Packham Class

Packham Team would like to share the success of our Year 7 students' Community journey throughout their first year at Churchward School.

At Churchward we not only support the academic growth of our students, we also endeavour to provide stimulating opportunities to develop social, communication and interaction skills within the Community.

At the start of the academic year, the thought of leaving the school premises was a very scary and potentially triggering thought for some of our students. However, with encouragement and guidance from staff and flourishing support among peers, Packham's journey into the Community began.

Earlier Community lessons began with walks to the Tadpole parks, choosing a treat in the local Sainsburys, and litter picking walks. A short car or minibus journey was introduced to Asda, Coate Water and Lydiard Park. Over the terms this steadily progressed to further afield destinations such as Jubilee Lakes and South Cerney Lakes.

The experiences and new skills gained have created a clear effect on the student's lives outside of Churchward, as parents have shared noticing a positive difference in their child's willingness and confidence when out in the community.

We are very proud of our Packham students for the confidence they are continually gaining, challenging themselves, interacting with members of the public, independently developing their risk assessment and safety skills, continuing to build relationships with their peers and staff members, and for positively representing Churchward School in the Community. Well done Packham!