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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Re: PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, and Economic) topics being covered this term

At Chase Terrace Academy, our dedicated staff take immense pride in fostering strong and positive connections with our pupils. These relationships are deeply rooted in our core values of Community, Tenacity, Aspiration, and a shared commitment to the CTA way. Through the teaching of Personal Development, our staff have the chance to build upon these meaningful connections, offering pupils valuable learning experiences that extend beyond the subject curriculum they follow.

We aim to enrich our pupils' cultural awareness and contribute to their personal fulfilment. A crucial component of our curriculum is Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) Education, which offers our students a diverse array of opportunities to explore various essential topics.

For the upcoming term, our PSHE education will be structured as follows:

Year 7: Transition to Secondary School - How we treat each other - Careers.

Year 8: Healthy choices - How we treat each other- Careers.

Year 9: Friendships. Behaviour - Keeping safe - Careers.

Year 10: Mental health – Finance - Addictions.

Year 11: Resilience - Mental health - Study skills.

Year 12: Transition to 6th Form - How we treat each other – Careers

Year 13: UCAS, University applications and careers - How we treat each other – Study Skills

We will be updating you regularly on PSHE subjects/topics and themes that are being covered.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

Under current guidance parents and carers have the right to withdraw their child (up to the age of 18) from any or all aspects of RSE that are not included in the within the statutory national curriculum. That means that you are not permitted to withdraw your child from elements of education (with regards to the reproductive systems and biological aspects) but you may from PSHE subjects/topics/themes that you do not wish your child to participate in.

Where you elect to remove your child from any aspect, please write to me at d.inman@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk

Department of Education guidance states that whilst parents/carers can withdraw their child from Sex Education that parents and carers do not have a right to withdraw relationship education.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1090195/Relationships_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education.pdf

Where a child does not participate in these areas of study, we will provide an alternative area for them to work and provide suitable work for them to complete.

Yours sincerely

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