



## WORKSHOP DAY

With the continued success of the Student Commission and the growing number of students involved it was decided to introduce a new structure for the forthcoming year. The new structure places students in to one of 6 hubs, each one has three staff assigned, and comprises around 25 students from across the age range, which is then further divided in smaller working groups. The new structure will allow the students greater freedom to decide their own focus for their groups and gives greater responsibility and accountability to all students, particularly the newly selected 'Student Leaders'.



The new structure

In order to outline how the Commission will work this year, and to explain how the expectations of the students have changed the Student Commissioners were involved in a workshop day at the end of the summer term. At the start of day the students were given presentations from three of last year's groups to highlight their success and outline the impact that the Student Commission can have on the day to day working of the school.

Students were then introduced to the new structure and divided in to their hubs. With the hubs being made up of a mix of students from years 9 to 12, and in order to encourage the students to work with others from different year groups they were then involved in a range of teambuilding activities designed to give the students the chance to display their leadership and teamwork skills as well as get to know the other members of their hub.



Team building

Following this the hubs were divided in to what would be their working groups from September and given a focus statement to work from to establish their aims and objectives for next year. Each hub, led by the Student Leaders, then prepared a 3 minute elevator pitch, delivered to the other Student Commissioners summarising the key priorities for their hub. The day was very successful, and all the groups have decided on their objectives for the next year and have out in place termly goals that will be reviewed to ensure that the work of the group is on track.



Last year the Student Commission achieved significant success, we took a group of student to present the work of the Commission at the prestigious SSAT National Conference, as well sending a small number of students to speak at the Peterborough Headteachers conference. The Commission also received praise from the Ofsted inspection and was mentioned favourably in the report which highlighted the way in which the programme encourages the students to become more independent learners.

The year ahead is set to be an exciting one, with the Student Commission building on its success but also developing and improving to allow the students more responsibility and greater control over the work they do.