

PRESS RELEASE



Jeremiah's Journey to Benefit from College Fundraising

City College Plymouth has nominated local charity, Jeremiah's Journey, as the recipient for its fundraising and volunteering activity during this academic year.

Jeremiah's Journey is a local, self-funded charity that offers support and information to children and their families who have experienced or are anticipating the death of someone special. In the last year, the charity has directly supported nearly 220 children and indirectly supported a further 96 children through giving advice and information to their parents and/or carers. Their service is offered to families living in Plymouth and the immediate surrounding area.

Talking about the charity, City College Plymouth Principal, Phil Davies, said: "We are delighted to be supporting Jeremiah's Journey, a local charity that does fantastic work to support bereaved families within the community.

"Every year, our students and staff organise an array of fundraising activities, in order to support the local community and those in need and this year will be no exception. We are looking forward to working with the Charity over the next academic year."

The charity offer support in a variety of ways, tailored to meet the needs of each family. One of the ways support is offered is through their short term therapeutic group programmes for children, young people and their parents/carers.

Chief Executive Officer at Jeremiah's Journey, Joanne Anning explains: "We use creative activities within the sessions to enable the children to express their feelings of grief; share their memories of their lost loved one; and explore effective ways of coping to build resilience. We like to provide activities for our families to do together, which allow them to have fun and build lasting friendships. A more recent development has been to extend our service to help children who have a parent with a terminal illness. By providing them with a safe space to meet others who are facing similar uncertainty, we hope that it reassures them that they are not alone.

"The support that City College Plymouth are giving is vital in enabling us to continue to help these children at such a sad time in their lives. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for helping to make a difference in the lives of grieving children."

The College is holding an opening day on Saturday 8 November from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Come along for FREE, impartial advice and guidance to help you make the right choices. Our staff and students will be on-hand to give advice on careers, funding, including the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans, childcare and travel costs. For more information and to register to attend, visit www.cityplym.ac.uk/home or call **01752 305300**.

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Note to Editors

- The National Student Survey 2014 placed the College 4th in the country for student satisfaction, with 97% of Higher Education students more than satisfied with City College, compared to 86% nationally (Higher Education Funding Council for England directly funded students).
- Ofsted rated the College as 'good' with 'outstanding' features in its 2012 inspection visit. Provision for apprentices in engineering and learners in hospitality and catering is outstanding (source: Ofsted Inspection Report 2012).
- Ofsted graded the College's Apprenticeship provision as 'outstanding' in its 2012 inspection visit (source: Ofsted Inspection Report 2012).
- The College is 1st in the South West for Apprenticeships, with success rates 14% above the national average (source: National Success Rate Tables 2012/13).
- Almost 10% of Plymouth's population (15 years and over) study or train with the College in any single year (source: Office of National Statistics 2011).
- 97% of employers would recommend the College to another employer and felt that the training they have received met their business objectives (Employer Satisfaction Survey 2013).
- The College was invited to join the Gazelle Group in 2012. Gazelle brings together leaders from the private and public sectors who are committed to deploying entrepreneurship as a strategic driver for change in the education sector. Gazelle intends to harness the exceptional experience and expertise of entrepreneurs who have succeeded in business, are proven creators of wealth and who are willing to bring their experience of growing successful businesses into the heart of the further education sector. For more information visit: www.thegazellegroup.com.
- City College Plymouth is a Highly Trusted Sponsor of UK Visas and Immigration and has been awarded the International Charter by the Association of Colleges.

Jeremiah's Journey

- To find out more about Jeremiah's Journey please visit: www.jeremiahsjourney.org.uk

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