

# Chelsea Academy

*Hear how they are spending their funding, and the impact it is having*

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Chelsea Academy embarked on a journey of transformation with the Opening Schools Facilities (OSF) initiative. Joining in Round 2, the academy seized the opportunity to enhance student engagement and well-being through a diverse range of after-school clubs, supported by £19,250 in funding.

The OSF funding empowered Chelsea Academy to push nine innovative projects tailored to the varied interests and needs of its student community. From Muay Thai sessions led by World Champion Daniel Terry to morning yoga in the inclusion support center, the academy's after-school offerings became vibrant hubs of activity and personal development.

One standout initiative, the Muay Thai club, captured the imagination of students like Philip, who discovered newfound enjoyment and self-defense skills under Coach Terry's guidance. Philip's testimonial mirrors the sentiments of many peers who found fulfillment and skill development through these experiences.

**“ I had never experienced Muay Thai before; it's very enjoyable, it's been great for self-defense and I have improved my technique a lot. The coach is fun and knowledgeable. It's definitely something I want to carry on doing” - Philip, Year 10 student**

Moreover, Chelsea Academy's commitment to inclusivity shone brightly as it removed sign-up requirements and uniform constraints, ensuring that every student, regardless of background, could participate fully in the after-school clubs.

Central to the success of these initiatives was the dedication of Chelsea Academy's staff, who underwent specialised training to deliver high-quality experiences. Whether acquiring Level 2 trampolining qualifications or partnering with external experts for the dance club, the staff's commitment to excellence was unwavering.

As Chelsea Academy looks towards the future, entering the third year of the OSF initiative, the focus shifts to sustainability. With resounding endorsements from students like Philip, who express a desire to continue their journey of growth, the impact of the OSF funding stands as a testament to the transformative power of investment in such initiatives.

In the words of Luke Pritchard, the PE Curriculum Lead at Chelsea Academy, the OSF funding has facilitated not only the acquisition of equipment and expertise but also a cultural shift, enriching student life and fostering exploration and growth.

