

Responses from School visit to Parliament by St Thomas Aquinas and Rosshall High School

The pupils from Rosshall and St Thomas Aquinas Secondary schools visited the Parliament in February 2017 and were asked to complete a questionnaire about a number of topics. Below are the responses from pupils from both high schools regarding Personal and Social Education; not all pupils answered the question.

What should PSE be about?

Rosshall Academy

1	Advising young people about adulthood and lifestyle choices (Drugs etc.)
2	Personal & Social education should be about the person's life and how it could be effected
3	Sexual Health and Information about taxes
4	Sexual Health & taxes/ mortgages
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6	Studying & safety
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9	Skills and ways to further learning and how to apply for jobs & college
10	Health/ Drugs/ Alcohol/ Sex/ Money/ Future choices/ Bills
11	Health- Drugs, Alcohol, Sex education. Money- bills, taxes
12	Health/ drugs/ alcohol/ sex/ Bullying/ Tax/ Future choices/ Bills
13	Sex education/ Bullying/ LGBT/ Racism/Discrimination/ Preparing for later life
14	Sex education/ drug use/ healthy relationships
15	Life/ sex/ drugs/ money/ budgeting
16	Topical issues and advice such as bullying, sexual education, advice on personal support and where to get it
17	Ways in which to help children. Prepare for exams/ tests in which they feel supported. A place in which children feel safe & supported
18	Ways in which children should prepare for life after schools and how to deal with home situations they have going on when they are unsure on what to do
19	Ways to keep children safe & help them achieve what they aspire in life
20	I think PSE topics should vary in relation to the years being taught. The junior school i.e.: first to fourth year should be taught topics involving sexual health, std's, the harms of smoking, drinking and drugs. Whilst the senior school should be taught more about the skills they will require when they leave schools, such as how taxes work, car insurance, how to get an apartment and how to support themselves when they leave school.
21	Future career
22	Learning skills and what to do after leaving secondary school, like how to apply for college & university, how to apply for a job and how to make a good CV.
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24	Personal and Social education should be pointed more towards the mental health of their pupils (especially during the peak of exam stress) For higher school it should be more understanding of things that would benefit those pupils e.g. study tips.

25	Personal and Social Education should be about the mental health state of students doing exams and ways to cope with it. There should be more understanding of things that would help the children e.g. study tips and study clubs.
26	They could teach us life skills but they don't do anything really helpful
27	Bullying/ Drink driving/ underage smoking/ S.H.R.E/ drug overdose
28	PSE should be about targeting many different things especially mental health. It should also focus on things that pupils want to hear about for example exam/ study tips
29	Current issues discussed are fine
30	Underage smoking/ underage Drinking/ protection whilst having sex/ Bullying/ sexual Education/ danger of drinking and driving
31	Underage smoking/ underage Drinking/ sexual education/ dangers of drinking
32	Underage drinking/ underage smoking/ bullying/ drink driving/ sexual education
33	Sexual education/ advice on health such as cancer awareness
34	Personal safety/ sex education/ drugs and alcohol/ taxes/ how to buy a house
35	Sex/ drugs/ health/ drinking/ knife crime
36	Outwith school information from leaving school perspective. More insight into mental health issues/ Bullying Offering one to one possibilities to allow pupil to create a strong trusting relationship with teacher. Additional support with coping with school work
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40	Cigarettes/ drugs/ taxes/ education/ up bringing

St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School

1	Preparations for life after school
2	PSE should be about genuine issues such as mental health amongst teenagers and finding employment. Better education opportunities instead of pointless topics of alcohol, drugs, smoking and road safety, which pupils have been well briefed on many times before.
3	About what young people need to know about growing up- Tax paying Interviews for jobs
4	Current Affairs
5	PSE should be a time for meaningful and valuable learning to prepare pupils for later life and not a break period which many pupils view it as. It should be a time to teach pupils about issues such as finance, bills, budgeting, health, sexual health and inclusiveness
6	It should be relevant to the young people at that stage of their life
7	Less repetitive. Most unit/ sections have been repeated with no real difference in information taught
8	It should be about preparing us for the working world such as helping us to write cv's.