

Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board
21 June 2023

Report Topic:	OxWell School Survey Research Project and Eton College Partnership
Contact Officer:	Michael Jarrett – Director of Children and Education (DCS)
Link to board priorities	<p>Please include in your report how your work links to one or more of our board priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will help keep people healthier for longer 2. We will help keep people safe and support communities 3. We will work together to join up services 4. We will work closely with local people, partners and providers of services
Purpose of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide an update on the OxWell School Survey Research project and the Eton College Partnership with Sandwell MBC.
Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board note the information provided in this report. • That Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board and provide support for the future development of the OxWell School Survey Research project and the Eton College Partnership with Sandwell MBC.

<p>Key Discussion points:</p>	<p>OxWell School Survey Research project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OxWell Student Survey is a collaboration between young people, schools, local authorities, the NHS and the OxWell research team at the University of Oxford’s Department of Psychiatry. • It is a large-scale online survey designed to measure the wellbeing (health and happiness) of children and young people aged 9–18 years old. The survey has run since 2019 and in 2021 more than 30,000 students from 180 schools participated. • OxWell aims to better understand the mental health and wellbeing of school students by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asking about their worries and how they might like to receive support. ○ Providing schools and services with information about what young people want. • A 2023 pilot is running in three schools across Sandwell (Holly Lodge High School, Q3 Academy Great Barr and George Salter Academy) as part of OxWell’s commitment to supporting, understanding and improving the mental health and wellbeing of Sandwell’s children and young people and ensure youth voice remains central to decision-making. • Sandwell Council, NHS and University of Oxford will have access to the results including a breakdown per school/college. • This will help local services to ensure that the resources available can be targeted at areas of most need and to monitor the impact of interventions.
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Eton College Partnership

- Eton College is submitting an application to build a free school (sixth form) in Dudley.
- Places would be available for Sandwell students (numbers to be confirmed), with priority given to disadvantaged young people, care leavers and those from challenging backgrounds.
- There is also a wider partnership offer available to Sandwell schools which includes:
 - Opportunities for young people to participate in residentials at Eton College.
 - Opportunities for Sandwell students to visit Eton College, with transport arranged.
 - Collaboration and networking with schools in other areas involved with the project (38 currently).
 - Open access to Eton X, a digital platform hosting resources for teachers and students, courses, PHSE focused materials for Y8-Y13 pupils and GCSE/A-Level resources. Pupils can complete courses independently. (No cost to schools.)
 - Professional development opportunities for teachers, virtually and In-person.
 - An option for CPD for students.
 - Access to a fully funded place at Eton College.
- The partnership offer is mainly focused to the secondary phase currently, but with opportunities to develop into the primary phase.

Implications (e.g. Financial, Statutory etc)

OxWell School Survey Research project

- Funding needed to enable all Sandwell schools can participate in the survey. (Costings to be confirmed.)
- Thematic issues identified will be used to inform strategic planning at groups including the Children and Young people’s Partnership Boards, Education Partnership Boards, and the Local Transformation Plan Group for CYP Mental Health.
- Participating schools will be able to use the findings from their surveys to plan their approach to mental health and wellbeing, the curriculum, PSHE and Healthy Schools work more effectively to better meet the identified needs of their pupils.

Eton College Partnership

- Funded opportunities for Sandwell students to access high quality education and training.
- Funded opportunities for Sandwell teachers to access high quality professional development.
- Contributes to raising aspirations for students across the borough.

What engagement has or will take place with people, partners and providers?

OxWell School Survey Research project

- Pilot with 3 secondary schools 2023 led by OxWell research team in collaboration with Sandwell Education Services.
- Dissemination of findings to all Sandwell schools Autumn 1 2023/24
- Planned engagement of all schools to participate in the survey 2023/24

Eton College Partnership

- Meetings have taken place with the Head of Educational Opportunities at Eton College to discuss and develop the partnership with Sandwell MBC
- The Head of Educational Opportunities will be invited to the Joint Executive Board and to

	<p>Headteacher Partnership meetings (Autumn term 2023/24 onwards).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eton College is already working with 2 Sandwell Secondary schools.
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