

Personal Development at William Booth

What is Work Hard Play Hard?

Not long after we introduced our 4GEMS, we saw an opportunity to reinforce those mindsets with our Year 6 pupils. This is how **Work Hard Play Hard** came about.

Across the year children are given homework targets, and by completing these over 7 week blocks, they earn the right to join in with some **very exciting reward trips**. This helps to:

- accelerate their learning
- prepare them for secondary school
- really appreciate the power of using your 4 GEMS to get things that you want in life

And the trips? Well it's the pupils that choose where we go, and so far we've been to Planet Bounce, all-you can eat restaurants, the cinema, crazy golf, Laser Quest and the Virtual Reality centre!



What is the impact?

Staff, parents and carers talk about how great it is to be able to help children see the link between input and output so clearly. And children often talk about Work Hard Play Hard as one of their favourite things about Year 6. And the race to become the overall annual champion generates a lot of excitement!

But the clearest impact comes from a trend we see every year: the first WHPH trip is normally attended by around 15 children, but by the last round almost all of them will make sure that they get the points they need...