

SHINE TOGETHER



FREE EXTENSION COURSES FOR GIRLS & BOYS



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IMPACT EVALUATION



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IMPACT STATEMENT:

Withington's SHiNE Saturday morning education courses were run for the 14th year in Spring 2022. 90 boys and girls in Years 5 and 6 from 15 maintained Manchester Primary schools attended one of six subject courses offered free of charge during the Spring Term. Six-week courses ran in school for Complete Creativity, Computing, Drama and Science. We also had a four-week German course delivered in school and a four-week online course in Creative Writing.

In questionnaires that were answered at the end of the course 86% of pupils said that they had really enjoyed coming to SHiNE Together and 86% of pupils said that coming to SHiNE Together had made them more confident in that subject. An impressive 97% said that they would recommend SHiNE Together to their friends.

In the parental questionnaires, also collected at the end of the course, 90% of parents said that their child was more enthusiastic about the subject now and 93% said that their child's confidence had increased, with 97% saying they would recommend SHiNE Together to others.

AIMS OF SHiNE TOGETHER:

1 COMMUNITY

- Raising aspirations of local children
- Exposing local maintained primary school children to a subject or experience that is new to them
- Identifying skills and interests to take back to their schools/peers
- Sharing resources including staff knowledge

2 MARKETING

- Raising awareness of bursaries and opportunities in education in independent/grammar schools.

3 BENEFITS FOR WGS & SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

- Professional development for staff - gives staff an opportunity to teach a different key stage, fostering links with local schools and working closely with the sixth formers to allow them to develop the skills below.
- To enable sixth form pupils to develop skills in organisation, responsibility, time management, teamwork, communication both with peers, staff and younger students. Whilst the number of sixth former volunteers was very limited this year due to covid restrictions, this remains a key aim of our SHiNE Together programme and one which we hope to continue in full next year.

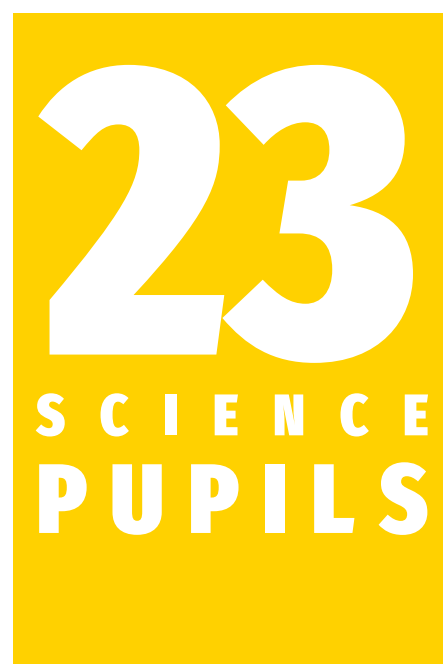
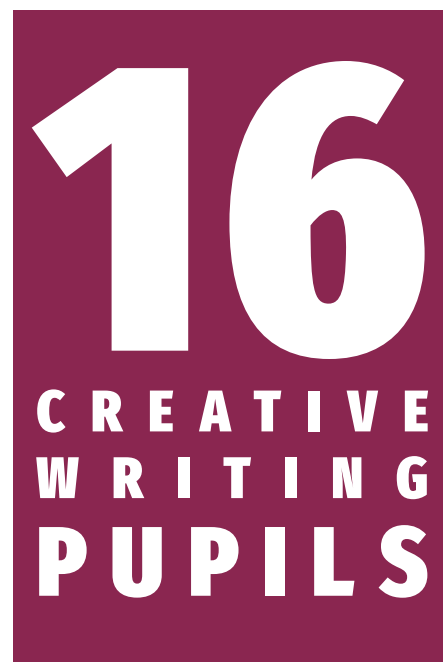
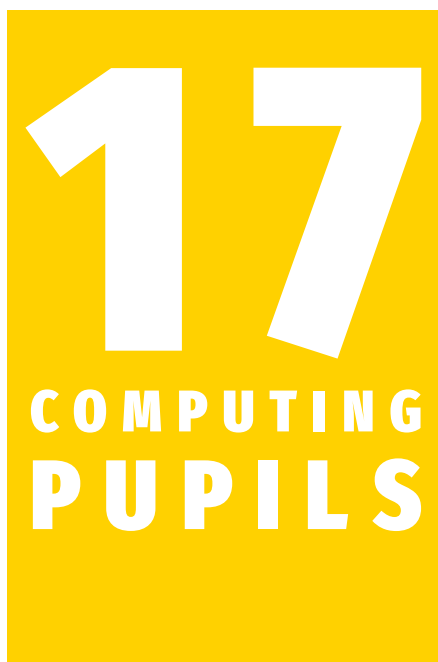
WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE PARTNERSHIP:

- Briscoe Lane Academy
- Button Lane Primary School
- Chapel Street Primary School
- Cringle Brook
- Green End

- Heald Place
- Mauldeth Road
- Medlock Primary School
- Old Hall Drive
- Our Lady's Primary School

- Rolls Crescent Primary School
- St Paul's C of E Primary School
- Sunnybank Primary School
- Varna Community Primary School
- Webster Primary School

