

What has P4C done for you?

by Mrs Rice - Wednesday,
5 January 2011, 03:45 PM

Consider the skills P4C claims to develop relating to thinking and emotional intelligence, how do you think you've faired? How is your creative, critical, caring and collaborative thinking? Are you more aware of your own feelings and those of others? This is your opportunity to give some much welcome feedback about the benefits or indeed pitfalls of P4C. Be honest. 😊

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Re: What has P4C done for you?

by Izaak - Wednesday, 5 January 2011, 04:17 PM

P4C has really helped me over the past few months. Before P4C, I did not really understand myself or others. Through P4C I've figured out that I had been acting very cruel, condescending and disrespectful to everyone for the past 2 1/3 Years, and to a lesser extent, the past 10. After the first P4C lesson, I felt much closer to my classmates. Before today, I wasn't able to tell very easily if someone is sad, annoyed, or any other emotion. It has really helped me become a better person.

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Re: What has P4C done for you?

by Claire - Wednesday, 5 January 2011, 05:00 PM

I think P4C has been a good way to learn about the way my peers think and how they react to different things. Even though I was not the most vocal person in the group I tried to add my points and views when I could, and even if I did not contribute in a lesson it was because my points had been said by someone else in the group. I am now more aware of how people's opinions relate to mine and how others differ. I think it took a while, when we started to do P4C, for people to start referring to people's points outside their friendship groups, it also took a while for people to start to separate from their friends, even when we did the Philosopher's Fruit Salad, and begin to work and agree with other people, but once we did I think our class discussions we more productive.

Claire x

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Re: What has P4C done for you?

by Peter - Wednesday, 5 January 2011, 05:07 PM

i think P4C has helped me to understand everyone in the group and to be able to talk to everyone in the group. it has helped to open up the class and show people sides of others that they may not have known were there. overall i think it is a very fun way to have a lesson and a nice way to get to know the class.

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**Re: What has P4C done for you?**

by Jessica - Wednesday, 5 January 2011, 05:43 PM

I think that p4c has helped me to understand what other people think about certain topics and discussions and their views and opinions on them. I think it has been a good way to get to know other people in the class, who i haven't spoken to very much or do not sit next to in any lessons. I think it helps you to come outside of your friendship groups and get to know others. Although I did not speak that much in p4c , as I either did not know what to say or if I did, someone would have said it before i got the chance to, I still understood what was going on and what the discussion was about. I think at some points it was hard to keep your concentration as the discussion was repeating itself . I think these lessons have also helped you to know a bit about peoples personalities such as , who like to talk and have their views shared, and those who like to just observe what is going on but still have a full understanding.

By Jess

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by Zainab - Wednesday, 5 January 2011, 05:45 PM

i believe P4C has helped everyone in our class become a community. it really helped me to understand myself and to think in deeper terms. i tried to contribute and share my thoughts and questions as well as listened to others. i think philosophy has helped me develop many skills such as listening skills and working together as a group. i am also more aware of how important other people's views are and how they relate to mine. i have enjoyed philosophy as its a great way to show your personality to others and get to know the class better. i think we as a class can do creative thinking as we usually come up with great questions and we do have critical yet caring thinking as well i think we may need to work on collaborative thinking but we have improved a lot since the first lesson.

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by Simon- Wednesday, 5 January 2011, 06:10 PM

p4c has fascinated me because we can take a simple piece of text or picture and find so much to say about it, this has made me think more about the things i see and look a bit deeper into what it actually says. the lessons were fun and they have helped me to understand other peoples views which i wouldn't of known otherwise.

thanks for sharing your views and opinions guys

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**Re: What has P4C done for you?**

by Jack - Wednesday, 5 January 2011, 07:02 PM

P4C has helped me as I didnt really know anyone in the group at the beginning of the year and this has helped me to get to know them more. It has also been a very fun way of doing lessons. however I do think I could have contributed towards the conversations a bit more than I did. I think it took a bit of time for people to get used to it but once we had done a few lessons of it it was a lot better than at the begining. p4c is a good way to get us to think as we were able to get so many things out of this picture or book or other stimulus that we wouldnt normally think of but now we might start to think that way.

