



## HOMEWORK CLUB WINTER TERM 2014

Attendances dwindled in the Homework Club as we progressed through the winter term. They started off positively over all three days that we run the club but by the final week of the school term we were down to a third of full capacity overall.

This is disappointing to see but there are several reasons for this downturn. Firstly, in the run up to Christmas many children are busily involved in school and youth club pantomimes, with rehearsals taking up a lot of time. Also, there are Christmas parties and discos on offer for young people at this time of the year. Another reason is the weather, it can be very difficult for families to make their way to and from the skatepark on a weekly basis when the weather is cold, wet and windy. Especially for those who have to walk or are reliant on buses, this can often mean it is too much of an effort to make the journey. Finally, as we got closer to Christmas many young people were simply not receiving homework from school and therefore did not attend the homework club.

However, while low attendances were not high it meant that we could spend near enough one-on-one time with the young people who were there this term. We have a larger team now with up to 6 staff and volunteers so there is a wide range of skills and knowledge

between us which means varied and useful support.

We will be looking for attendances to pick up at the start of next year and we will be looking at ways we can boost numbers if they do not pick up on their own.

