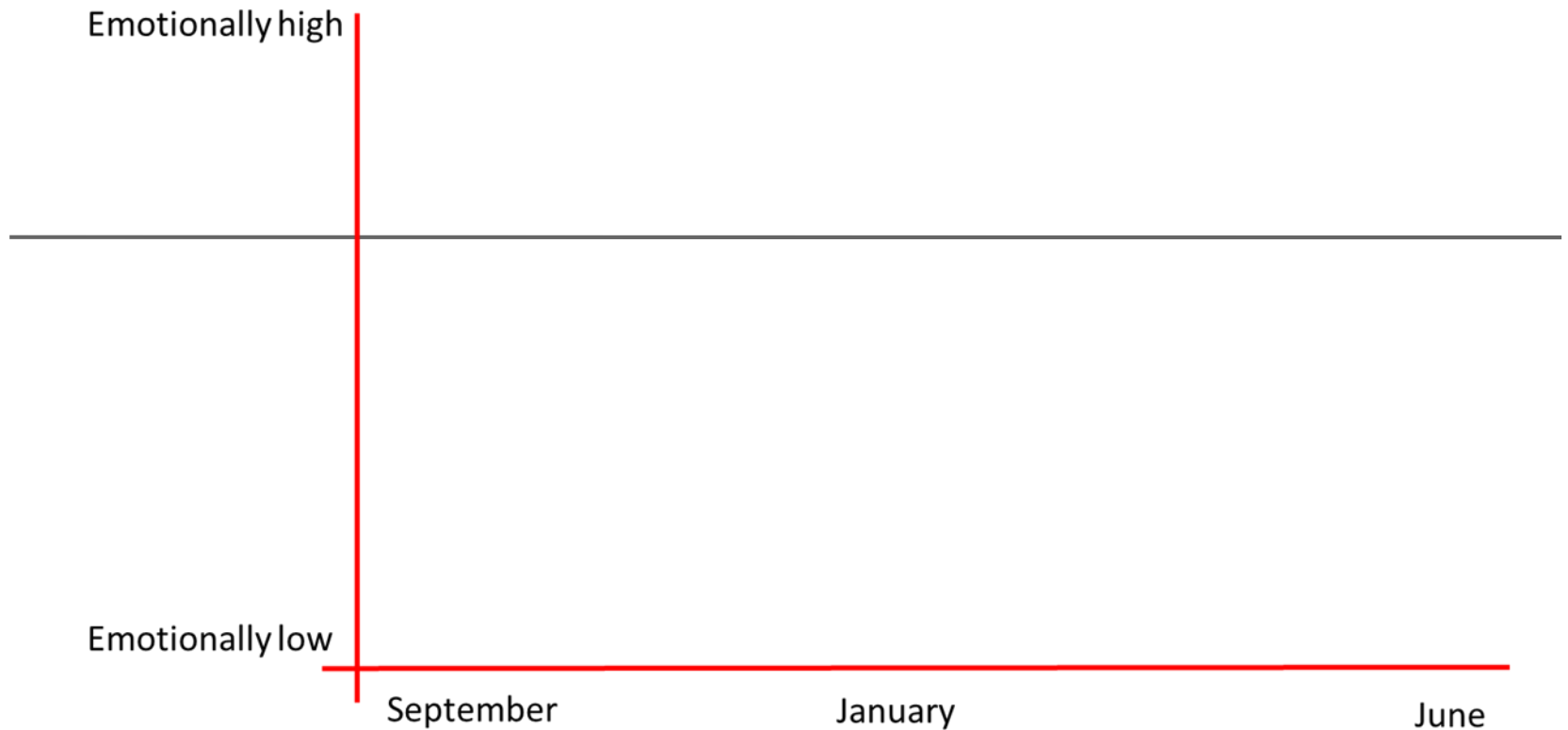
