



On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, we were fortunate enough to welcome Bold Voices back into school to work with our students.



On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Bold Voice Ambassadors worked with x30 of our year 12 and year 13 students to train them up to become 'Bold Voices Mentors' for The Purbeck School. Their training was based on: *What I wish I'd known: Planting the seeds of change*.

Throughout the day, our mentors built a critical understanding of what gender inequality looks like within the UK. They then completed the activities that our year 9 students took part in on the Thursday, pausing at intervals to cover key information, ask questions about the content and share insights with each other.

Our Bold Voices Mentors developed key skills throughout the day such as active listening and the importance of asking questions over giving opinions; allyship and how to move beyond focusing on just our own experiences of these issues.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, the day was centred round our year 9 students.

Year 9 students attended a talk, led by Bold Voices, on *Thinking Big about Gender Inequality*. Throughout the day, all students then attended a workshop which were led by Bold Voices staff and our newly trained 6<sup>th</sup> form Mentors. During these workshops, pupils were introduced to the concept that all forms of gender inequality are connected through exploration of gender stereotypes, gendered language, harmful attitudes and their negative outcomes for all genders.

Both days were incredibly empowering and inspiring for all students, and staff, involved. It was incredible to see the roles that our 6<sup>th</sup> form students took on and how influential they were when working with our lower school students.

We are very excited to continue to work with Bold Voices and to develop and evolve the mentor roles over the next academic year.

