

Students' choice in residence

During the course of their stay in residence, students will be regularly offered the opportunity to make choices, both independently and in group settings, about decisions that effect management of residence.

Regular residents meetings will be held where students will have the opportunity to discuss issues, make decisions and arrange activities and outings. These meetings will be recorded and students will be encouraged to form the agenda. Students will be encouraged to chair the meeting so they have a real input into the way residence is managed. Staff will offer guidance and support but ultimately these meetings will be for the learners.

When Students first arrive in residence they will, where possible be offered a choice of bedroom and the type of bed (standard single or profiling) they would like to have. The students are able to, and encouraged to personalise their rooms and bring items in from home that they would like in their room.

Students will be given the opportunity to choose the residential menu and will be able to choose alternate meals if they do not wish to have what is on the menu on a particular day.

A student contract is discussed early in each students stay where their needs and preferences can be established and noted.

Giving students the opportunity to make choices will help them feel valued, encourage independence and confidence and develop self worth is of paramount importance in Percy Hedley College residence.

The students rights to choice is paramount and should be respected by all students and members of staff.

Signed

(Principal)

Date