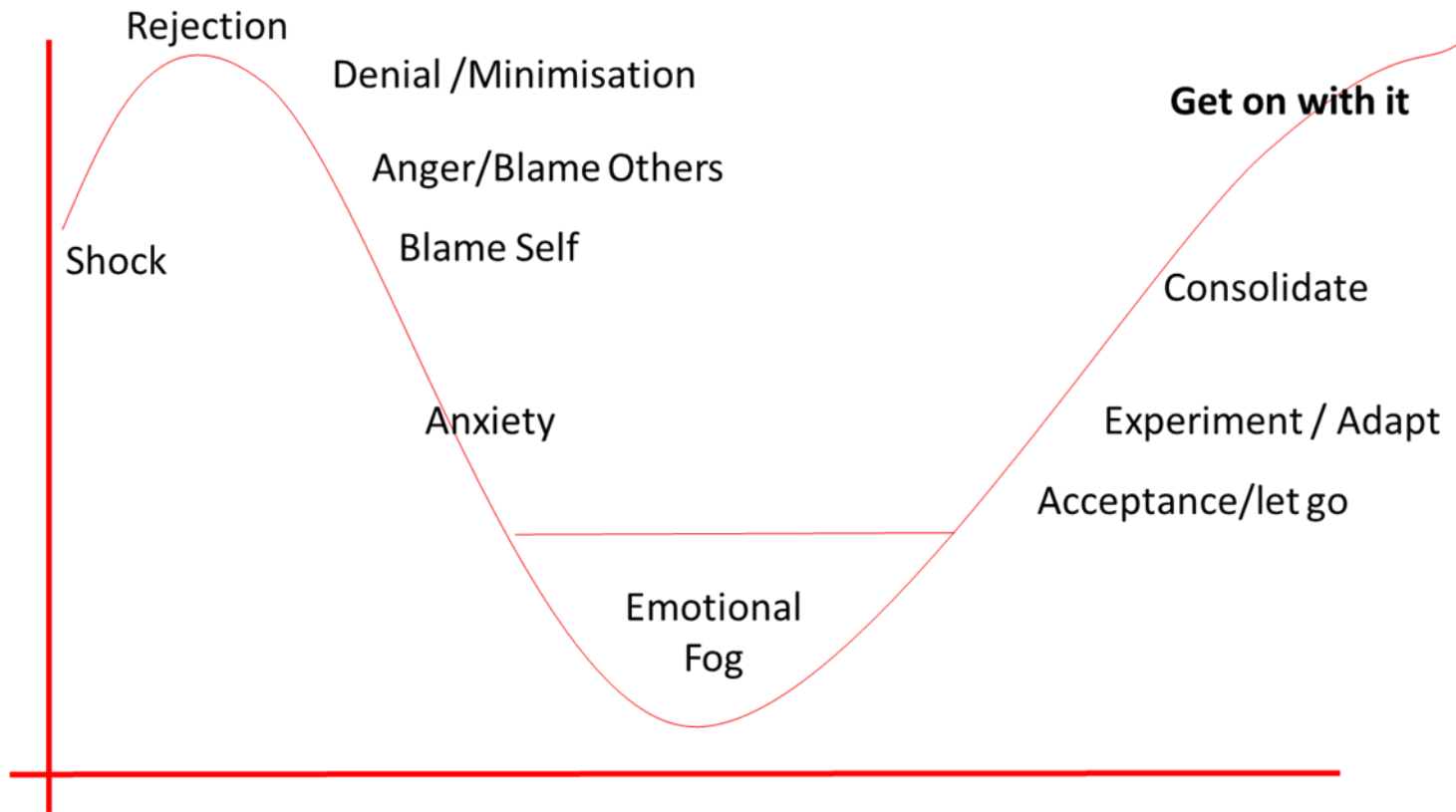


