

Subject name: Social Communication KS5

General Statement of Intent

In addition to SIRS sessions (please see separate intent sheet), sixth form students are offered social communication lessons. We recognise this is often one of the biggest area of difficulty to our students, however this needs to be addressed to allow students to become more confident in themselves and less vulnerable as they become adults.

We believe that without effective communication skills, students may struggle with their daily life and this could mean that their mental health can be affected.

It is important to us that students leaving sixth form are equipped with tools that allow them to become more independent as adults but also to further develop positive interactions and friendships.

Students should be taught the skills to be able make connections and become respected and valued members of society.

This session is designed to give students understanding, knowledge and practical skills of:

- Verbal and non-verbal communication
- Appropriate interactions (depending on recipient and the situation)
- Improving already existing skills
- Assertiveness
- Being able to find out information for variety of purposes
- Being an active listener
- Bring able to confidently express their own opinions and ideas
- Being able to talk about emotions.

Assessment strategies including external examinations

Against Skills, SIRS and W4U targets on Earwig assessment software.

Progress files to be completed by teacher and students.

Any additional notes

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