



Dear Parent / Carer

I wanted to write to you to bring you up to date on the Personal Development (PSHE) programme this term.

Students throughout the term have been educated on important topics such as understanding our own emotions, drugs & alcohol including vapes, mental health and revision strategies for upcoming exams. Our Personal Development lessons have been 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. Both parents and students have had talks from Escapeline, who are a charity committed to the prevention of child exploitation across the South West of England. We have also welcomed Diverseabilities into the school who held assemblies, to all houses, on the challenges some young people face when living with disabilities. We have also welcomed back 'Bold Voices' who upskilled 30 of our year 12 students to enable them to mentor lower school students; all year 9 students then attended workshops, facilitated by our year 12 students, on gender inequality. We look forward to welcoming back Bold Voices in the New Year who will then work with our year 10 students.

A key focus this term has been the development of our tutor programme. We have now fully launched our 'Bold Voices' tutor time session which encourages student discussion and reflection on quite challenging topics such as Neurodiversity and mental health. Students also have a fortnightly tutor session on careers which is linked to their careers journey through the school; students have been working on developing the core employability skills and thinking about jobs of the future. Our House Captains have also provided students with a weekly tutor quiz which has generated a lot of competition between the students (and tutors!); the winning tutor group in each year will have a celebratory breakfast provided by the school.

A new development, in the pastoral system, this year was the introduction of our half termly campaigns. Last year, our students voiced that they wanted to do more for key challenges that individuals face within society, both locally and globally. Our first campaign 'Show Racism the Red Card' involved a whole range of activities including assemblies, tutor sessions, staff video, house competition and ended with fundraising event for National Wear Red Day.

Our 2nd campaign, 'Make a Noise About Bullying,' was linked to national anti-bullying week. This was again a very busy fortnight which saw themed assemblies, tutor time sessions and a whole school project where we artistically created 'The Purbeck School Makes A Noise About Bullying.' For both of these campaigns, it was very empowering to see all students come together and invest so much time and energy into the messages that were being delivered.

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/>.



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As I am sure you can tell, 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 Spring term brings.

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

Kind Regards,

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