WQE Life:
What will it be like to
be a WQE student?

How did your emotions change through year 11? How you think a typical student's emotions will change over their first year at college?



The Change Curve – A typical response to change:



You will be well supported:

There are a range of support options available as well as the usual support and encouragement from teachers

Peer Mentors

- Available in almost all subjects
- Successful and trained Year 2 students advise and assist Year 1
- Covering topics with a student learning perspective

Careers

Two main jobs.....

1. Advice and guidance for:

- Supporting students to make good decisions about what to do after College and helping them achieve it
- Work experience, getting voluntary work and much more
- Finding part-time employment
- Creating CVs and completing application forms

And....

2. Skills development & Employability

- Working with the whole staff to give students the opportunity to develop employability skills to help them stand out when applying for University, a job or an Apprenticeship

It's all about helping students develop those
skills for success

Careers

How?

- One to one drop in service
- Careers rooms including careers software
- Trips and visits to exciting places
- Opportunities in College to meet employers, Universities and other organisations
- Careers and Volunteering Fairs
- Work experiences, and access to volunteering opportunities
- Seminars, talks and guest speakers
- Skills development sessions



Welfare & Skills Team

Support available to any student who has an identified need, for example:

- A specific learning difference
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Medical or health need
- Physical disability
- Mental health difficulty
- If you are Looked After
- Have caring responsibilities
- Any other welfare concern

Welfare & Skills Team

Students with emerging or identified learning support or welfare needs can receive support from a Welfare and Skills Mentor to help with any welfare issues. They can meet you to discuss the kind of support that you may like and refer you to external services if this would help.

Discreet and professional, short term counselling is also available to all students if the need arises.

Learning Resources

- Textbooks, e-books and revision resources in the LRC
- Librarians for study skills advice and practical help
- Inspirational, contemporary and enjoyable study environments
- Study Centres with computer access
- Quiet Study areas - for revision and completing assignments



Learning Resources across the College

- University level academic articles and Oxford reference databases available online
- PCs to book or use on a 'drop in' basis
- Technical support when you need it
- Vibrant fiction collection, competitions and great prizes available!
- Planned around student need

Student Services

- Admissions or Enrolment queries
- 16 – 19 Bursary Fund
 - ✓ Travel to college
 - ✓ Free meals
 - ✓ Support for trips and visits and essential materials
- Attendance – what to do if you need time off

Student Services

- Student Executive – represent the student body
- Charity Events – supporting local and national causes
- Student Societies – join in or start your own

Enjoy your time at WQE - get involved!

Personal Progress Mentors

Your PPM will be your main point of contact during your time at WQE

They will:

- Run weekly group sessions to provide information about important issues and to help develop your mindset for study
- Have regular 1:1 meetings with you
- Monitor your progress and attendance
- Liaise with parents and teachers on your behalf

Personal Progress Mentors

- Discuss any concerns you may have and refer you to other staff within the College for advice and support when appropriate
- Support you with your UCAS application
- Complete references for UCAS, apprenticeship or work

What our students say:



My PPM has been really supportive and helpful and all students I have had contact with are really friendly and welcoming.

I am really enjoying studying at WQE and although the work is challenging and there is a lot to complete, I am receiving great support from my subject teachers. My PPM has been really supportive and helpful and all students I have had contact with are really friendly and welcoming.

What our students say:

In my years here I've learnt a lot about what I'm interested in what I want to pursue in life but also about myself. I've met some lifelong mates that I wouldn't have known otherwise and always felt like there was a support network I could fall back on if things got too much.

Rosie: Student Governor



Life at WQE is exciting. There are so many opportunities to develop as an individual, so many new friendships to make. It's truly a place welcoming of everyone. I feel so confident about my future plans upon finishing here.

Royston: Student Governor

Where will I be taught?

There are a range of buildings and you are likely to be taught in more than one of these but most importantly the quality teaching and the access to the facilities, services and support mechanisms are available to all. You will be able to see the location of your lessons when you get your timetable a few days after enrolment.

It's one College and it's all yours!

What if my friend has their lessons in a different building?

You'll have plenty of time during the week to meet up and maybe have coffee or lunch together or study together in whichever study facilities you prefer. Probably more mutually free study time to spend together than you did at school. You may even be in the same enrichment class on the same campus.



What will my timetable look like?

Everyone has an individual timetable. Lessons start at 9 each day and finish at 4.10 with a dedicated lunch break and movement times between lessons.

Study and social facilities are open throughout the day for students who arrive before their first session or stay until or beyond the end of the day. Just make sure you always arrive in good time before the start of a session.

How do I find out about getting a Bursary?

There will be more information sent to you in the summer about all the other things you need to know. Check the WQE website and follow us on Social Media for updates. You'll have a Bursary application to complete.

Make sure you follow instructions clearly and provide the evidence needed – this will speed things up. The other important thing to start thinking about is a travel pass if you think you will need one. If there's anything else you need to find out today just ask someone.