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FOR All

**“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow” *Audrey Hepburn***

At Sir William Romney’s school, we currently have some large grounds in school and a little hidden jewel that is the horticultural classroom, which is helping nurture and develop some of our KS4 student’s curriculum. The rationale of getting involved with the Social Spaces project and specifically with the external area has been to spread the benefits of green living to all of our students. In order to achieve this, we have focused on 4 key external areas, which, we hope, will help care for our students’ well-being and our impact on the environment.

## 1) A floral pathway

This green pathway will link the main school to the Horticultural Classroom and aim to have a direct positive impact on the environment through a careful choice of plants, trees and accessories to help wild-life. Alongside the flora, students are keen to include some artwork and sculpture to bring another dimension to the floral walk. A sense of being invited to walk down the path would be created through the use of archways.



## 2) The creation of a calm, peaceful and sensory enclosed garden

This will be achieved by transforming the existing quad space on the back of the library. We are hoping for a water fountain, soft solar lighting in the tree, artificial grass, comfortable seating to pacify, encourage relaxation and also offer an additional reading nook for our students.



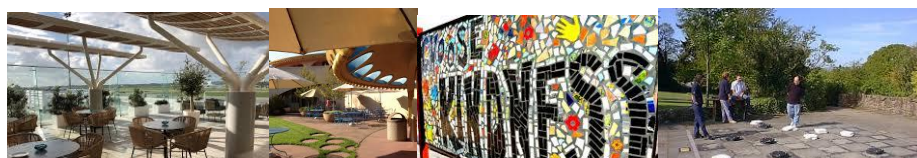
### 3) A convivial *afresco* space to eat

This will be directly linked to our planned redesigned and refurbished refectory. The idea is to open the refectory onto a green space with communal outdoor tables and seating, where students can enjoy lunch, enjoy each other's company, whilst benefiting from the fresh air. We are also hoping to have some fresh herbs raised bed to help define the space, develop senses and provide the canteen with fresh, home grown produced ingredients.



### 4) A shade sail

A modern shelter to keep our children safe from the elements – whether it be heavy rain or strong sun – and where they could once again enjoy the green outside spaces the school offers them. We are aiming to replace the existing shelter by a shade sail. Underneath, we would love to have some round seating to encourage children's interactions. Students are also hoping to design some external art work which promotes kindness and inspiring messages through a mural in the area. If possible, we would like to consider some external games available to our students there to encourage community bonding.



Thank you so much in advance for your contributions, being big or small.



The Sir William Romney's school external spaces team.