

Creative Learning Day at KEVICC



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Sophie Killock ran debates associated with the Drugs Awareness sessions.

The day was very challenging with lots of mature and balanced discussion on the issues surrounding drug use: such as the moral dilemma, the legalities of drug dealing and the situations in which peer pressure might come into play. The Year 9 and 10 groups were really engaged and hugely supportive of each other's ideas and attitudes. A lively and well researched boxing-ring debate took place in Room 21 with some excellent and quick witted responses volleying back and forth. It was certainly educational!

The drug awareness debates were good - I'd like to do it more often.



The Proud2Be sessions were really useful and interesting. Talking to Mat and Jon with others of our own age was a very interesting and valuable experience.

The first of this year's Creative Learning Days saw a wide array of activity and learning. Being a healthy member of the KEVICC community was the underlying theme and all sessions worked towards meeting specific elements involved in staying healthy.

In year 7 and 8, the emphases were on eSafety, positive relationships and healthy lifestyle. The Creative Expressions in the afternoon saw posters, song, quizzes, TV adverts - all devised to fix and share the learning of the day. The eSafety sessions in particular, looking at privacy, cyber-bullying, Instagram and the like, proved a real eye-opener - not just for the students, but staff too being made acutely aware of the two-edge sword that modern communication presents.

Year 9/10 focussed on Substance Use - analysing representation in the media and debate. We welcomed Miguel who shared with both year groups his story of substance abuse and how making good choices can turn life around completely - an uplifting take of aspiration and positive actions. These elements were balanced with opportunity of debate and the design of an advertising campaign.

With the examination pressures faced by year 11 the whole day sought to equip

students to manage stress, present themselves effectively in interview and get the most out of their studies.

Revision and stress management also featured as part of the Sixth Form experience which centred mostly on living independently. We welcomed Proud2Be to lead discussion, debate and awareness of gender and relationship issues as well as practical activities - managing money, changing light bulbs, unblocking sinks and the like! The day culminated in a Ready Steady Cook 'competition' where Alan Salt and Jane Richardson contributed their diverse culinary skills only to be beaten hands down by the team who cooked a splendid looking stir fry!! Well done to Katie Ashmore Marsh, Rosie Issit, Emily Burrell and Katie Daymond!

So a great day all round. All eyes now on the next one - centring on Getting Involved and Political Engagement on March 6th 2015.



I've never thought about mending a bike tyre before but I might well have a bike at uni.



Thinking about how to manage money made the future seem very near and a bit scary, but it was good to concentrate on it.



I found that I didn't know how to sew on a button, or how to change a plug. I do now!



It was hard to know which foods were really the healthy choices sometimes. We have to exercise a lot to keep healthy.



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