



10th June 2021

Dear Parent,

**Personal, Social, Health & Education (PSHCE) Day
Friday 11^h June 2021**

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 follow closely 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 that will genuinely make a difference to the life choices your children make. We hope that this will mean that they will make positive, well-informed choices, which will lead to them becoming happy and well-rounded young people with high aspirations for themselves and others. We take our responsibility to educate our young people in a much broader sense (more than simply passing exams) very seriously.

Unfortunately, due to the recent national lockdown and in the absence of two of our collapsed days, we have been busy delivering the programme remotely and embedding content throughout our tutor time programme. We are now pleased to be back in school and able to deliver our second PSHCE Day of this academic year, during which we feel that there needs to be an emphasis on appropriate sessions aimed at supporting our students in the current climate. The PSHCE Day curriculum will follow guidance from 'The PSHCE Association' and will focus on developing our students to enable them to become more resilient and independent learners, should they be faced with a period of home learning.

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 still be expected to complete all work missed. All of the work will be available on Classcharts with a clear deadline for completion.

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On this day:

- ALL students in years 7-10 will have a focused session delivered by visitors from the RAF to represent the military and introduce students to the vast array of careers available within it. Students will get the opportunity to ask questions and develop an understanding of the wide range of qualifications, which can be gained in the military, including university-endorsed degrees.
- Year 7 will develop their awareness of disabilities such as ADHD, OCD and Dyslexia. They will also look at how to develop positive relationships and the school's response to bullying. One session will also focus on them exploring their own goals and aspirations.
- Year 8 will learn about a range of topics such as developing an understanding of Legal Highs, the risks associated with them, develop an understanding of LGBT, and have two sessions focused on Relationship and Sex Education topics including Sexual Health and Pornography.
- Year 9 students will undertake a varying range of topics in their lessons in relation to Sexual Health, Eating Disorders, FGM and Tattoos and Piercings.
- Year 10 students will explore sessions such as The Law and Me, Actions have Consequences, Gang and Knife Crime. Students will also have a session introducing them to the opportunity of Virtual Work Experience and volunteering.

In tutor time at the beginning of the day students will be shown their PSHCE Day programme and will remain in their tutor groups for the duration of the day.

There will be one further final collapsed curriculum day of this half term.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K L Berry

(Assistant Headteacher – Progress and Intervention)