

Dear Parent / Carer

I wanted to write to you to bring you up to date on the Personal Development (PSHE) programme from the Spring Term.

Students throughout the term have been educated on important topics such as understanding the link between health & wellbeing, online safety and healthy vs unhealthy relationships. Our year 11 students also spent some time exploring 'financial management' in order to prepare themselves for life after their GCSEs. Our Personal Development lessons are delivered by tutors, every other week (week A) on a Wednesday period 5 and students continue to access further support & information through the pastoral programme

Throughout the last term, we have been lucky enough to work with a range of outside agencies and companies who have visited our school to compliment the Personal Development Curriculum. Students in years 7-10 had talks from Stand Against Violence and students in year 8 & 9 had assemblies on raising awareness of the impact of drugs and alcohol.

The Spring term saw The Purbeck School launch another two of our campaigns; the first was linked to Safer Internet Day where students had a week of activities linked to e-safety. During tutor times, students discussed the impact of AI, explored the roles influencers have on our day to day lives, discussed the topic of misinformation and then spent some time looking at safer social media use. This campaign was then closely following by our Red Nose Day fundraising efforts where The Purbeck School 'fought back against poverty' and donated nearly 2000 items to our local foodbank in Wareham.

One of the key strengths of our Personal Development programme is the flexibility it provides to respond and educate students on key events, which happen, both locally and globally. Throughout this term's tutor programme, as part of the Bold Voices sessions, students have had the opportunity to discuss current events such as; learning about Ramadan, exploring how & why fast fashion companies keep their prices so low and discussing the controversy surrounding the Men's Euro football kit.

The House Leaders and myself work to gather student views on the Personal Development curriculum and adapt the content to suit the feedback given. Recent focus groups have identified that students enjoy the content being delivered by their tutors and appreciate being given the opportunity to discuss some challenging topics and hear alternative views. Students have requested to have more content on financial management, employment law and taxes so we look forward to building this into the summer term curriculum.

If you would like further information on our Personal Development curriculum, I strongly encourage you to access <https://www.purbeck.dorset.sch.uk/information/curriculum/pshe/>.

As you can see, it has been a very busy term for Personal Development and students really have been provided with some fantastic opportunities; I am very much looking forward to seeing what the summer term brings

If you have any questions about the programme, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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