

Sixth Form sociologists observe lessons across school



I sent our Lower 6 students off to do some action research the week before half term. We have been studying gender as part of our education topic and asking whether girls and boys are different in the classroom. They worked in pairs to watch a range of lessons from history to science across different year groups. They were looking at whether the theory we have studied is the same in real classrooms. They had a number of areas of focus such as looking at who answers more questions and who is quicker to settle to tasks. They came back to the classroom and presented their findings. It was really interesting that there were no overall themes. What they found was different depending on each class and teacher which has shown them that the theory we study is often based on generalisations and this exercise has hopefully encouraged them to be more critical of the theories they study.

We really appreciated the High School teachers welcoming them into their classrooms so they could complete this work. Thanks again to Mr Davidson, Mr Sharpe and Mr Holmes for helping them with this task.

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