



Civic Duty Spotlight

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Welcome to Volume 3

PACT's Civic Duty Framework: Introducing Phase Two (2025–2028)

Launched in 2023, our initial Civic Duty Framework laid strong foundations for place-based collaboration, shared responsibility and long-term community impact. As we enter Phase Two alongside our new strategic plan EMPOWER 2028, we continue to embed PACT as an anchor institution, a Trust rooted in its community, responsive to real need, and committed to improving life chances for young people and families.

Our work is driven through two core pillars:

- 1. Collaboration and accountability**
- 2. Civic purpose and the wider common good**

Within this, we will continue to push forward three key priorities:

- Preventative Poverty Strategies:** tackling the inequalities that limit opportunity and aspiration.
- Purposeful Policy and Politics:** where wellbeing, inclusion and development sit alongside academic success.
- Progressive Sustainability:** into everything we do, ensuring our choices today benefit both this generation and the next.

We know that exceptional education does not happen in isolation. It grows from strong relationships between students, staff, families, civic leaders, local organisations, volunteers and national partners. Civic Duty Spotlight will continue to celebrate these relationships, share their impact and demonstrate how collective action can change what is possible for children.

We are proud of what has been built and excited for the journey ahead.

Community Partnerships & Collaborations

Collaboration through partnerships is essential for driving improvements, especially in the context of sustainability.

By working together with local businesses, organisations, and other educational institutions, we can enrich the opportunities available to our students and broaden their horizons, all while building a sustainable future for our community.

We have collaborated with many organisations across the Trust and developed key connections with Barnardo's, Family action and family Hubs to explore new path ways to support our communities.



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Changing lives.



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Project Pulse: A Civic Commitment to Health and Wellbeing



This term, four PACT schools have taken part in Project Pulse, delivered by Birmingham City Council Youth Service to promote physical activity, healthier lifestyles, and long-term wellbeing. Together, the schools have shown a strong commitment to reducing health inequalities and supporting the pupils who need it most.

Across the Trust, 56 pupils were identified for targeted support, via engaging fitness sessions. These pupils have benefitted from a safe, structured environment that combines physical activity with positive relationship-building, helping them feel supported and connected.

The impact has been clear. Pupils are stating they have better sleep, improved concentration, and stronger emotional regulation, leading to a calmer, more focused learning. Staff have also noted increased confidence, resilience, and more positive behaviour throughout the school day.

Project Pulse has supported pupils' wider development too, strengthening teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and offering valuable opportunities for those struggling with confidence or isolation to build friendships and a sense of belonging—key to long-term mental health.

Essentially the program has promoted healthier routines, improved energy levels, and attitudes showing that the programme's benefits extend beyond school and into the community.

The success of Project Pulse reflects the power of partnership between school staff, youth practitioners, families, and local services, working together to provide meaningful support for children facing health inequalities.

As the programme continues, the progress made this term lays strong foundations for lasting healthy habits, improved wellbeing, and brighter futures for every child involved.



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Uniting Our Civic Duty - Community Alliance Coffee Mornings



At PACT community is all that we stand for, and hosting “Community Alliance Coffee Mornings” have become a positive and uplifting part of our trust’s community work, offering warm, welcoming spaces for parents, carers, staff, and local partners to connect, be heard and co produce new offers.

Each session has created a friendly atmosphere where people feel listened to, valued, and able to engage openly.

These gatherings have strengthened relationships between families and schools, helping to further build trust and a stronger sense of belonging. They have also encouraged honest conversations that give schools deeper insight into community needs and experiences.

The coffee mornings have supported effective civic partnership working, bringing together local services such as New Hope Global, Compass MHST, Home Start and Our Place, as well as community organisations and school leaders.

This has improved communication, enhanced early help pathways, and ensured families are more easily connected to support and opportunities.

Importantly, the initiative directly supports our trust strategy, feeding into our commitments to civic duty, community engagement, and reducing inequalities. The insights gained contribute to our wider place-making approach, shaping how we work with and for our communities.

