

PREFECT AND PEER SUPPORT SYSTEMS

At Mayflower High School we invite students to contribute to the social life of the school. We have had a Prefect System for a number of years and our Prefect Team provides additional supervision, at lunchtime attends special school functions throughout the academic year and conducts guided tours for visitors. Being a Prefect provides students from Years 10 and 11 the opportunity to make a greater contribution to the school. Prefects can be identified by their distinctive ties.

We constantly set expectations for high standards of behaviour and appearance for all our students. However, we expect each Prefect to play a major part in shaping the positive public image of Mayflower High School within the local community. In addition, each Prefect should be a role model for younger students, both on and off duty. It is a demanding but rewarding position with students, staff, governors and parents, clearly recognising and strongly supporting the important work performed by our Prefect Team.

At Mayflower we have been running a successful Peer mentoring scheme for several years. Prior to joining the programme, students take part in an accredited training programme which is delivered by the Student Support Managers.

Students are invited to apply to train as Peer Supporters from Year 9 and can work within the team up to and including their time in Sixth Form.

The application process consists of a written statement explaining why an individual feels they would be a good member of the team and what skills they feel they possess. Peer Supporters are taught essential skills such as the ability to listen actively, the importance of empathy and how to work within the boundaries of confidentiality.

Peer Supporters are a valuable asset within Mayflower High School. It is designed to assist students when making the transition from Primary School to Secondary Education. Peer Supporters are available to provide a listening ear to any student who may be experiencing a variety of difficulties from friendship issues to organisation to homework.

A number of students who train as Peer Supporters go on to apply for the school prefect team and are able to further use the skills they have gained during their time as members of the team.