



19th November 2018

Dear Parent,

Personal, Social, Health & Careers Education (PSHCE) Day 2
Wednesday 21st November 2018

As you are aware, we deliver our Personal, Social, Health and Careers Education (which includes sex and relationships education) on five 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 which 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.

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 need to catch this work up in four, one hour sessions after school when they return.

The second collapsed curriculum day of this academic year will be on Wednesday 21st November.

On this day:

- Year 7 will be looking at the issue of bullying, including the well-publicised concept of online bullying, as well as the school's response to bullying and bullies.
- Year 8 will explore the different barriers to learning that many of our young people face so that they can better understand what it might be like for students in school who are on the autistic spectrum, or who have dyslexia or attention deficit, hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). In addition, they will learn more about the dangers of peer pressure and teen gang culture from West Lancashire Police.
- Year 9 will begin thinking about things that might influence their options choices which will be made next term. Guest speakers will explain the different options offered by colleges to students after school as well as looking at the variety of options available through apprenticeships. In addition, guided by visiting speakers, they will look into the reasons behind and the dangers of eating disorders.
- Year 10 will look into a range of issues that build upon work done previously on relationships, including parenting, teenage pregnancy and a visiting speaker will also address the issue of domestic violence. Year 10 students will also take a first look at their own relationship with the law.
- Year 11 will continue the process of investigating the options available to them when they leave Tarleton Academy. They will also receive a presentation from Lancashire Road Safety Partnership facilitators which will challenge the attitudes of soon-to-be young drivers and their passengers.

Students should report to their tutor group at the beginning of the day to receive their personalised programme.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Mr R Gwinnett
Head of Humanities

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