In a short time, the Coffee Community Alliance has made a meaningful impact—strengthening relationships, deepening partnerships, and reinforcing our role as a trusted anchor within the community.



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Global Collaboration

As part of our ongoing partnership with the Youth Sport Trust, Prince Albert High School proudly hosted the Nike Active Partnerships China Delegation, welcoming 80 international delegates for a collaborative showcase and learning event. The visit provided an excellent opportunity to highlight our curriculum offer, our commitment to physical activity, and our community-led approach across the Trust.

Delegates explored how movement, wellbeing, and inclusion are embedded in everyday learning, with staff and pupils demonstrating curriculum and enrichment practices that build confidence, character, and leadership alongside physical health. The event created valuable space for shared learning, with delegates and Trust staff exchanging ideas and discussing innovative ways to strengthen participation, elevate youth voice, and enhance community partnerships. Conversations reinforced our commitment to ensuring all children have access to high-quality physical activity and wellbeing opportunities.

Delegates expressed strong praise for the school, staff, and students, noting our positive culture and the clear link between physical activity and wider personal development. Their feedback affirmed our progress while offering new insights to shape future practice.

This event strengthened our relationship with the Youth Sport Trust and reinforced our outward-facing, collaborative approach—supporting continued curriculum development, deeper community engagement, and expanded opportunities for young people across the Trust.



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Trust wide Hurricane Melissa Aid Relief

In an inspiring display of compassion, unity, and civic duty, our trust community has come together to support those affected by Hurricane Melissa. Across all seven schools, students, parents, carers, staff, and our wider partners have donated an extraordinary amount of essential items, demonstrating the true strength of collective action and the spirit of service that defines our Trust.

Donations were delivered to The Rock New Testament Church of God, where they will be distributed directly to families and communities devastated by the disaster. The generosity shown across our schools has been overwhelming—from food and toiletries to clothing, bedding, and vital supplies. Every contribution, big or small, reflects a deep commitment to supporting others during a time of immense hardship.

This effort has been a powerful reminder of our shared civic responsibility. At a time when global crises can feel distant, our communities chose to act with empathy and purpose.

Pupils learned first-hand what it means to stand in solidarity with others, and families engaged wholeheartedly, showing that compassion is not just taught—it is lived.

The response from all seven schools echoes a core belief of our Trust: when we unite, we make a meaningful difference. This act of kindness extends beyond material support; it sends a message of hope, care, and unwavering humanity to those who need it most. We extend our heartfelt thanks to every member of our Trust family for their generosity and compassion. Together, we have demonstrated what civic duty looks like in action—turning empathy into impact and strengthening the bonds that connect us as local and global citizens.



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Active Fathers - Play and wellbeing sessions

As part of community feedback and service offerings, a keen appetite was identified for fathers to do physical activity with their children. The Active Fathers Play and Wellbeing Sessions were a truly uplifting celebration of family connection and community spirit. With 27 fathers and more than 50 children and young people attending, the event created a safe, positive space for bonding, play, and shared wellbeing.

Fathers engaged wholeheartedly, strengthening relationships with their children while forming supportive connections with other dads. Children benefitted from active play, positive attention, and the confidence that comes from spending meaningful time with present, engaged role models. The atmosphere of joy, safety, and togetherness highlighted just how important these moments are for emotional and physical wellbeing.

The event's success showcased the power of collaboration, commitment, and civic unity. Staff, partners, and families worked collectively to create an inclusive environment where everyone felt welcome and valued.

Overall, the sessions made a significant impact—enhancing family relationships, supporting wellbeing, and demonstrating what can be achieved when communities come together with purpose and compassion.



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Highfield Junior and Infant School-Community Garden

The Community Garden at Highfield Junior and Infant School has blossomed into a powerful hub of connection, healing, and shared purpose. What began as a school project has quickly become a therapeutic space where families, pupils, staff, and local residents come together to nurture both the garden—and each other.



