As we approach the end of 2018 I wanted to email to give you an update on how our Green School students are doing and on their progress.

I am very pleased to report that the Green School Outreach project is proving to be very successful, and achieving all that we hoped it would. The students have enjoyed making visits to maintain the local war memorial, peace garden, and allotment of someone who is no longer able to maintain it themselves. The students under the guidance of our horticultural tutor, have enjoyed planning the work required when out in the community, including what equipment is required, sourcing the planting, ensuring that health and safety requirements are met e.g. high visibility coats worn, and also learning skills and behaviour for future working life. The Nineveh funding has crucially contributed to the salary of the horticultural tutor that supports these students, and has enabled us to purchase the equipment and supplies they need to go and work out in the community.

The students are also progressing well with their City & Guilds Level 1 qualification, and hopefully progressing onto level 2. The schools and parents of the students continue to report of their improved behaviour and engagement since attending Green School at The Therapy Garden, with some of the students also evidently gaining in self-confidence and self-esteem too. The horticultural tutor has also been working hard to manage propagation in the garden, and the pictures attached show some of our beautiful produce. Students have enjoyed growing and harvesting in the garden, as well as craft activities using produce from the garden.

Green School continues to be in demand and we have students on waiting lists wanting to join. We are looking forward to the students taking on more new activities in the new year, on our new area of land which was gifted to us by the local council and is now incorporated into our current site. One of our volunteers is a garden designer and has helped us to create a new design and future plan for the garden, which includes many more areas for the students to enjoy and learn new skills in.

I attach some photographs which show the students out at work in the community, as well as some of our produce and craft activities.

Sending our best wishes from staff, clients, and volunteers her at the garden, and we welcome you to visit us anytime.

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