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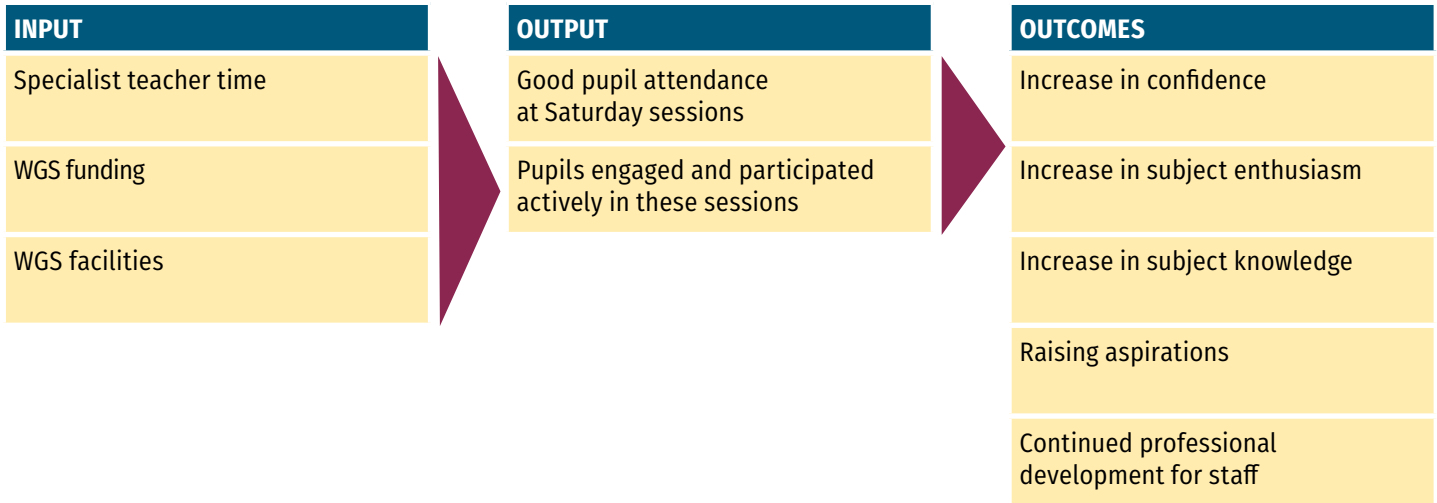
CAPTURING FEEDBACK:

Links to online questionnaires were given out to parents to fill in at the end of the course. Pupils (except Creative Writing) were given paper questionnaires in their last

session. There was a section in the online questionnaire for the Creative Writing pupils to complete.



INPUTS/OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES:



WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT SHINE TOGETHER:

Quotes from parents & pupils:

COMPLETE CREATIVITY

"My child is very happy now and she enjoyed it a lot thanks."

"My child enjoyed attending the creativity program. She had a new experience of cooking and making a tote bag. She made a lovely desert and enjoyed her cooking classes too. Thank you for providing these opportunities."

DRAMA

"My daughter has been having massive confidence issues and since coming here we have found that she is much happier in new situations and wants to try new things!"

"My child really enjoyed the acting and meeting new people."

"It has given my child the chance to further explore something she enjoys, and to make new friends. Thank you."

"My child really enjoyed the varied activities and making new friends."

COMPUTING

"My son has thoroughly enjoyed the course and I'd like to thank all the staff who made this possible."

"My child really enjoyed the course and learnt so much. He would always come back after his session excited to tell me what he had learnt. The teachers and organisers were also very welcoming and informative about the sessions. Excellent opportunity for children, I'm so grateful that my son was offered this course. Thank you to all at Shine."

"A fantastic opportunity for my daughter and I hope my other children have the same opportunity. Her confidence has increased and pushing her out of her comfort zone has paid dividends. The staff are all wonderful and friendly and she really connected with Mr Eccles, which is rare for her. Thank you for the fantastic opportunity and the taster for a possible future career."

"Really pleased that my son had the opportunity to join the coding lessons, I would highly recommend to others."



WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT SHiNE TOGETHER:

Quotes from parents & pupils:

GERMAN

"My son really enjoyed the lessons and would join other sessions in the future."

"SHiNE was a really great way to meet children from other primary schools ahead of the move to high school!"

"My child found the classes engaging and fun. She really enjoyed this experience!"

"Our daughter thoroughly enjoyed attending SHiNE together. She found the learning material exciting and engaging. The staff clearly put her at ease, making her feel confident and happy to be at Withington. Since completing the programme she is keen to continue learning about, what was, a completely new subject for her. Thankyou for providing her with this fantastic opportunity."

CREATIVE WRITING

"Very good opportunity to help my child's confidence."

"Great course for learning new skills in writing."

"My child has really enjoyed her experience on the SHiNE Together programme. I think that things she has learnt have been reflected in her writing at school."

"Amazing teachers, I could see a very drastic difference in my daughter's confidence, thanks to these lessons."

"She enjoyed the sessions and it helped her in building up her vocabulary. I have felt now she is using variety of language techniques in her writing."

SCIENCE

"Our daughter thrived on this course. She is so sad to see it end. It gave her a taste of her future of wanting to be a pathologist. Now she is more eager and confident in her choices."

"It has greatly improved my child's confidence. She is a lot more curious about science and doing her own little experiments and projects more. It was a great experience for her and she loved every part of it. Thank you!"

"My daughter was very happy from the SHiNE together programme and really enjoyed it."

"He thoroughly enjoyed the varied experience you provided him within the science course. He looked forward to each session with excitement and loved every session."

"Thank you so much for this great opportunity for him to experience the subject at high school level."

"My son actually put science as his second choice, but now he's incredibly glad he did. He thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, learned loads and had a heap of fun! He has loved telling us, his friends and his school teacher all about it. He has definitely been inspired by the whole experience. Thank you!"

"My daughter loved the hands on experiments, especially dissecting a heart!"

"My child has gained more understanding about science."



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

Our teachers have thoroughly enjoyed working with all the children on the SHiNE Together sessions. The pupils have been a delight and it was a real pleasure to work with each

and every one of them! We hope to run these courses again next year in the Spring Term and look forward to meeting a new cohort of SHiNE Together pupils in 2023.



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