

SEND Interventions during School Closure- week beginning 25.01.21

On Monday our year 8's got off to an amazing start we were looking at regulating our emotions and we watched a short clip of Mr Bean looking at what he did wrong and how we could get it right. We had an interesting discussion and all participated.

On Tuesday our year 7's looked at different types of emotion and what they felt like in the body and what they looked like. We used the onscreen whiteboard to draw symbols for what each student felt each emotion looked like for them. Everyone interacted really well.

All participated actively and sensibly joined in the conversation taking turns and being respectful of each other. We also currently have 5 young people actively accessing our superb counselling on phone sessions. All those receiving are giving positive feedback about the active support that it is. The newest person to counselling said, "she felt really listened too and found her new counsellor brilliant"

We have several students working with Miss Begum and Mr Bye receiving valuable learning and behaviour mentor support which is helping them to stay on track during these difficult times providing a light for them to aspire too

During the week some students have study support phone or teams calls. Casie said, "I am so happy now thanks to your support Mrs Law my English teacher is sending me the power points so I can finish the work in my own time and I've been able to complete 2 pages of work. I feel more confident with my maths and I've been able to do 3 pages for science and my science teacher uses coloured backgrounds which really help me. I feel really proud of myself!

Wednesday's year 8 well-being group when surveyed showed that the well-being interventions and techniques they have been given in their online well-being support sessions are keeping their well-being and mental health at a good level compared to last year's lockdown. They also watched a short clip on 5 ways to well-being and discussed how they could use each one at this difficult time. All participated well

Thursday's year 9 study skills support and well-being looked at both a survey looking at their confidence and health during lockdown. All who participated said that getting the online extra support made them feel better than last lock down and they felt getting the individual help, helped them to better understand their work.

Our parents are a huge part of the work that as a sen team we collaborate with. The parents really appreciate the regular feedback and it really helps us motivate our students.

Here are a few appreciative quotes,

Thank you for the reply and all you have put in place to make Jay's time at school to suit his needs it's really appreciated knowing that Jay is happy at school and receiving the support he needs thank you. Mrs Chapman

Mrs Ghatavi, Frazer's mum said, "I thank East brook from the bottom of my heart Miss Rowson, Mrs Law and Miss Connor have all been god sends for me. I see the improvement in Frazer's confidence and interaction with his peers. The regular calls I've been receiving from Mrs Law have been a lifeline for me and I know the school are here for both of us and I cannot thank them enough for all the efforts they are going to give Frazer the best possible chance to progress."

Miss Burgess said, (Jake and Josh Robinson's mum), "I am so proud of how East brook has never given up on either of my sons. The sen department goes above and beyond to help them both understand the value of education and find creative ways of making it accessible. I would like to give a special thank you to Mr Bishop and Mrs Law for having the time and patience to get to know Jake's needs and interests and really work with these to engage him in his learning. I would also like to thank Mrs Law for her constant contact so we can work together as a partnership with both my sons."

To finish George Evans said, "Every student can learn just not on the same day or in the same way"

When our students are enabled with the right tools and support framework their resilience, openness and willingness to adapt to change, learn and grow increases and all can reach their full potential

All the team are extremely proud of all our students and work incredibly hard behind the scenes to make sure all is well!