

See what other schools say and speak with them



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Lealands High School, Luton, Beds

*'We enjoyed the training and feel confident about using the defibrillator'*  
Pat Kearney, School Nurse, 2006

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Bedale High School, North Yorkshire  
The AED has arrived



Our quest for an AED (**Automated External Defibrillator**) started in 2008 when we received information from **SADS UK**, a charity that 'raises awareness about heart conditions that can cause a Sudden Arrhythmic Death (SAD)' and was **founded by a mother whose 16 year old son died unexpectedly in his sleep**. It made me aware that anyone can appear fit and healthy yet have an underlying heart condition that can reduce their lifespan. **Having an AED in school could save a life**. It works by restarting the heart and the quicker this is administered to a person who has suffered a sudden arrhythmia the higher the chance of them recovering.

With the **support of Mr Turner, Mrs Lewin and Mrs Barclay** we have managed to raise funds through non-school uniform days, raffles and numerous competitions run in the LRC. Having reached the halfway point with our fundraising the **Friends of Bedale High School very kindly matched our funds enabling us to finally purchase our AED**. We will still endeavour to raise funds to ensure our AED will always be ready to be used.

I would like to say a **HUGE thank you to The Coop, Bedale**, who have always supported us with donations for our raffles, **Chocca** for their raffle donation and to all the staff and students who have purchased raffle tickets over the last couple of years without whom we wouldn't have achieved anything. The school's First Aid responders will receive training to use the AED as soon as possible. **Melanie Fenner, Tel: 01677 422419 [FENNERM@bedalehigh.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:FENNERM@bedalehigh.n-yorks.sch.uk)**

The Billericay School, Essex



I'd be more than happy to speak with other schools. We count ourselves extremely fortunate at The Billericay School to have the defib that you donated to us. We have another student coming to us in September on medication for Wolff Parkinson White (which was what caused the death of Louise, in whose memory the Defib was donated). We obviously hope we never need to use the defib, but I feel it's something all large establishments should have "just in case". Thank you again, **Clare Henney, Welfare Assistant. Email [CHenney@Billericay.essex.sch.uk](mailto:CHenney@Billericay.essex.sch.uk) Tel: 01277 655191 Option 4**

Trinity School, Croydon, Surrey



I coordinated the kind presentation of our defibrillator and training with our staff. Thankfully as yet, we happily cannot report first hand on the benefit of having one on site but I can certainly explain the painless process of accepting one, the training and upkeep!

Trinity was very grateful for the donation and I would be happy to talk to anyone who would like to hear about accepting such a generous and life saving gift. Whilst my direct line is given below, due to the volume of work at any one time and the nature of my work, I may not be always at my desk.

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