Families have bonded over planting, tending, and creating together, finding calm, joy, and togetherness in a safe, welcoming environment. The garden has opened new opportunities for wellbeing, teamwork, and nature-based therapy, offering a peaceful retreat for children and adults alike.

Most importantly, the project has united the wider community. Parents, carers, neighbours, and partners are working side by side to improve the school grounds, enhance outdoor learning, and build a shared space that meets communal needs. It stands as a living example of support, collaboration, and civic unity, showing what can grow when a community commits to caring for one another.

The Highfield Community Garden isn't just a space—it's a movement of hope, belonging, and collective growth.



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Aston Villa Foundation's 2025-2026 Youth Engagement Programme and Community sessions

The partnership between *Prince Albert High School* (PAHS) and the *Aston Villa Foundation* represents an ambitious and values-driven commitment to community development, civic responsibility, and the wellbeing of children and young people. Rooted in a place-making approach, this collaboration uses education, sport, and personal development as powerful tools to uplift lives, strengthen families, and nurture the next generation of leaders.

Since launching in September 2025, the partnership has delivered a schools-based programme designed to enhance school culture and pupil experience through:

Improving School Attendance

Supporting Mental Health & Wellbeing

Positive Behaviour Management Strategies

Inspires Offer

– using Sports Educators to support personal development & academic attainment. This integrated model ensures that young people are seen, supported, and stretched to achieve their potential, both in the classroom and beyond.

Kicks Programme – Football with Purpose

As part of this collaborative effort, the weekly Kicks football programme has become a thriving centre of hope, activity, and belonging. Delivered at no cost to families, the sessions provide a safe space for physical activity, relationship building, and positive mentorship.

To date, over 300 young people from the local community have accessed the Kicks sessions, breaking down barriers to participation and offering an inclusive environment where everyone is welcome.



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Experiences which last a lifetime in the Community

At PACT, we believe that growth doesn't only happen behind a desk — it happens when young people step beyond their comfort zones, discover new places, and see themselves in a world far bigger than they have ever known. This year, thanks to the generous support of the Henry Smith Foundation, Evans Consultancy Services Limited, and The Outward Bound Trust, pupils from Years 5, 6 and 7 embarked on another unforgettable residential experience — this time to Ullswater.

What our young people brought home was far greater than memories of mountains, lakes and campfires. They returned with courage they didn't know they possessed, friendships strengthened through challenge and adventure, and a deeper sense of who they are and who they can become. Together they climbed, paddled, hiked, encouraged one another through moments of fear, and celebrated success not only individually but as a community.

Experiences like this sit at the heart of our mission — to provide opportunities that shape character, build resilience, and fuel ambition. These moments create powerful stories that our pupils will carry for life, stories they will tell their families, their future peers, and the communities they will one day lead.

This isn't just a trip.

It is an investment in identity.

In confidence.

In the future of our children and our communities.

We remain deeply grateful to our partners for helping make these opportunities possible — experiences that widen horizons, strengthen self-belief, and reinforce that our young people are capable of absolutely anything.



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Councillor Mariam Khan Inspires the Next Generation

Highfield Junior & Infant School had the honour of welcoming Councillor Mariam Khan, whose visit brought an atmosphere filled with ambition, pride and purpose. Speaking directly to our young people, she shared her personal journey—a story shaped by hard work, resilience, and commitment to community.

Her message was clear and powerful: with determination and unity, anything is possible.

Councillor Khan emphasised the importance of civic pride and active citizenship, reminding pupils that they each hold the potential to shape the future of their community.

"Your voice matters, your dreams matter, and your future and community matters. Work hard, stand proud, and never forget that you are the next generation of leaders this community is waiting for." – Cllr. Mariam Khan

Her reflections aligned strongly with our evolving Civic Duty priorities—unity, opportunity, voice, and youth empowerment. Through open dialogue and meaningful conversation, children were encouraged to dream big, challenge barriers, and believe in their own capacity to lead positive change. The visit sparked inspiration across the school, reinforcing our belief that young people flourish when they see real-world role models who reflect their community, values and aspirations. Highfield students left the session motivated, confident, and determined to contribute to a society built on respect, collaboration and shared progress.

