

Personal Skill Development Activities Term One Feedback – December 2016

Activity	Skill/s	Positive Score	Progress	Comments / Action
Aerobics (JJ)	Physical Skills	19 positives out of 19 returns 100%	19 made progress out of 19 returns - 100%	Very Positive Better music & more complex
<p><i>Good: "I feel a lot fitter and my health has improved." – Yr10</i> <i>"I feel much fitter and I have enjoyed coming. This term has been fun." – Yr7</i> <i>Better If: "Better music and more complex moves." – Yr9</i></p>				
Archaeology & Ancient History (NLB)	Analytical skills	11 positives out of 11 returns 100%	11 made progress out of 11 returns - 100%	Very Positive Do some actual digging
<p><i>Good: "I have developed my analytical skills by looking at cave paintings and finding out what hieroglyphics are. We have looked at pottery and worked out the size of the complete piece. Margaret (from Malton museum) and Kate (from Slingsby) came in to talk about fossils." – Yr8</i> <i>Better If: "It could have been better if we had done some digging." – Yr9</i></p>				
Badminton (MEB / ACW)	Physical Skills	20 positives out of 24 returns 83%	20 made progress out of 24 returns 83%	Positive Mismatch of players Less players so more time
<p><i>Good: "I have learnt to be more patient, as well as placing my shots better and more accurately." – Yr12</i> <i>Better If: "More work (help) on the skill that you are struggling with." – Yr10</i></p>				
Beyond A Level Chemistry (JKR)	Complex practical skills	5 positives out of 5 returns 100%	5 made progress out of 5 returns 100%	Very Positive Improved structure to sessions Greater depth on one topic
<p><i>Good: "I have learnt how to effectively use scientific equipment in order to advance my skills with building and designing relevant projects." – Yr12</i> <i>Better If: "A more definitive structure of what will be covered and when." – Yr13</i></p>				
Beyond A Level History (LJC)	Research Skills	15 positives out of 15 returns – 100%	15 made progress out of 15 returns – 100%	Very Positive
<p><i>Good: "It has improved my confidence in researching skills. I have become more confident in extracting relevant information from books and have learnt to use Google Books and Google Scholar." – Yr13</i> <i>Better If: "More time." – Yr13</i></p>				
CadCam (MSW)	Technical / Design Skills	13 positives out of 13 returns – 100%	13 made progress out of 13 returns – 100%	Very Positive
<p><i>Good: "My skill level with the use of CadCam has improved a lot as I can confidently use 2D design and help others" – Yr10</i> <i>Better If: "I need to learn more about the laser cutter" – Yr10</i></p>				

Charities (LCD)	Organisational and Presentational Skills	13 positives out of 13 returns – 100%	13 made progress out of 13 returns – 100%	Very Positive More teaching on organising events
<p><i>Good: "I have learnt to work better as part of a team. I have been given the chance to raise money for worthy causes. The events we have done have raised a commendable amount of money - £90 on our first event and £70 on the second. I have also learnt that even though you need help to organise a big event, I now know that I can do my bit as I raised £52 for charity on my own. I think I now have more confidence for what I can do to help people with life-changing situations." – GV – Yr7</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "It could have been improved if we got taught how to organise events on our own." – Yr9</i></p>				
Cooking to Entertain (JW)	Cookery skills	5 positives out of 5 returns – 100%	5 made progress out of 5 returns – 100%	Very Positive Use of themes each week
<p><i>Good: "I have really enjoyed making my interesting recipes and have thoroughly enjoyed this PDA. I will not be frightened of cooking." – Yr8</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "Judge each other's food – eg a bake off!" – Yr8</i></p>				
Cooking for Life (ZS & NR)	Cookery Skills	20 positives out of 20 returns – 100%	18 made progress out of 20 returns – 90%	Positive More complex recipes
<p><i>Good: "I feel like this experience has helped me to flourish into a better cook" – Yr9</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "Personally my skills have not developed but I have had fun cooking" – Yr7</i></p>				
Craft (AXS & CF)	Craft skills	3 positives out of 5 returns – 60%	3 made progress out of 5 returns – 60%	Mixed views
<p><i>Good: "I have learnt to make a few things" – Yr9</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "I don't like PDA because I have to stay in school" – Yr10</i></p>				
Conversational Spanish (TAB)	Communication / Language Skills	15 positives out of 16 returns – 94%	15 made progress out of 16 returns – 94%	Very Positive
<p><i>Good: "I've learnt new ways to learn a language which I think will help me to achieve more highly in my German GCSE" – Yr11</i></p> <p><i>"I have found this course a very helpful starting point. I will continue to study Spanish in my free time." – Yr10</i></p> <p><i>Better if: "Difficult to research vocab on tables with Yr8s as they don't have iPads" – Yr13</i></p>				
Debating (RW)	Listening, Speaking and Presentational Skills	12 positives out of 12 returns – 100%	12 made progress out of 12 returns – 100%	Very Positive
<p><i>Good: "My skills have developed during this course a lot. I have grown a lot more confident and learnt how to speak and deliver my speech more clearly." – FH – Yr9</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "Do topics aimed at my age group, not 3 or 4 years younger." – Yr12</i></p>				

