

Let's smile!

Brief description

The «Let's smile!» operation is reflected by the posting of positive messages inside the school, in corridors or common places (study room, bathrooms, ...). Of course, the gymnastic hall, the secretariats, the kitchen, the school restaurant, the educators' rooms, the workers' rooms,... are not forgotten.

Observation place(s)

England: mainstream secondary schools

Objectives

The objective is very simple: be positive, (re)give self-confidence, motivate, support, (re)give smiles, positively strengthen all members of the institution, ...

Links with school subjects and skills

No special link with school subjects.

Implementation

The messages are of two types:

1) "I am ..." and add all positive qualifications such as "great", "performing", "motivated", etc.

These messages are more people centered and are displayed in the classroom. A message at the top left of the blackboard + a message at the top left on the teacher's desk or at a location where the eye is most often focused during the day.

2) "Together, we are ..." + positive qualifier

Tips: one message per room for students and one for teachers (A4 format), one message per office or room for educators, secretaries, workers, cooks, ... (A4 format), messages in the corridors.

If the budget allows it, print the messages in colour. It is preferable to laminate the messages. During the poster campaign, let each teacher and a student in the classrooms fish randomly a positive message.

At the Athénée Royal of Saint-Ghislain, a poster campaign in the spring of 2016 had a very positive impact on the school climate: better mood for everyone, more openness to others, renewed enthusiasm!

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