ASSIST is a smoking prevention programme which aims to reduce adolescent smoking prevalence. The ASSIST programme encourages new norms of smoking behaviours by training up "influential" Year 8 students to become "peer supporters". Peer supporters are trained and supported to have conversations with other year 8's about the risks of smoking and the benefits of being smoke-free. The ASSIST programme is estimated to prevent 20,000 young people from taking up smoking each year.

All year 8's are asked to fill in a questionnaire at the beginning of the programme, and by analysing the results of the questionnaire the training team will identify which year 8's are the most influential in the year group and we take 18% of them on to become peer supporters.

The influential young people are required to fill out a diary of what conversations they have had.





