

8 October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Pastoral Day – Tuesday 15 October 2019**

On Tuesday 15 October, the normal school timetable will be replaced with a 'Pastoral Day'. This will mean that students will take part in a variety of age appropriate sessions considering different aspects of health, wellbeing and for Year 11 students, post 16 options off site until approximately 1pm.

The themes for the day are shown below:

#### **Year 7**

- Social Media and online Safety
- Classcharts – How to!
- Odd One Out – Documentary
- Anti-Bullying / British Values
- Mindfulness

#### **Year 8**

- Odd One Out – Documentary
- Mental Health
- Anti-Bullying/ British Values
- Classcharts – How to!

#### **Year 9**

- Odd One Out
- Alcohol - Guest Speaker
- Anti-Bullying/ British Values
- Classcharts - How to!
- Mental Health

#### **Year 10**

- Careers
- Work Experience
- Drugs, Gangs, Knives and Prison
- Classcharts – How to!

You may have seen information regarding the documentary 'Odd One Out' by Jesy Nelson, who is a member of the girl band Little Mix. This is a powerful documentary, available on BBC iPlayer, regarding social media, and the effects of trolling. Should you wish to read further about this, please see the link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p07lsr4d/jesy-nelson-odd-one-out>.

Throughout the day, a number of hard-hitting topics will be covered, as we feel this is important in ensuring every child understands wider issues, and that as professionals we educate them in understanding these topics, to ultimately protect them in what can now be a difficult world to grow up in.

During the day students will be introduced to their own account for Classcharts. Students will learn how to analyse their own behavior for learning, track how many house points they have and become familiar with the homework function. Students will initially set up their accounts via their mobile phones and therefore we will be allowing students to bring their mobile phones in to use for one period of this day. The school will allow students to access Wi-Fi; to speed up this process up, please could students download the **Classcharts Student** app. They can do this from either Apple Store or Google Play before hand – any student without access to a mobile phone will be afforded a computer for that period.

Students will be required to wear full school uniform for this day.

This day proves to be an exciting, fun filled and thought-provoking day for all. This will enable students to have a better understanding of the wider world, making them less vulnerable and more able to easily identify situations that put themselves or others in danger.

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of this day further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0118 966 8065.

Yours sincerely



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