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by Gabrielle - Wednesday, 5 January 2011, 07:52 PM

I feel that after this whole topic of P4C I have taken away a number of things from it. Firstly I have got to know my class better, for I was new to this class this year and listening to them contribute to philosophical questions and putting forward their opinions helps you see how people think and your similarities and differences with them; also when people contribute to the class discussion they share past experiences about there life which also helps you get to know them better. It has helped me think more about questions in life and how to go about thinking of deeper and more meaningful thoughts about the world and how we make decisions and live our life. It has made me question a lot of things in my life, some good and some bad. Finally i think these lessons make r.s very enjoyable and I learn a lot from them. I thought the class were really focused and learnt from past mistakes and experiences, which was a really mature.

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by Samuel - Wednesday, 5 January 2011, 08:30 PM

In the P4C course we have been doing for the last few weeks, I think I have changed a bit as a person. It helped me get a different perspective on life and find out what other people's views on a large variety of topics were. It was great how from all of the stimuli we used, many surprising topics came up - such as Pigs In (Tiger)Blankets leading to whether being different is important and why! That is the magic of philosophy 😊. It also helped me realise that our group is the best! No, seriously, no one is really that bad - we are all awesome 😊. Another brilliant thing about it is that, thanks to philosopher's fruit salad, we got to know more people, and I know I made some really good friends, who I might not be as close to without this course!

Definitely one to repeat

Signing off,

Sam (Bit different, but I'm just being my self 😊)

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Re: What has P4C done for you?

by Adem - Wednesday, 5 January 2011, 08:40 PM

P4C has really made me understand that a question isn't just a closed question, like it has to be answered in the least amount of detail as possible, but can be a really deep and sometimes an unanswerable question. P4C has also helped me understand others' thought-track and how they approach a question like this and how they think outside of the box to answer it.

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Re: What has P4C done for you?

by Robert - Wednesday, 5 January 2011, 08:54 PM

P4C lessons have been a more enjoyable and interesting than normal ones, we have seen different people's opinions on topics and found out more about them, and all worked together more as a community. I was surprised how much you can take out of a stimulus, just from something like a picture. Then the philosophical questions we came up with made you think in different ways as we discussed our views on it. Overall P4C was good 😊.

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Re: What has P4C done for you?

by Emily - Thursday, 6 January 2011, 08:36 PM

I think P4C has helped me a lot, I really enjoy listening to other people more, I've got to know everyone a lot more, and understand their thoughts and views. I also think P4C helps everyone to think a lot more and deeper about different things, and share their ideas as a group, and work together more. Most of the time, people say similar things to what I'm thinking, or sometimes I just don't have anything to add, but I really like listening to what other people have to say.

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Re: What has P4C done for you?

by Catherine - Thursday, 6 January 2011, 08:59 PM

I think that P4C has helped me to understand the way that the other people in our class think, and has also helped me to think more broadly, by showing me other peoples points of view, that i may not have thought of before. People referring to their lives in relation to the question meant that we got to know them better too, and that we could do that also showed that we could choose good questions that relate to our lives, and the lives of the people around us.

It has made our RS lessons more enjoyable and very interesting, as it is unlikely that we would be able to talk to the others in the group as equals in a community during other lessons.

Catherine 😊
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Re: What has P4C done for you?

by Soraya - Saturday, 8 January 2011, 06:59 PM

P4C has given me the opportunity to discuss/question many deep mysteries of life that i would have felt too awkward to approach with my friends let alone the rest of the class. I like the fact the sessions felt quite serious as we respected each other and tried really hard to express our feelings and thoughts, but at the same time, very relaxed and comfortable as we were having an open discussion not a debate and so we didn't judge each other on what was said - the points we made were pretty anonymous and not necessarily a reflection of our own views.

I feel like it has helped me get to know the class (as a whole and individually) much better in a social way - i now realise i have quite a bit in common with the people i have had to work with in previous weeks, but never really worked with before - and a more professional way - we took the sessions equally seriously and tried to input as much as possible, and so i learnt who is particularly passionate and believes in what they are saying.

I think instead of being 50-90% engaged and committed to what we are doing like in most lessons, we were 90-100% committed and passionate (although there were a few people who chatted and didn't contribute)and we genuinely became interested in what was being said/recounted and didn't really want the sessions to end.

