



Type of School:

Priory is an 11-16, mixed comprehensive school with approximately 1250 learners on roll. Objective observers would confirm Priory has an “Inclusive intake” and careers aspirations tend to reflect this. Priory has used the Plan-it system for four years

Learners using Plan-it: Y9 - 11

Model of Delivery:

Plan-it is delivered as part of schemes of learning in the Social Education Faculty in the following ways:

Year 9: Delivery starts in Term 2 in November/December. Follow-up occurs throughout Year 9, on an individual basis - both as part of the Options Choices process and as part of Understanding Industry Day preparation and also at home, if internet access allows.

Year 10: There is a planned update – mid to late May. This is being piloted in 2006-2007. An opportunity to re-visit as part of Year 10 tutor activities may be considered as part of future plans.

Year 11: This is based around Year 11 Work experience and post-16 choices. Plan-it is currently re-visited in Term 1 (Mid-late October)

In all of the above instances students are taught in mixed ability groupings

Intended learning outcomes:

Year 9: Plan-it activities act as an initial focus for helping learners make choices about KS4 options. Students are encouraged to work through the sections of Plan-it Where are you now? Where would you like to get to? and How am I going to get there?

Year 10: Re-visits are planned as part of the annual School to Work conference which includes Taster Days, a tender activity run by Nat West Bank and Mock Interviews. Taster choices and Mock interviews are helped by the Plan-it process, notably in the areas of CV builder and the Careers library.

Year 11: Revisit Plan-it as part of Work Experience preparation and as they move towards Post 16 choices

Involvement of Connexions PAs:

The Connexions PA and tutor can access the system to ensure early identification of learners “at risk”.

Benefits:

Plan-it is now an integral part of all learners' experience at Priory School.

Learner decisions now more focussed and informed

KS4 choices have a raised profile through Plan-it in tandem with Year 9 choices booklets from Connexions

Plan-it will become more prominent as in particular, government reforms of KS4 come on line. It will become an essential tool across the curriculum for Work Related learning, CEG and the 14-19 agenda.

Using data from Plan-it:

Plan-it data can be used / accessed in a variety of ways.

There is potential for the data to be used in a series of creative ways e.g. alternate accreditation, personalising learning, ECM, stakeholders' involvement in electronic communication etc.

The purpose and potential and wider links of Plan-it have been introduced to the School Leadership Team by a member of the School Support Team and the Plan-it School Co-ordinator as part of the WRL strategy.

Using Plan-it to even greater potential next year:

In collusion with the Assistant Heads there are future plans to use Plan-it for target setting, academic mentoring and IAG and will include all staff and students in KS4. The CEG package @ Priory does have Schemes Of Learning for Years 7-8 as well. We realise that there may be some Plan-it potential in these year groups as well.

Feedback from:

Students:

"Helps you see how much you have developed whilst at Priory School"

"Useful for planning your options choices into the future"

"Very good for target setting"

"It's all right but would be better if GCSE options had career links attached so that e-choices become the norm"

Staff:

Teacher of Personal Development – " Helps focus students on to their own particular skills and qualities"

HOY and member of Senior Management – "Education is a life chance. Plan-it enhances pupil's life chances. It's as simple as that"

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