

Raising Aspirations

Pushing aspirations for future job prospects amongst young people is vital. We must also consider personal identity and how to support young people as they navigate their transition into the next stages of education.



Why do students need support?

Results from an Oxford University Press survey discovered that children's word of the year 2021 was 'anxiety'. Post-Covid, young people are facing a crisis with confidence, motivation and sense of self. This gap with personal identity can result in a lack of aspiration for careers, subject choices or interest in any extra curricular activities outside of mandatory education. The Swindon Raising Aspirations Project aims to encourage pupils at all stages to consider their own interests, skills and abilities, in the hopes that it will help them to build character and widen their thinking around potential career routes.

Mental health challenges amongst young people must be addressed to support them with the practical elements of their future. This project includes access to resources which can help young people feel more comfortable with change; this is a hugely important aspect as many young students are daunted by the idea of transitioning to secondary school or the next stages of adulthood. Covid has had a huge impact on their social, personal and academic progression. Our resources for both primary and secondary phases combined with our end of year event, will provide knowledge of the working world as well as the qualities needed to cope with transitions.

"Believe in your infinite potential. Your only limitations are those you set upon yourself."

Roy T. Bennett

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What we are doing

As part of our 'Raising Aspirations Project' we are offering transition content to primary schools. We are also providing our 11-16 PSHE resources to secondary schools, which cover topics to help with practical skills for the future, as well as managing emotions.

Resources



Chameleon Compass

Last year we surveyed year 7 pupils. We found that for 60% of them, transition to secondary school had been stressful. Even prior to Covid, we know that for some children primary children find the move to secondary school challenging. teachers have been telling us that the transition to secondary can be traumatic for children. We have created the Chameleon Compass library, to support pupil transition. This library is editable and available to any Swindon primary school signed up to our project.

PSHE Resources (11-16)

Our PSHE resources for 11-16 cover a variety of vital topics. In addition to all statutory requirements, we also provide a range personal development, careers and learning resources. Students who have been impacted by Covid and who are moving on to higher education or the working world will benefit significantly from this learning. The full PSHE library is available to any Swindon secondary school signed up to the project.



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What we are doing

Included in our commission from Swindon Borough Council is the opportunity to run an event for both primary and secondary pupils, to showcase different career choices and help them with transitions. We are encouraging students to 'be what they see'.

End of year event

Raising Aspirations Event

Our main aim for the primary event is for pupils to practise and learn new skills that will help build aspiration and learn about the opportunities at secondary school that can lead to a range of job opportunities. The aim for the secondary event is for pupils to experience a wide range of opportunities and possibilities for next stages of education and employment.



Training opportunities

Chameleon PDE provide a wide range of free training opportunities around the many different aspects of PSHE:

**Chameleon PDE - Events- Personal Development Education
Events and Training For Schools and Teachers**

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