

Year 12 Travel Club

Westminster City Council

Description

Y12 prefects run a Travel Club scheme at the start of the academic year for New Greys. This project is launched to the new cohort at admission afternoons for parents and pupils in June. Y12 Travel Club offer to meet any New Grey at their local bus stop or tube and escort them to school. As part of the service they'll also look at alternative routes for those days when there are problems on the buses. The scheme aims to make pupils feel safe and secure on their first weeks coming to school. This also encourages pupils to use public transport who otherwise might get a lift to school.

Who was involved

This scheme is run by the Y12 Prefects. It was established a few years ago and each year the coordinating prefect passes on the details to the next year's prefect, which enhances peer to peer learning. The coordinating prefect explains how the system works to all the New Greys' parents and they sign up with details of where they want their daughter to be met. The coordinating prefect then gathers a large group of prefects who meet these students and generally on the first day parents as well and escorts them to school. This continues for the first few weeks of term.

Costs

No cost apart from photocopying the application forms and sending out details of the name of the prefect who will be meeting their daughter.

Development

The Y12 prefects came up with the scheme and it has continued ever since.

Outcome

We will keep this system going year on year as it very successful

Criteria

This initiative was totally initiated by the students and continues to be run totally by the students. Without this system it is certain that more parents would be bringing their daughters to school. Students at the Grey Coat Hospital travel from all over London and this system of escorts allows Y7 students to travel to school independently of their parents. It also helps them to feel part of the school from the first day and Y12 students also act as mentors, friends and role models. They also learn alternate routes so they are prepared if and when there are transport problems. This system encourages students to value public transport and to feel safe and secure on their journey to and from school. This year we have 78% (673) pupils using public transport (bus, tube/rail/underground/overground/DLR) and 99% (852) of our pupils use a sustainable mode of transport to get to and from school. Car journeys account for 1% of actual pupil travel.