A moment of civic pride. A spark for future leadership. A reminder that change begins with us.



"The culture of care, ambition, and hope within this school and Trust is powerful. It shows what education can be when we work together with purpose and pride." – Cllr. Mariam Khan

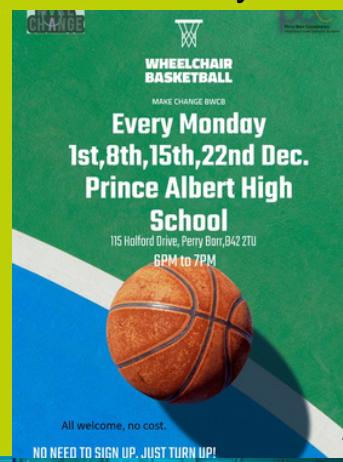
Community Sports Inclusive Partnerships

At Prince Albert High School, our inclusive basketball programme delivered in partnership with Make Change is intended to be far more than a sporting opportunity — we want it to become a vehicle for connection, confidence, and community. What begins on the court has the power to shape attitudes, build relationships, and open doors for every young person involved.

The sessions champion inclusivity in its truest form. Pupils of all needs and physical abilities play side-by-side, learning not only the skills of the sport, but also the importance of empathy, teamwork, and belief in one another. Here, success isn't measured by points scored, but by barriers broken, friendships formed, and voices amplified.

At PACT, inclusion is not an optional add-on — it is woven into the foundations of everything we do. This programme reflects that commitment, ensuring that every young person has the chance to take part, feel belonging, and see themselves as capable, strong, and celebrated. The court becomes more than a playing space — it becomes a place of possibility.

Through partnership, passion, and purpose, inclusive basketball at PAHS is helping young people grow not just as players, but as people. This is the vision: sport as a catalyst, community as the outcome, and every child at the heart of the movement.



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Networking in the Community

Across the Trust, staff and pupils have continued to engage with a wide range of faith and non-faith organisations, building relationships that extend beyond the school gates and into the heart of our local communities.

Through visits, collaborative events, joint projects, and dialogue, children and adults alike have had the opportunity to meet new people, learn from diverse perspectives, and develop a deeper understanding of the communities we serve.

This work is important because it nurtures inclusivity, strengthens social cohesion, and cultivates environments where difference is understood, respected, and celebrated.

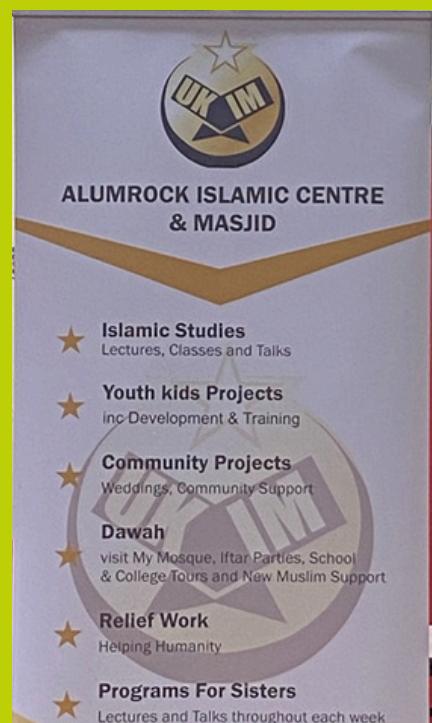
By engaging with people from varied backgrounds and belief systems, pupils develop empathy, cultural awareness, and the social confidence to speak, listen, and lead. Staff meanwhile benefit from shared learning, professional collaboration, and exposure to community voices that influence practice, curriculum, and decision-making.

These partnerships feed directly into the Trust's focus on civic impact. By expanding our network of stakeholders, we are creating sustainable pathways for support, opportunity, and collective action. Faith and non-faith organisations play a vital role in shaping community identity, offering lived experience, resources, knowledge, and connection. By bringing these voices into our schools, we extend the reach of our civic duty and ensure that pupils grow into citizens who are active, engaged, and future-focused.

