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Year 7 – Transition



2engage are working with schools taking proactive steps to support new year 7 students as they transition from primary school to high school. The transition from primary to high school is a significant milestone in a student's educational journey, and it can be a time of excitement, anticipation, and some anxiety. 'Moving Up' performances were performed at a several schools across Northwest and the Midlands.

The 2engage team also led workshops at De Ferrers Academy in Burton-upon-Trent with 410 year 7 pupils exploring transition, hopes, fears and adjusting to change. Our sessions include icebreakers and team-building activities to help students make new friends, and feel more connected to their peers. Transition activities build confidence, provide children with information, and hone the skills they need to navigate their new educational environment successfully.

Resilience and Stress Management



In a bid to equip students with essential life skills, 2engage has seen remarkable success with its 'Back To Our Future' program, tailored for second-year under-grad students. It's an interactive presentation that delves into stress management, resilience building, handling failure, and student support. The program, originally designed for Further Education (FE) colleges, has proven to be adaptable across high schools, FE, and higher education (HE) settings. The recent induction program for returning 2nd year students showcased the effectiveness of the 'Back To Our Future' presentation.

Students were happy with the insights gained during the session, highlighting its relevance and helpfulness in navigating the challenges of academic life. The interactive nature of the presentation not only engages students but also provides practical strategies for managing stress and building resilience. As the program gains momentum, 2engage looks forward to contributing to the well-being and success of even more students.

First Generation Students



Cofounder Ed Morris was a first-generation student - someone who is the first in their family to attend a university or college and pursue higher education. It's a significant milestone, and building a sense of community and providing a platform for students to connect and share their experiences is invaluable. Continuing with our long-standing relationships with the University of Salford and Manchester Metropolitan University, 2engage engaged with over 200 students. These sessions were a great opportunity for students to connect, form friendships and explore feelings as they step into Higher Education. Kudos to all the student who gave it their all.

The Snap Trap Shropshire



The award-winning e-safety session for primary schools was back in Shropshire in July to kick-off our Telford and Wrekin leg of the primary school tour. Key stage 2 pupils from primary schools across the region came together to explore key themes around online activity, the use of social media and helping young people recognise the signs of online bullying and smart phone misuse. Schools have even invited parents to the sessions to start important conversations between parents, teachers, and children. Please email info@2engage.co.uk if you're interested in having this session in your school.

Call Out for Performers



If you want to be part of our work across education and communities, we want to hear from you. Our projects are mostly NorthWest and Midlands based but we can (and do) travel all over the UK. Currently, we're looking to hear from male actors. If you are interested, please use the contact information below for any queries regarding opportunities at Zengage or email casting@2engage.co.uk.

Thank you for reading, See you in the next one!

Best wishes from all at Zengage

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