

Subject: RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships are extremely important things to most of us. Whether it is a relationship with family, friends, boyfriends, girlfriends, work colleagues, pets, your dentist, doctor, teacher, counsellor, keyworker, local newsagent, neighbour- they are all relationships. They are all bonds and connections that we form with people unique, because no one else will have the exact same relationship that you have with that person or thing. Some bonds will be stronger or closer than others.

In many ways our lives and even our personalities are shaped our relationships, especially if they are close relationships that are apart of our everyday life. In many ways this can be a good thing if the relationships are healthy and we feel positive and enriched because of them. This could be for a number of reasons i.e we feel comfort when we are around certain people, things, environments, we may feel support, inspired, loved, need even. These are all great things but their is a danger that we may rely or depend on these relationships for our happiness, support and 'meaning' and this is when we realise that we have not developed a strong enough relationship with ourselves.

TASK A

This is a project that involves the exploration of relationships using creative writing, video making and drama to produce short plays/ films which explore different relationships. Students will work in groups to produce 4 short films each that portray 4 completely different types of relationships- some healthy and some unhealthy. The task is to try to express through interaction, dialogue and body language the diverse relationships that exist within our lives. Additionally we will explore the positive elements as well as the consequences and effects of relationships that may not be as positive.

Time: 2hrs

The next part of the task will be to record and edit the short films using the video editing equipment.

2-3hrs

or

TASK B

This project involves students working on a compilation album that explore relationships, whether it is relationships with loved ones, unhealthy relationships, relationships with drugs, situations, crime etc, or relationships with 'self'.

We will be working on songwriting and looking at different approaches to writing in terms of verse, chorus and bridge structure and we will also be using digital music production equipment and software in order to produce music and transfer the finished product onto CD.

Materials

Questionnaire: to help you with think about the things you would like to explore.

Video Camera: to film yourself or others

Life Maps: To write down or structure your ideas.

Paper and Pens

Examples of writing around RELATIONSHIPS.