



Update to The Nineveh Charitable Trust June 2022

Moor House School & College made an application to **The Nineveh Charitable Trust** for a grant towards a new Residential Village Sensory Garden and were delighted to be awarded £2,022 in September 2021.

I write to provide you with an update of the work undertaken.

The concept of the sensory garden was developed to ensure students have a stimulating outdoor space as part of our residential provision. The area has provided a place for students to socialise, play and have some quiet time.

We have confidently met our outcomes for the students by providing:

- Much needed increased outdoor space for students
- A homely garden to aid with transition to a residential setting
- A purpose designed space suitable for all students but that particularly benefits students with sensory integration difficulties
- Increased opportunity for extra-curricular activities. A popular gardening club has been established and includes edible crops such as strawberries and vegetables that can then be utilised in cooking activities
- Facilities to aid in sensory regulation. The tepee has been particularly popular for over stimulated students.

I am delighted to share with you some images of the garden.

The outdoor sofa and table were one of the most expensive purchases and forms the main gathering area for students. A waterproof cover was purchased to ensure it is kept clean and dry. Accessories and cushions have been added to make the garden homelier and inviting



Durable artificial ivy fencing was erected to make the space cosy and more secluded.



A statement chalkboard was placed on the wall to encourage students to draw and play games. Chalk pens were chosen as they are clearer and more durable.



Mirrors and a feature floral wall with added games were hung to meet the sensory needs of the students



A planter trough has been very popular with the newly established gardening club.



The tepee creates a fantastic space for quiet time or den games. All weather fairy lights will soon be added to the interior to extend the sensory experience.



Plants and hanging baskets are being tended to by students with the support of staff members.



The project has transformed an underutilised area within the school into an inspiring and functional space that is able to be enjoyed by students of all ages and with all manner of sensory needs.

We are extremely grateful to The Nineveh Trust for the generous donation. There is no doubt that this transformation would not have been possible without your support.

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