This widening network strengthens the Trust's ability to work collaboratively at scale, positioning our schools not only as educational institutions but as community hubs—places where relationships are formed, needs are understood, and change is co-produced. In doing so, we continue to build a culture of partnership, service, and social responsibility that underpins our commitment to civic growth.

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The Big Sleepout – Standing Together for Those Without a Bed

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This term, pupils and staff from Prince Albert High School took part in St Basil's Big Sleepout — a powerful event designed to raise both funds and awareness for youth homelessness across the West Midlands. Guided by the message “sleep out for one night, so a young person doesn't have to,” our school community stepped forward with courage, empathy and purpose.

In cold conditions and with only cardboard for shelter, our students experienced – even if just for one night – a glimpse of the reality faced by too many young people in the UK today. Their willingness to take part reflected not only bravery, but deep compassion and a shared belief in standing up for those who often go unseen.

One of the most memorable aspects of the event was the remarkable video created by one of our own Year 11 pupils, who captured the night with professionalism, creativity and heartfelt detail. Their work stands as a visual testament to the unity, resilience and commitment shown by all involved.

The Big Sleepout was more than an overnight challenge — it was a demonstration of civic responsibility, humanity and the strength of our school community. A huge well done to every student, staff member and supporter who took part. Your actions echoed loudly: when we stand together, change becomes possible.



Beyond the Bell: Creating Joy, Safety and Opportunity

During the last summer holidays, our Trust delivered a 16-day Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme across the first four weeks of the break, supporting 30 targeted pupils identified as most vulnerable at Prince Albert High School. Running Monday to Thursday, the programme provided a safe, structured and nurturing environment at a time when isolation and disengagement are often at their highest. Each day, pupils received a nutritious hot meal alongside a rich programme of sporting and enrichment activities designed to broaden horizons and build confidence. For many, this was their first opportunity to experience activities such as rock climbing, archery and go-karting, as well as a visit to the cinema — a first-time experience for a significant number of attendees. These moments were powerful, creating joy, excitement and lasting memories.

The programme was further strengthened by high-quality external partners, including Young Engineers, Aston Villa Foundation, and a professional MMA athlete, who delivered engaging sessions focused on skill-building, aspiration and positive role modelling. Engagement levels were consistently high, with pupils thriving in a structured setting beyond the normal school day. Attendance remained strong throughout the programme — a particularly significant outcome during the summer period. This reflected the importance of school as a safe and trusted space for many pupils, where they feel supported, connected and motivated to engage. Since returning in September, pupils have continued to speak positively about the programme, with many actively asking about future holiday provision.

Building on this success, we will be delivering a winter HAF programme across three days of the Christmas holidays, supporting 35 pupils. The offer will include baking and cooking workshops, a three-day boxing camp, and a range of sporting activities such as table tennis, badminton and football.



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Donations for the community

When a community stands united, compassion becomes action and support becomes change. Across PACT, we have witnessed the strength of collaboration — people giving not out of duty, but out of choice, care and belief in one another.

Thanks to the generosity of our partners, families, staff and local organisations, we have been able to provide vital support to some of our most vulnerable families. This year, together we have distributed:

£50,000 worth of toys, books, games, clothing and household items

£8,000 in bus passes to keep pupils connected to school and opportunity

£7,000 in books and games, enriching homes with joy and learning

£5,000+ in personal hygiene products, supporting dignity and wellbeing

528 pupils enjoyed a free cinema experience — for many, their first ever visit!

60 residential places offered across the Trust

55 fully funded science residencies, sparking aspiration and curiosity

Countless food parcels, given with dignity, warmth and care

These numbers reflect more than donations — they reflect hope, opportunity and community strength. They show what becomes possible when we work side by side, shoulder to shoulder, for the good of all.

This is civic duty in action.

This is collaboration creating change.

This is the power of shared purpose — and it lives within us.

Together, we continue to prove that kindness multiplies, impact grows, and no child is left behind when a community moves as one.

