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Dear Parent/Carer

Subject: Upcoming PSHE Education Lessons for Year 9 on Relationships and Sex Education

As part of your child's education at Wexham School, we are committed to promoting personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) education programme. This curriculum provides young people with the knowledge, understanding, attitudes, and practical skills to live safe, healthy, and productive lives, reaching their full potential.

I am writing to inform you that, over the next seven weeks, beginning Tuesday, 11th January, your child in Year 9 will be participating in lessons focused on the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) component of our PSHE programme. These lessons will cover essential topics aimed at equipping students with knowledge for safe and informed decision-making.

Specifically, the RSE lessons will address:

- Facts about reproductive health
- Practicing safer sex
- An overview of different forms of contraception
- Understanding sexting, including the risks involved
- Information on sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDS, their transmission, and ways to reduce risk through safer sex practices, such as condom use

These lessons are part of our commitment to provide a comprehensive education that supports students' wellbeing and personal development. All content will be delivered in a safe, supportive environment in alignment with our school's values. PSHE education is taught across all year groups at Wexham School, with content monitored and reviewed regularly by our staff and governing body. Please visit our website at Wexham School - Curriculum.

Right to Withdraw from Sex Education in RSE

In line with government guidelines introduced in September 2020, parents do have the right to withdraw their child from certain sex education lessons delivered as part of the RSE curriculum in secondary schools. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, this right may be exercised up to three terms before your child turns 16. At that point, if your child wishes to participate in sex education, the school will make arrangements for them to do so during one of the three terms before they reach the legal age of sexual consent (16).

However, please note that there is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at the secondary level. We believe that core topics such as puberty, family, friendship, and safety (including online safety) are essential for all students.

We are confident that you share our commitment to implementing the new PSHE curriculum, which will benefit all of our students. If you would like to discuss the RSE programme further, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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