



Family Learning Programme

This programme is part of the Ashcroft Academy Community Programme. It was devised as a way to provide support to parents of teenagers and to help bridge the gap between home and school. The Programme is now entering its 3rd year, until now attendance has been by invitation but we are opening out this opportunity to parents of year 8 this year. The programme takes place in the evening from 6 – 8pm, the first three sessions are for **parents only** and involve intensive group work with other parents, led by our first rate counsellor, Julie Johnson. The focus of these sessions is to support parents in 'Managing the Teenage Years,' a topic close to all our hearts!

The second half of the programme involves parents and their children working together to share and celebrate best work, they will also do some cooking and some ICT together, in other words spend some quality time together and recognise each other's skills and achievements.

Students tend to benefit from the course if they are lacking in confidence, are disorganised or have found settling in to school life difficult in any way. Parents find the course very reassuring because in the company of other parents they realise that everyone has a tricky time with teenagers.

There are 15 places available on the course, refreshments and sandwiches will be provided, there is no charge for any of this as it is funded from our Community Programme. Places will be awarded on a first come first serve basis by telephoning Mrs Clare Sallah and expressing your desire to attend.

A schedule of the programme with dates is given below and is also published on our web site under 'Community Programme.'

For Parents Only

Mon 9 th Mar	Workshop 1 - 'The Teenage Years'	6 – 8pm	<i>(Julie Johnson leading)</i>
Mon 23 rd Mar	Workshop 2 - 'The Teenage Years'	6 – 8pm	<i>(Julie Johnson leading)</i>
Mon 30 th Mar	Workshop 3 - 'The Teenage Years'	6 – 8pm	<i>(Julie Johnson leading)</i>

Easter break

For Parents and Students

Mon 20 th Apr	Celebrating success		<i>(Ms Bowley leading)</i>
Mon 27 th Apr	Healthy eating		<i>(Ms Chinhenzva leading)</i>
Mon 11 th May	ICT together		<i>(Mr Brown leading)</i>
Mon 18 th May	'If only I had known!'		<i>(WPC Mc Williams leading)</i>
Mon 1 st June	Celebration!		<i>(Valentina Bowley leading)</i>