

Greatwood Educational Programme for young people with learning and emotional difficulties

We would like to say a huge thank you to you for funding our teaching scheme 'VisionWorks'. We have found the lessons that it provides very successful in teaching students in their emotional literacy. They have discovered strategies to help them cope with social situations they may find difficult and upsetting, such as bullying. It has also encouraged them to be positive and show respect for others and different opinions. We have been impressed with the range of activities to present to the students. They have very much enjoyed the artistic tasks!

Included in the package was also training from the authors. They visited Greatwood and trained Chris and myself on the techniques and also shared the science and philosophy behind the scheme. They gave us further information to support the importance behind emotional intelligence and links to greater academic success.



In both photos the students are developing their co-operation skills with their assigned 'buddy' after a focused session delivered from the VisionWork scheme. Students were made aware of how interrupting stops communication. They thought about why the person might interrupt such as they might be bored, thinks their thoughts are more important, is just rude...

The following teaching sessions were delivered in the sensory garden butterfly spotting (for the girls) and woodlands bug hunting (for the boys) highlighted the importance of listening to each other and taking it in turns to speak to achieve a common goal.

As the new academic year begins, we look forward to delivering the schemes fully from start to finish to analyse the full impact it has on the students' learning. We believe that this will continue to be a successful tool in our teaching at Greatwood as we help create brighter futures for the students of Wiltshire.

Once again, many thanks for all your support,