

S2.4 Walkabout

A walkabout involves visiting each of the spaces within the grounds to help everyone think about the different parts of the site, as well as the site as a whole. The aim is to encourage discussion and to make a record of the comments, reactions and points raised.

In this example, groups of pupils from each tutor group were taken on a walk around the whole site as part of a citizenship activity. First, all the spaces on the campus were numbered on a map, then visited and discussed. At each space pupils used a 'thinking hats' approach to ask questions. This meant that each of the spaces were thought about in a rounded way.

Pupils were also encouraged to think about what each of the spaces is like at different times of the day and different times of the year, and how this affects the use and potential of the space.

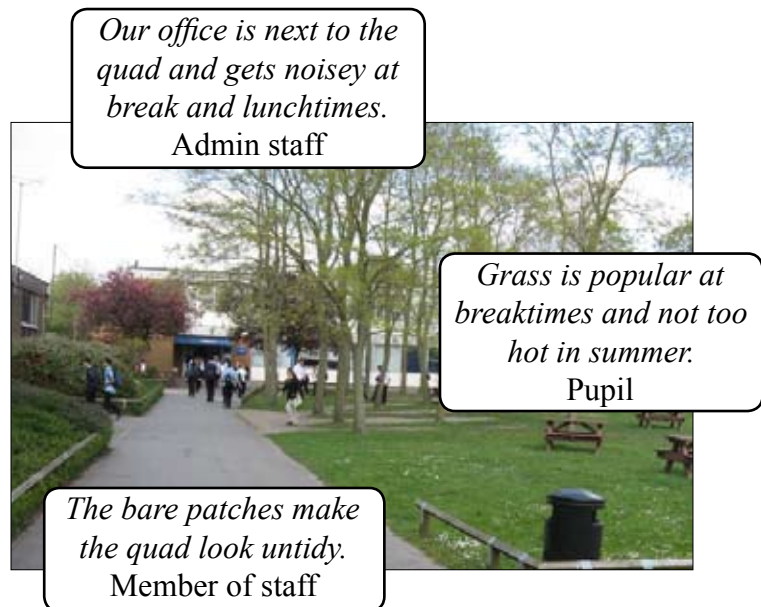
Pupils took on different roles. These included:

- Preparing the maps and leading the walk
- Photographer
- Interviewer
- Recording and summarising responses

The template over page could be used to lead a site walkabout.



Walkabout - Upper school leading lower school to find out what they think and vice versa



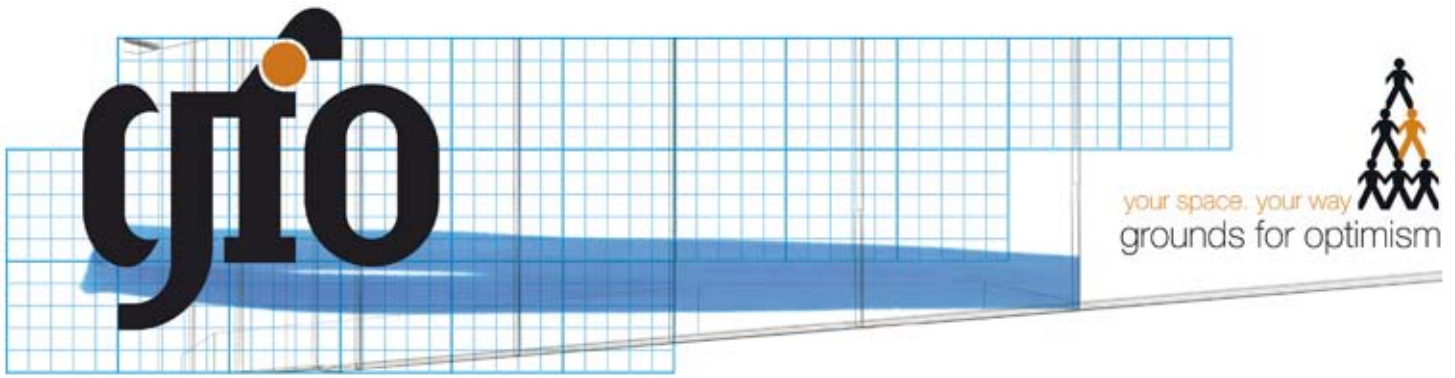
Our office is next to the quad and gets noisy at break and lunchtimes.
Admin staff

Grass is popular at breaktimes and not too hot in summer.
Pupil

The bare patches make the quad look untidy.
Member of staff

Video or photographs can be used to record:

- the space itself
- the good or bad things that are identified during discussion
- how spaces and their use changes over time



Site walkabout

Discussion with

Date

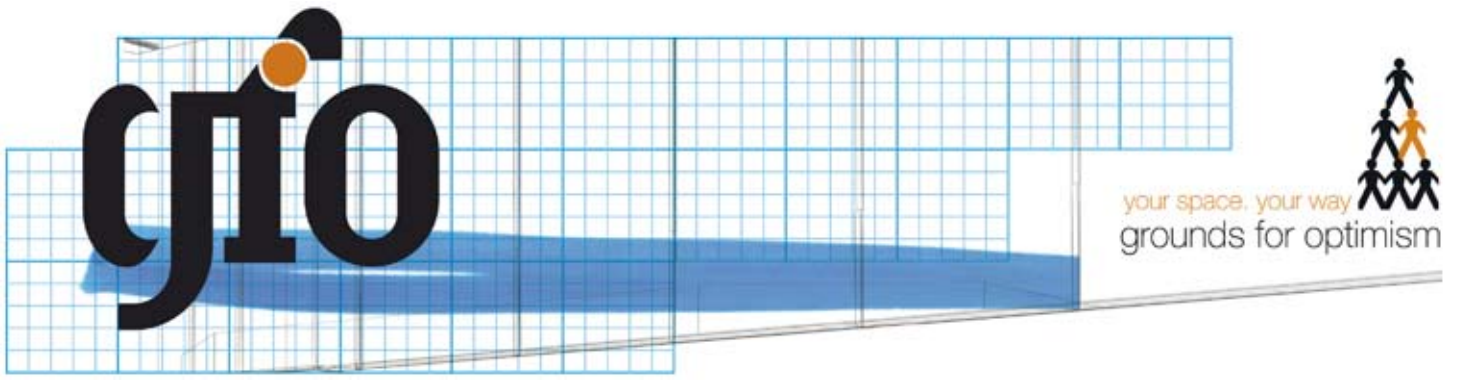
Area discussed

What do we know about this space? What's it for? Is it well used? Who uses it? What happens here?

Describe what you think of this area? What are your feelings about this space? What are the good things? What are the problems?

Is this space different at different times of the year or day?

New ideas for the future What do you want to see happen? How do you think things could be better? Could this area be different/used differently? Could problems be solved? How can we be creative?



Agreed main points of your discussion

Image or plan of the site you have visited:

Insert or draw plan/image