

stem4 Working in Partnership with Schools

Case Study – Ernest Bevin College, London

'Promoting student wellbeing has always played a massive part at Ernest Bevin College, our growing partnership with stem4 has helped us build upon this work. We are delighted with this partnership, have booked another student conference next year and plan for it to be an annual event.'

Neil McCarthy, Vulnerable Pupil Lead

'stem4 is thrilled to partner with Ernest Bevin College in providing input into their excellent work on whole school mental health. We look forward to continued work with Mr McCarthy, the students, and the school in the next school year.'

Dr Nihara Krause, Founder and CEO stem4

Relevant background:

1 in 8 children and young people aged between 5-19 years present with at least one mental ill health issue (NHS Digital, 2018).

Early identification and intervention is therefore essential.

The school:

Ernest Bevin College is a large comprehensive school for boys in the London Borough of Wandsworth, which has been taking active steps to support their students' mental health.

The aim:

Vulnerable Pupil Lead, Neil McCarthy, together with the Senior Leadership Team were keen to help establish a whole school approach to the mental health of all the boys in order to bring out their best.

Our partnership:

- Neil attended the stem4 Education Professionals Conference June 2018.
- The school participated in the stem4 Head Ed trial. The verdict? 'Excellent quality teaching materials'.
- The school hosted a stem4 multi-school conference on mental health for Year 9 students, which gave 110 students from seven Merton and Wandsworth schools the opportunity to learn about mental health.
- Students who attended the conference prepared a mental health assembly with the help of Sarah Sterne, Education Coordinator, stem4.
- Dr Krause, CEO, stem4 offered 'stem4 Champions' training to a group of peer mentors, helping them to learn to build more connectivity in the school community.
- "A caring community": Sixth form students carried out a variety of fundraising projects lead by Michael Enriquez, a student from the school.