

Students' visits to elderly



SIXTH FORMERS from [Downend School](#) are helping to break down stereotypes through a link with a care home for elderly people.

The efforts of the 'Stereoteens' team have been recognised by the charity [Envision](#), which helps promote active citizenship.

The post-16 students visited the elderly people, talked to them about their views, decorated cakes together and also shared experiences of growing up in different times.

The 26 team members said they benefited a huge amount from their experience and that they intended to organise further visits.

A school spokesman said: "The students feel they have gained invaluable skills, in terms of communication, employability, team work, and leadership. They have also strengthened Downend School's ties with the local community, which is an added bonus "