



## **Half Moon Young People's Theatre** **Transitions Summer School Project at Bishop Challoner**

### **Data Analysis of Pre- and Post-Project Questionnaires**

Young people taking part in the project were all asked to complete questionnaires at the start and end of the 'Theatre Week'. We have pre-project data for 53 young people and post-project data for 43 of those young people. The questions asked were the same at the start and the end of the project to see how the project impacted on the young people's feelings about starting secondary school, with particular emphasis on confidence, anticipation, making friends, performing in front of other people and problem-solving. Below you can see details of the six questions and analysis of the results we collected for each.

#### ***1) Thinking about how you are feeling about starting at Bishop Challoner in September, circle the one which most sounds like you at the moment:***

- Very nervous*
- A bit nervous*
- Not nervous or excited*
- A bit excited*
- Very excited*

At the start of the project the majority of young people were feeling 'a bit nervous' (42%) with another 9% feeling 'very nervous' about starting secondary school. 17% were 'not nervous or excited', 9% were 'a bit excited' and 23% were 'very excited'.

At the end of the project the majority of young people were feeling 'very excited' (35%) or 'a bit excited' (33%) about starting secondary school, with 12% feeling 'a bit nervous' and 2% feeling 'very nervous'. 18% were 'not nervous or excited'.

As a result of the project we can say that the young people are feeling much more excited and much less nervous about starting at Bishop Challoner.

#### **Now tell us to how much these statements explain how you are feeling:**

##### ***2) I'm feeling confident about starting at Bishop Challoner***

At the start of the project, the majority of young people were feeling 'a bit' (55%) or 'definitely' (32%) confident about starting secondary school with 2% not feeling confident at all and 11% 'not really'.

At the end of the project, the majority of young people were feeling 'a bit' (28%) or 'definitely' (65%) confident about starting secondary school with only 2% not feeling confident at all and 5% 'not really'.

As a result of the project lots of young people went from feeling 'a bit' confident about starting at Bishop Challoner to 'definitely'.

### 3) I'm looking forward to starting at Bishop Challoner

At the start of the project, the majority of young people were looking forward to secondary school 'a bit' (19%) or 'definitely' (68%). 9% were 'not really' feeling confident and 4% 'not at all'.

At the end of the project, the majority of young people were looking forward to secondary school 'a bit' (28%) or 'definitely' (65%). 5% were 'not really' feeling confident and 2% 'not at all'.

The young people's anticipation about starting at secondary school stayed pretty much the same across the project.

### 4) I feel like I've made new friends here already

At the start of the project, the majority of young people felt they had already made new friends - 'definitely' (76%) and 'a bit' (23%) although one child said they hadn't really made any friends.

At the end of the project, all of the young people felt they had already made new friends - 'definitely' (93%) and 'a bit' (7%).

As a result of the project the young people definitely felt that they had made friends at their new school.

### 5) I feel confident about performing in front of other people

At the start of the project, the majority of young people felt confident performing in front of people 'a bit' (43%) or 'definitely' (19%). 38% of young people were not feeling confident about performing.

At the end of the project, the majority of young people felt confident performing in front of people 'a bit' (42%) or 'definitely' (35%). 23% of young people were not feeling confident about performing.

As a result of the project, more young people felt quite confident or really confident about performing in front of other people.

### 6) I feel confident about how I will handle problems that might arise in my first weeks at Bishop Challoner

At the start of the project, the majority of young people felt confident about handling problems at secondary school 'a bit' (49%) or 'definitely' (28%) but 23% were not feeling very confident about problem solving.

At the end of the project, the majority of young people felt confident about handling problems at secondary school 'a bit' (35%) or 'definitely' (51%) but 14% were not feeling very confident about problem solving.

As a result of the project, lots of young people increased their confidence in how they think they will handle any problems that might arise in their first few weeks at secondary school.



## Comments from Young People

The young people wrote comments on their questionnaires to tell us what they had achieved as part of the project. Some of their answers are below:

*New friends and meeting new teachers  
I felt like I improved my art*

*My stage presence*

*Bravery*

*Music certificate*

*My confidence*

*I made new friends*

*Confidence*

*Making new friends and learning and achieving new things*

*How to talk fluently*

*Being Confident and brave in front of an audience*

*Expressing my feelings through drama*

*Learning to work in groups with different people*

*Sharing ideas with everybody*

*My attention span*

*I achieved making new friends and doing my best in all of the activities*

*Making new friends and speaking with confidence*