

19th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We'd like to draw your attention to some Personal Development work we are undertaking over the coming weeks in school with Y10 and Y11. Specifically, this work is around social media and staying safe online, something we know that you take seriously for your child, and something we also prioritise as a school. This was planned for some while but it may be especially timely as we are currently seeing a great deal in the media about Andrew Tate.

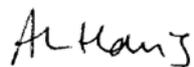
As a school, we are keen to promote the core value of respect, as we are sure you are too as parents and carers. We've been highlighting this through planned assemblies over the last 2 weeks led by the school leadership team. Mr Campbell has shared messages centred around anti-bullying and #nobystanders and Mr Speake has spoken to all year groups in his assembly about the unacceptable use of derogatory language, which is not 'banter', and the need to respect others, not just here in school but in the wider world. You may have seen some communication already about this on our social media feeds.

In addition, to support our students' Personal Development, we are working with a partner called 'Dignify' who do lots of work around young people staying safe online, including with sexual content available or shared online. This work starts, for Y10 and Y11 only, with an anonymous survey to help us understand the experiences and context of our Y10 and Y11 students so that we can better support and safeguard them. This 10 minute survey will be carried out in school time. Further staff training and student support can then be better planned with the findings.

Please find here a letter from 'Dignify', which tells you more about their work.

As a school, we look forward to continued work with you and our students to help them be the best versions of themselves to secure a happy and healthy future.

Kind regards,



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