfully, Mr Czternastek (the only person besides Bobby Vinton deserving of the title 'The Polish Prince'), was able to rouse the Polish community into providing the funds needed to best execute the project... and just in the nick of time too (thanks again 'Polish Prince').