

WORKSHOP 8

FAMILY LEARNING – we need your opinions

QUOTE

- Parents, learners, staff and the wider community should work in partnership to develop all areas and aspects of citizenship.
- Effective partnerships can help parents to raise their children's aspirations and expectations, and can also develop children's and their own engagement in lifelong learning.

Why is Family Learning important?

- It enables **families** to **learn** in a relaxed and 'fun' atmosphere, helping to reinforce **learning** at home. It helps parents to reconnect to **learning** and transform their lives. **Family learning** allows parents to find out how their children **learn** and understand how to support them better.
- Family Learning encourages family members to learn together as and within a family, with a focus on intergenerational learning.
- Family learning activities can also be specifically designed to enable parents to learn how to support their children's learning.
- "Family learning is a powerful method of engagement and learning which can foster positive attitudes towards life-long learning, promote socio-economic resilience and challenge educational disadvantage" (Family Learning Network, 2016)

Questions to consider with answers from parents

- Making closer links with school as parents/carers, how would you envisage this happening?

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- What do you see as meaningful engagement with families looking like?

More questions

- Do you think our school communicates enough details regarding:-
 - Homework
 - Trips
 - Portfolio deadlines
 - Career information, such as open days
 - What is available at local college in S3

Further questions

- Would you as parents/carers like practical help, guidance and advice supporting your Childs learning?

Questions

- We have already addressed the previous request of what is expected from English and Maths at Nat 5, Higher and Adv Higher. Would you like any other subjects to hold workshops of a similar nature?

Questions

- Do you feel confident and welcome to approach our school for advice and help regarding any aspect?
- If you do not feel welcome and confident, how could we resolve this?

Final question

- Any other items not already covered here tonight that you would like us to address through Family Learning?