

Daily reflection consultation (Pupil Leadership Team) 2011

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- Develop a spirit of community
- Consider spiritual and moral issues

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A1. It very much depends on how it is delivered by tutors – in some cases it is a central, daily teaching activity which makes students think and join in a focussed discussion with time for individual reflection. ‘It really makes you think. It’s a good start to the day.’

Sometimes it links to themes of books we are studying or people’s personal experiences.

At the other end of the spectrum other teachers just read it out or let a small number of pupils make a comment that others don’t really listen to.

(When asked to indicate where on a scale of 1 low-10 high they would rank their experiences of daily reflection, the average score of the 12 students was 7.1)

Where it works well it does achieve what it sets out to do.

2. Do you have any suggestions for improving what the school does?

If we’re going to do it we should do it properly - get all tutors to do it properly.

It’s good that the reflections do not directly talk about God – this could cause conflicts or upset people. The general/ moral reflections we have are motivational and do address values, what is right and wrong.

It would be good to have some quotes from religious texts –we can learn a lot from them – but without being linked directly to God – more like moral issues and guidance.

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They do make you think and discuss values but they don't address beliefs.

It doesn't always work with the whole class – individuals join in but it doesn't involve everybody.

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It would be better to have quotes from different holy books – even if the language is difficult it would get people talking.

The daily reflections could be a mixture of religious and non-religious – in a religious week each day could have a quote from a different faith's holy book on the same theme.

Students could help in preparing these.