



11th March 2022

Dear Parent,

Personal, Social, Health & Education (PSHCE) Day - Tuesday 15th March 2022

As many of you are already aware, we deliver our Personal, Social, Health and Careers Education (which includes sex and relationships education) on collapsed curriculum days throughout the year, when the normal timetable is suspended. We closely follow the national curriculum on these days, which includes a number of statutory (compulsory for us as a school) elements. The topics we cover on these days include areas which will genuinely make a difference to the life choices your children make. We take our responsibility to educate our young people in a much broader sense (more than simply passing exams) very seriously.

I am pleased to inform you that our third drop-down day of this academic year will be taking place next Tuesday. On this day:

- Year 7 will develop their awareness of Child Labour and Exploitation, Ageing/Age Discrimination Poverty and Homelessness. They will also take part in a Careers Focused session which specifically focuses on being organised and effective time management.
- Year 8 will participate in a range of sessions such as British Values, Illegal Drugs and Pornography. There will also be two further sessions delivered by external visitors - West Lancashire Police will lead a session on Gangs and Knife Crime and a career focused session encouraging students to think ahead of their futures will be led by Careers North.
- Year 9 students will undertake a World of Work Day led by Wilmott Dixon. The day will consist of exploring Careers in Construction, Planning a Programme of Work and developing mapping skills. Students will also participate in practical sessions which will involve Tower Building and working as a team to construct a Giant Tetrahedron.
- Year 10 students will focus on Abusive Relationships (Harassment), Parenting and Censorship (Online). Students will also continue with their focus on Work Experience to ensure they are fully prepared for their placements in May. Finally, all students will have a Revision Strategy session to further support and prepare students for their practice examinations in April.
- Students in Year 11 have a programme for the day which is designed to support them through their examinations and beyond. Sessions include Finding the Right Post 16 Course, Personal Statement Writing, Developing Interview Techniques, Risky Behaviour - Future Impact. Students in Y11 will need to bring their PE kit as they will be participating in a practical Wellbeing Session which will teach them strategies in managing exam stress.

As these days have so much vital information condensed into them, students who are absent will miss important information that could impact on future life choices which is vital to their wider education and well-being. As such, **any child who is absent on a PSHCE day will be expected to complete a review task of the sessions from the day, which will be set by myself on Classcharts with a one-week deadline.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K L Berry

(Assistant Headteacher – Progress and Intervention)

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