SALTLEY ACADEMY

Belchers Lane
Birmingham B9 5RX
Tel: 0121 566 6555
Fax: 0121 566 6559
Email: enquiry@saltley.academy
Website: www.saltley.academy

Head of School: Mr P White
CEO: Mr P Weir

17th May 2024

Endorsement of the 'Every Child Needs a Mentor' Programme

I am writing to provide a testimonial for the 'Every Child Needs a Mentor' programme, which our school recently utilised to support students who were at risk of permanent exclusion and potential involvement in criminal activities outside of school.

These students, prior to their participation in the mentoring scheme, exhibited very negative attitudes towards their education and showed a high level of defiance towards school staff.

The impact of the mentoring programme has included a noticeable increase in compliance and cooperation from these students during the mentoring period.

There was a significant decrease in negative behaviour points, coupled with an increase in positive behaviour points for these students.

At the of the programme, the students delivered presentations on their experiences with the mentoring process and shared their personal aspirations. These presentations were well-received by school staff parents and guardians. Students increased enthusiasm and willingness to participate in both academic and personal development activities within the school are testaments to the programme's success.

Given these significant positive outcomes, I recommend the 'Every Child Needs a Mentor' scheme for any institution seeking to provide meaningful support to students at risk.

Phillip Turner

Designated Safeguarding Lead and Senior Leader