

23rd February, 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

On 8th March we will be following up the success of our first 'Be Smart Day' in October, with a second event with a focus on Respect and Tolerance. This forms part of our Personal, Social, Health and Cultural Education programme and involves all students engaging in a different curriculum through a mixture of teaching, workshops and external speakers.

The purpose of this day is to strengthen students' understanding of how it is important to respect different cultures and ways of life. We are also aiming to help them understand the consequences of their actions, as well as providing them with the skills to critically evaluate representations in the media. It is our intention that young people should start their transition into adulthood with accurate information and the confidence and knowledge to understand what is happening around them, supporting them in their growth into confident adults who are able to make positive life choices.

There are five sessions for Years 8 and 9 on this day:

- 1 'Respect'. This will be a workshop run by an external provider called 'Prison Me! No Way!' The session is designed to help students understand who the process of radicalisation happens and how this is at conflict with Modern British Values.
- 2 'LGBTQ'. This is a session that aims to help students understand that there are all types of relationship and it is important that each is valued equally within our school community and in the wider world.
- 3 'Consent'. This session will provide students with the understanding of what consent means and how it links to respecting personal space and relationships. It will also address the posting content online.
- 4 'The Holocaust'. Holocaust survivor, Arek Hersch, will be attending school to describe his experience of the Holocaust and how the intolerance he faced in World War II changed his life.

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- 5 'The Rule of Law'. This is a key aspect of Modern British Values and will help students understand why law is important, what the consequences are of breaking the law and how this links to their rights and responsibilities in school.

If you have any further questions about the planning or delivery of the sessions, you are welcome to contact me via Reception.

We appreciate there is much within this day that is of a sensitive nature and each young person will respond differently. Our staff are sensitive to this and are preparing the event very carefully. If the day does cause the raising of any particular issue at home about which you would like to talk to somebody in school you should feel free to telephone and speak with our Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Spink; she will be only too pleased to assist, and if necessary to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. Mrs Spink can be contacted via Reception.

Yours sincerely

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Erin Brierley
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