

Youth Services

There have been 11 sessions run this term, and we have seen 34 young people.

Age	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18+
Number Female	2	7	6	1	3			
Number Male		3	3	6	3			

Week Commencing	Number	Notes
05 Jan	14	Enjoyed doing hedgehog books, table football, bagels and making bookmarks. Good balance between playing and enjoying themselves and not pushing things too far. Conversations about New Year resolutions, boys, dating, Christmas break, TikTok's, moving sets at school. One-to-ones about being socially anxious, therapy to help slow down speech.
12 Jan	21	first session using the hall with combined age groups. Overall thought to be an improvement with space to run off energy for some with reminders on rules and boundaries. Played football, conversation game, TikTok dance and made crafts. Conversations about AI, origami, card tricks, crushes. One-to-one conversations about feeling lonely. Altercation had to be resolved by staff but YP apologised.
19 Jan	20	A good session with everyone getting on well despite combining age groups. Lots of chat, playing games and doing valentine craft. Good to see improvement over the last 6 months for one yp who was struggling to engage with others. Conversations about football, friendship groups, mean posts on social media.
26 Jan	19	Enjoyed football, board games, making hanging pendants and generally socialising with question of the week "How does hearing the news affect you?". Long one-to-one about feeling others are being rude/bullying, ideas to help with stress. Other conversations about detentions anxiety, song lyrics. Had to walk round outside to hall due to issue with internal door.
02 Feb	22	enjoyed making own pitta and introduction to sauerkraut and homemade hummus. Discussed "What ways you could apologise to a friend", enjoyed PlayStation, football, dancing and making loom bands and trinket boxes. Conversations about school trips and rock climbing, lower school grades than expected, . Great atmosphere and some good interaction between year groups developing.
09 Feb	19	Good session with some creative ideas for new games being played. Also tried out some origami and drawing. Conversations about "How do you demonstrate love?", pets, lipreading, being sent out of class, football at school.
16 Feb		Half-term
23 Feb	23	Very loud session but enjoyed by all: badge making craft, creating own games (which helped with mixing of year groups), play acting a court drama. Conversations about recognising the start of spring, half-term activities, sleepovers, birthday parties, being ill, best friend moving to different school, family member being released from prison, dad being in therapy,
02 Mar	25	Lots of use of Hama beads and jar decorating, plus enjoyed nachos, and beans on toast. Conversations about sexuality (different flags), favourite book, bookathon day at school, aging great grandmother, surgery, auditions.
09 Mar	25	great ceramic (plates and mugs) decorating and enjoyed afternoon tea style food, also paper aeroplane competition. Planning talent show and games for

		last session of the term. Conversations about how to pronounce scone, what you are most proud of this week, HPV jab, future careers, university or not, war in middle east,
16 Mar	25	Good involvement in the crafts making Shrinkies keyrings and pipe cleaner flowers. Tried different types of fruit. One year group ran a talent show with lots taking part or judging. Good fun and supportive. Discussions around what your favourite thing about youth club is – being able to relax and see friends, not having to pretend who I am. Other conversations about the plates they painted last week (nearly brought Mum to tears), dance, energy, talents. One-to-ones about HPV jab and diabetic low.
23 Mar	25	A lively session to finish off the term with a team sports competition, biscuit decorating, toasted crumpets. YP involved in all the activities including organising and scoring. Great atmosphere.

Notes

The use of the main hall and combining the age groups into a weekly youth club has been a great success. It is providing opportunities for a wider range of activities, space for those that need it to run off some steam and regular contact with the same young people allowing for more open conversations.