



FREE SKATE OCTOBER 2014

This past term we have started up our Friday Night Free Skate again. The format is simple, each week 10 young people from the local DD4 8 postcode will gain free entry and equipment hire at The Factory Skatepark for two hours. For this we have certain aims we are looking to meet. These are;

- Up to 40 young people from the local area a month will gain access to The Factory Skatepark who might not otherwise have been able to do so.
- The young people who attend the Friday Free Skate will gain confidence in regards to taking part in extreme sports and their skill level will improve.
- The young people will be encouraged to make healthy lifestyle choices by gaining entrance to the Skatepark arena and access to fruit provided free of charge at the reception.
- The Factory Skatepark will encourage dynamic and responsible communities by

encouraging good, safe behaviour both when lining up to enter the Skatepark and when in the Skatepark Arena.

Each week the free skate has either been full or close to capacity. I believe good weather and the fact it only started again this term has meant it has not been full every week but as we get into the winter months I believe it will be at capacity.

Healthy lifestyle choices have definitely been made by the young people who choose to attend the free skate and eat the free fruit available at the reception. Each week the fruit bowl is empty after the free skate finishes which shows they are choosing to eat it and making that healthy choice.

I believe that the young people who attend are gaining confidence in the skatepark arena as they are attending not only the free skate but also other activities we provide such as the homework club and the scooter only session. It is encouraging to see young people enthusiastic about taking part in these sports together and having fun.

However, as the last aim states we are looking to encourage dynamic and responsible communities when

attending the free skate. Last week a couple of the young people did not get to enter the free skate at 6pm as they were displaying unruly behaviour when lining up. As such they had to wait for 10 minutes before going in. They now know that this behaviour is not acceptable and they will not get on the skatepark, I am pleased to say there were no more incidents for the rest of the night.

As we enter the winter term I hope to see the free skate at maximum capacity and we can continue to accomplish these aims.