Duke of Edinburgh Award (MXF)	Teamwork, planning, organisation and physical skills	21 positives out of 21 returns – 100%	21 made progress out of 21 returns – 100%	Very Positive More work on camping skills
<p><i>Good: "I have now learnt first aid. My map skills have developed." – Yr11</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "We could spend the PDA sessions working on our identified skill, or on the physical and volunteering assessed aspects." – Yr11</i></p>				
Emotional Well-being (JL)	Personal skills	6 positives out of 6 returns 100%	6 made progress out of 6 returns – 100%	Positive More role-play games
<p><i>Good: "I have learnt to deal with lots of emotions and how to smile more than I used to. It might help me get along with my family better." – Yr9</i></p> <p><i>"I have learnt to spot symptoms of panic attacks and depression and I have learnt how to deal with these things." – Yr9</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "Maybe do some more acting games for emotions." – Yr10</i></p>				
Gardening (HRW & SP)	Physical and design skills	6 positives out of 6 completed returns – 100%	6 made progress out of 6 completed returns – 100%	Positive
<p><i>Good: "I have learnt how to set out plants properly and which soil to use" – Yr7</i></p> <p><i>Better If: - None</i></p>				
Introduction to Business (SB)	Careers / Presentational skills	8 positives out of 8 returns 100%	8 made progress out of 8 returns – 100%	Very Positive Improve questioning ability
<p><i>Good: "I have learnt how to build the best CV I can and what type of attitude I need to have when looking for a job. I've learnt also about different types of work and the various stages I need to take before I find a job." – Yr12</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "I might need to improve how to ask questions." – Yr10</i></p>				
KS3 Football (RJC)	Physical Skills	42 positives out of 49 returns 86%	42 made progress out of 49 returns – 86%	Positive More games
<p><i>Good: "I have improved my weak foot and knowledge of when to pass and when to dribble" – Yr8</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "Do more passing and moves" – Yr8</i></p>				
KS3 Rugby (TH)	Physical Skills	15 positives out of 20 returns 75%	15 made progress out of 20 returns – 75%	Positive Contact rugby
<p><i>Good: "I have been developing my vision and off-loads into good attacking positions. I have been improving my kicks to beat the defence." – Yr9</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "More contact rugby" – Yr7</i></p>				
KS3 Private Study	Organisation Skills	10 positives out of 10 returns 100%	10 made progress out of 10 returns – 100%	Very Positive
<p><i>Good: "I learned how to complete homework to a higher standard than normal" – Yr8</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "Better choice of sweets!" – Yr9</i></p>				

KS4 Private Study (HMP & DMJ)	Organisation Skills	12 positives out of 13 returns 92%	12 made progress out of 13 returns – 92%	Very Positive More help
<p><i>Good: "I feel this PDA session has really helped me and I wish I could continue especially as I am getting closer to the exams. Furthermore, this session has helped improve my grades and the quality of the work that I produce." –Yr11</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "Let me go home. That would improve it. Stop worrying so much about Ofsted and worry more about our education and well-being." – Yr10</i></p>				
Microbiology (NJC / PME)	Critical Thinking / Problem Solving / Organisational Skills	18 positives out of 18 returns 100%	18 made progress in one or more skills out of 18 returns 100%	Exceptionally positive Do more plates Measuring the bacteria
<p><i>Good: "No improvements! Mrs Cooper is great! (and so is Mrs Eldrett!) – Yr11</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "No improvement could be made except for maybe doing more plates" – Yr8</i></p>				
News Group (JGS / SB)	Analytical & Writing Skills	7 positives out of 7 returns – 100%	7 made progress out of 7 returns – 100%	Very Positive
<p><i>Good: "I really improved my speaking and developed my writing skills for a newspaper, as well I have also found that I have stopped stuttering when speaking and interviewing people." - Yr8</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "Better editing software available" – Yr10</i></p>				
Personal Finance (NXO)	Numeracy and Organisational Skills	9 positives out of 9 returns 100%	9 made progress out of 9 returns – 100%	Very Positive More use of computers
<p><i>Good: "I have learnt lots of things that I'll need when I'm older, which includes mortgages and personal budgeting" – Yr11</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "Learn about passport applications" – Yr11</i></p>				
Photography (AXH / VRW)	Technical / Artistic skills	40 positives out of 42 returns 95%	40 made progress out of 42 returns 95%	Positive Use of DSLRs / More advanced photography / Improved behaviour
<p><i>Good: "I have developed my team work skills and learned to use apps like photoshop. I have learned how to communicate a story through images. I have learned about positioning and facial expressions, to get emotions across." – Yr11</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "Practice taking more photos rather than editing" – Yr10</i></p>				
Theatre (HMS)	Dramatic / Presentational / Teamwork / Production skills	26 positives out of 28 returns 93%	27 made progress out of 28 returns 96%	Positive More control & better tasks More backstage development
<p><i>Good: "I have learnt to deliver lines with character and expression. This has developed because I didn't use to read with character. I was a bit monotone." – Yr9</i></p> <p><i>Better If: "We could have done a main play where everyone got equal parts." – Yr7</i></p>				

NB: There are only returns here from 25 PDA sessions. Returns from a further 8 sessions are still to be collected.