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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Sex and Relationships Education

I am writing to make you aware of some forthcoming work that Year 9 students will be doing on Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) in their Personal Development (PD) lessons.

All Year 9 students will begin work on SRE in either the latter part of the autumn or the spring term. Their work will initially focus on Relationships and will cover such topics as Love, Trust, Pressure and 'What makes a good relationship?' They will also have a visit from an outreach worker with Brook.

Later in the spring term and during the summer term students will progress to cover such topics as Sex and the Law, Contraception, Pregnancy, Sexuality and STIs. They will also have a visit from a counsellor with Care Confidential, a pregnancy support organisation, who will talk on the topic of 'saving sex'.

In addition, all students will have a series of five lessons during the spring and summer terms following the nationally-recognised SAFE project, focusing on healthy relationships and the signs, dangers and the consequences of unhealthy or abusive relationships. This will include a lesson where students will hear from a survivor of domestic abuse about his or her experiences.

This work is an important part of the school's Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme, contributing towards students' moral and social development. Equally, we do recognise that these topics can be sensitive, and we would encourage you to contact us with any concerns. Where students find a particular topic upsetting we can arrange for them to be withdrawn from that particular lesson or lessons.

If you have any concerns please contact me or your son/daughter's PD teacher.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Emma'.

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