



The Thespian Project in Oldham 2011

Delivery

30 guided learning hours. Matched to fit with school requirements and constraints

Partners

- The Enterprise Centre (Lead)
- Oldham Coliseum
- The Collective Partnership
- Great Marketing Works
- Rocknine Creative
- Werneth Primary School

Aim

To build confidence and self-esteem for year six students embarking on transition to secondary school. To explore hopes and fears of changes ahead and break down barriers for hope on this crucial stage of their development.

Objective

To facilitate learning for the year five and six students at the school in:

- Project Planning – using project management cycles
- Team working and responsibilities
- Confidence building through drama
- Concepts of marketing
- Problem solving
- Event planning and facilitation
- Developing emotional intelligence to include 5 year ten students from The Oasis Academy, Oldham as mentors in the whole process.

Outputs

- Students of year five achieve level 2 Vocational Related Qualification at level 2 in Contributing to a Project.
- Mentors from Oasis Academy achieve a level 3 award in 'Personal Mastery'
- Students design, plan and implement a drama project reflecting hopes and fears for moving to secondary school.
- Students acquire techniques for motivational development and stress management.
- Teachers develop Knowledge and skills in enterprising activities through pre training and contribution to the whole for enhanced enterprise skills for them to replicate the work in the future.
- Students, Teachers at school and the wider community celebrate at an event to showcase the work they have produced. (All accreditations endorsed by EDI awarding body.)

Delivery Model

- Pre delivery training session with staff at school
- Four sessions underpinning knowledge through action led and applied learning of project planning methodology and marketing your efforts.
- Three sessions (3,6 and 12) Emotional intelligence, team building, self-esteem management and evaluation
- Four sessions underpinning knowledge through action led and applied learning on drama techniques, communication (verbal and non-verbal) expressionism and production
- One session of event planning and implementation of work involving the wider community hosted at school.

Results

A twenty minute production delivered to year five students, staff and parents.

Comments from staff and Head of the school

"I can't believe how much the students have learnt, how they all got involved and the results they produced"

'Nicky – Class six Teacher'

"I think this work will really help the students in transition, the hopes and fears were quite illuminating, but I would not hesitate in doing this project again"

'Sara Holroyd' (Head of School)

"It was really good and fun, I can't say everything I've learnt because there was so much."

'year six student'

"I really enjoyed working with the young people and the Oldham coliseum, and yes I think I have developed more as a leader"

'year ten student mentor from Oasis Academy Oldham'