



PEER MENTORING

Peer Mentoring is a highly valued provision at Highcliffe School, and it is delivered by trained students.

In the summer term, Year 9 students are invited to become Peer Mentors. After a rigorous selection procedure, the students are then given a full programme of training. The training involves developing interpersonal skills, interview techniques, use of different types of questions and setting boundaries. Training is on-going and continued support is offered, with regular monitoring meetings.

The Peer Mentors work closely with a team of trained staff who are members of the Student Development team. The team values the support and guidance of the **National Mentoring and Befriending Foundation (MBF)** who has helped set up the project.

The group is available to meet students in all year groups, individually or in small groups, to discuss matters affecting their school life. In addition, the Peer Mentors visit an assigned Year 7 tutor group each week to support the tutor, run workshops and generally be on-hand to ease the younger students into the Highcliffe School community. If students wish to arrange a meeting with a peer mentor, they can contact them via Peermentors@highcliffeschool.com

Peer Mentors will be involved in the Year 6 Induction Day and the Year 6 Parents' Information Evening when you will have a chance to meet them. On the Year 7's first day at Highcliffe, when Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 are not in school, the Peer Mentors come in specially to offer advice and support.

Peer Mentors Mission Statement

'Peer Mentors aim to work with the whole Highcliffe community to compliment the pastoral system, raise students' sense of self-belief and promote an ethos of care and support throughout the school.'

