

Parents and Carers,

5th September 2022

As a part of your child's education at Wapping High School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme which we deliver as part of ASPIRE days and extended Tutor times. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

Over the next year, your child's class will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of this programme. **Please see the table which outlines the curriculum plan for RSE teaching this year and please also refer to [the policy on the school website](#).**

Every year it is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Please visit the school's website for more detail about our PSHE curriculum. All PSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

Year 7	Diversity Diversity, prejudice, and bullying	Building relationships Self-worth, romance and friendships (including online) and relationship boundaries
Year 8	Discrimination Discrimination in all its forms, including: racism, religious discrimination, disability, discrimination, sexism, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia	Identity and relationships Gender identity, sexual orientation, consent, 'sexting', and an introduction to contraception
Year 9	Respectful relationships Families and parenting, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, and relationship changes	Intimate relationships Relationships and sex education including consent, contraception, the risks of STIs, and attitudes to pornography
Year 10	Healthy relationships Relationships and sex expectations, myths, pleasure and challenges, including the impact of the media and pornography	Addressing extremism and radicalisation Communities, belonging and challenging extremism
Year 11	Communication in relationships Personal values, assertive communication (including in relation to contraception and sexual health), relationship challenges and abuse	Families Different families and parental responsibilities, pregnancy, marriage and forced marriage and changing relationships

As a parent you do have a right to withdraw your child from sex education delivered as part of RSE in secondary schools which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be granted up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.

There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at secondary level and we believe the content of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught. However, we are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the PSHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all of our students.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Serra Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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