

# INNOVATION IN SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM

**Dying  
Matters**

*Let's talk  
about it*

Name of School		Haberdashers' Askes Hatcham College	
Address of school		Pepys road, New Cross London SE14 5SF	
Name of lead teacher on project		Hannah Denham	
Job Title	Head of Art	email address	Sh-denham@hahc.org.uk
Project Title		The Art of Dying	
Number of pupils involved	7	Age range	16 - 17
Outside institution involved/Community link			
Greenwich and Bexley Cottage Hospice			
National Council for Palliative care			
Brief outline of project			
<p>Pupils were linked to a patient each from the hospice. Patients and pupils met 4 times over a month to chat, drink tea and generally find out about each other. Pupils also discussed with the patients Art and what the patient would like the pupil to create for them to leave their family after they die.</p> <p>The pupils then in their own time created a piece of Art to be donated to the patient's family. This handing over of work took place at a Hospice ceremony where both the pupils and the patient's families came along to join in the festivities. The work was also displayed in ain the institute of Medicine as an exhibition.</p>			

Main objectives of project	In relation to dying matters
<p>To bridge the gap between teenagers and hospice patients, to give pupils a better understanding of hospice and to talk about illnesses and dying without there being a taboo.</p> <p>To link with the local community and create Art that was for a purpose not just for a qualification.</p>	
<p>Brief review of projects.</p> <p>Did you meet your objectives, were there any unexpected outcomes, did all go to plan.</p>	
<p>The pupils fell in love with the patients. They were very fond of them and after the first visit the patients were no longer referred to as patients but as Rom or Derek.</p> <p>The pupils were much more open to discussing dying and would instigate discussions in the classroom with fellow pupils about their experiences, this managed to quash some misconceptions other pupils who were not involved in the project had about hospices.</p>	
Nomination for student or teacher	Jack Boutwood
<p>Reason for nomination</p> <p>Jack and Derek (his Patient) became the best of friends. They are still facebook buddies. Jacks visits to Derek were the best thing that happened to Derek all week.</p>	
Date of submission	March 2010

To submit this application; Email to [sh-Denham@hahc.org.uk](mailto:sh-Denham@hahc.org.uk) or post to Hannah Denham at Haberdashers Askes Hatcham College. Pepys road, New cross London SE14 5SF, with any additional information. Photos, tickets, DVD's etc.

We look forward to hearing about how you got involved,

