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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Re: Year 9 - Stand Up! Education Against Discrimination

As a part of our core enrichment offer and to support our students' personal development, we are committed to keeping our students safe and aware of issues that may affect them. We want all our students to be well informed citizens and to contribute positively to their school community and the wider world. As part of this commitment, we are aware that our young people need to be educated about language; considering what is appropriate and not appropriate to say to one another.

With the prevalence of social media usage amongst young people, we are aware that students may see and hear words that they do not fully understand and then may repeat these. To support our students in understanding the impact of discriminatory language, your child along with the rest of the Year 9 cohort will receive a session from an external provider: Stand Up! Education Against Discrimination on either Tuesday 13th or Wednesday 14th October 2026. Students explore how to challenge prejudice and stereotypes, learn about UK equality law, discuss questions such as the difference between free speech and hate speech, and learn how they can report and challenge hate, particularly on social media.

The sessions will take place during lesson time either in the Assembly Hall or within their classroom settings in their form groups. We would expect our students' behaviour during these sessions to be in line with our school values and that all students demonstrate respect and professionalism throughout the session.

We are aware that these discussions will incite curiosity amongst our students and we are also aware that some students may require some further support around these discussions. We encourage any student that feels they need further support to speak to the Year 9 Pastoral Team or their classroom teacher on the day.

During the week prior, our students will be developing their understanding of how to create an inclusive and kind community during their Personal Development sessions, where they will have discussions about the British Values and the importance of creating a safe and equal society for others.

We hope that this education will support our community in being a kind and respectful space where all students can thrive.

Yours faithfully

Miss N Cork
Senior Leader



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