I think I have allowed my passionate, deep side come out in a more serious way than the class is maybe used to (i am generally quite a vocal character!)and although i sometimes feel quite self-conscious when i am talking about things that are quite uncomfortable/serious/emotional, i began to feel more relaxed as I knew the class weren't judging me by what i added, they were simply considering the things I said. One thing i struggled with was sitting in a circle for the whole lesson - I didn't know who to look at whilst talking, and felt quite aware of people looking at me (which is actually a good thing as they were respecting me and paying full attention). Another thing I struggled with was assertiveness - we took an unnecessary amount of time trying to make decisions such as how to vote, and many people just shouted over each other what they thought, there were many times where I felt like a control freak and just wanted to make the decisions for everyone, and many times where I didn't want to disagree with what the majority (or loudest, more bossy people) decided on as I just didn't feel like arguing or going on and on just trying to justify myself and my decision.

All in all, I think we were caring (we respected what other people said, although some people talked whilst others were talking which is not very caring), critical (in knees-together-time we asked questions and picked out any assumptions), collaborative (we worked well with people we didn't usually work with thanks to philosophers fruit salad, although some people just tried to stay with their friends, and we took ages making decisions that not every-one agreed with), and creative (we definitely thought outside the box).

Sorry for this war-and-peace length comment, I get very into what I am doing!!!!!!!

xxxxSorayaxxxx

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**Re: What has P4C done for you?**

by Rhea - Thursday, 6 January 2011, 10:51 PM

I think that p4c this year was very enjoyable and also very useful because it helped me to understand other people and the similarities between how i think, and how others think. I also think that some of the philosophical questions we have thought of and covered during the past few weeks have been not only very deep and thoughtful but also quite helpful and guiding, because i think that with most of them people can relate to. It has also helped me to get to know some of the people in the class alot better. x

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by Catherine - Friday, 7 January 2011, 04:57 PM

I have found p4c to be really helpful for me as it has helped me to get to know the rest of my class more and it has been interesting finding out what a wide range of views my class has, some of which were the same as mine and some of which were completely different. It was really good to see how many good philosophical questions we all managed to come up with. I also think it has helped me to look deeper into things and not just take things for granted but to ask questions and to try and find out more. I think it was a fun way to spend a lesson as it was better than sitting at a desk. 😊

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by Shalisa - Sunday, 9 January 2011, 01:23 PM

I think that P4C has helped me to understand how different questions can be seen from different points and be understood in different ways. Not everyone takes in information/questions the same way, i think that through P4C i have found this out. I also think that P4C has encouraged me to develop my first impressions, instead of always judge straight away as you can miss out on small important details. Even though P4c is a new experience for me, i feel that its a really easy way to take on RS without having to remember chunks of information, instead just speaking through your mind in a caring and respective way. Overall, i think that i have definitely learnt alot of things from P4C that will hopefully benefit me in the future,.

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by Ryan - Sunday, 9 January 2011, 05:55 PM

i think p4c has been really helpful as it makes you think more deeply in questions which might be simple but we can say so much about it whilst finding out other peoples opinions and how they think about things which helps us understand each other more. It also brings the whole class together more

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**Re: What has P4C done for you?**

by Jaimee - Monday, 10 January 2011, 06:36 PM

P4C has helped me to understand more about the other people in my class as through it, most of them have shared their own opinions and experiences with everyone. It has made me think deeply about the fact that we don't question things enough and I have enjoyed looking for answers to the questions we explored. Using a stimulus to think of a question in P4C has also helped me be more creative and open my mind up to ideas. Even though I may not have contributed in class discussions, I always think about the points that everyone makes thoroughly in my head and I enjoy just listening to other peoples opinions.

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**Re: What has P4C done for you?**

by Paris - Wednesday, 12 January 2011, 06:57 PM

I loved P4C when we did it in the GATE classes and was really happy when we started doing it in class. I find it really helps for the class to work as more of a team and its a workshop that everyone would walk into knowing they will probably be working with someone different to who they normally work with. Also My voice is quite loud:/ and so it was really nice to hear what some of the people that i don't usually hear in class, voice their opinions. There was nothing about the session that i disliked, but it would have been nice to hear more about and maybe use some of the stimulus's people had brought in from a previous week.

Thank you for the sessions and im definitely doing RS GSCE and hope that we do more P4C in it 😊