

## SHINING LIGHTS FOR YOUNG MINDS

Special workshops delivered by acclaimed and award-winning artists are the latest in a series of online events at Bryanston School which were set up to ensure pupils were challenged to explore their own imagination and develop their artistic skills and ideas during lockdown. An invitation has also been extended for pupils at The Blandford School to join the next live online workshop to be hosted by highly-respected portrait artist Paul Brandford.

Aside from ensuring academic continuity and maintaining individual support through its dedicated Guided Learning Programme, Bryanston's head of art, Doug Knight, believes the extra steps taken by the Dorset school have helped to encourage and stimulate intelligent curiosity and original thinking among all pupils during the pandemic. "Delivering an effective



and fulfilling remote learning experience for pupils has been a challenge for all schools, all teachers and all parents," he says. "It's all the more challenging when something as nebulous and individual as creative thinking lies at the very heart of the educational model. We know how pupils thrived from

the experience of earlier pre-lockdown workshops at the school so we were keen to add similar variety and interest to our own online resources. However, the new initiatives have also provided us with the opportunity to extend similar support for neighbouring schools which has been really well received."



## FEEDING THE COMMUNITY

Exeter Cathedral School and their catering partners, Thomas Franks have teamed up together to provide 100 breakfast meals a week to St Petrok's, a local charity that provides a range of services for homeless or vulnerably housed people. As part of the Thomas Franks 'Feeding Communities Initiative', volunteers from Exeter Cathedral

School are utilising the school's kitchen facilities to prepare delicious hot breakfast meals which are then delivered across the Cathedral Green and distributed at St Petrok's headquarters.

"We are pleased to be working in partnership with Thomas Franks to support our neighbours and the local community," says Exeter Cathedral School head, James Featherstone. "We're known as a school where 'people matter', and that extends of course beyond the school walls."



## SPARKING CURIOSITY

After last year's successful online fair, Big Bang Digital has been confirmed to return this June and promises to be "bigger and better" than before. The popular science and technology event will take place over the course of three days from Wednesday 23 June until Friday 25. Themed around building a brighter and greener future, the sessions on offer are tailored to students aged between 11 and 14. Through a mixture of live and pre-recorded lessons, students from around the UK can grow their passion for STEM subjects. [thebigbangfair.co.uk](http://thebigbangfair.co.uk)