

22nd December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 Respect the CTA Way: Community, Tenacity, Aspiration. 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 pupils a diverse array of opportunities to explore various essential topics.

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

Year 7: Puberty, unwanted contact and diversity, prejudice-based language, physical and mental health and lifestyle choices.

Year 8: Gender identity, prejudice-based language, physical and mental health, resilient lifestyles and emotions

Year 9: Families, relationships, physical and mental health, resilient lifestyles and body image

Year 10: Relationships, coercive and abusive behaviours, physical and mental health and addictions.

Year 11: Sexual education including: intimacy, readiness for sexual relationships, unwanted attention, STI's and physical and mental health.

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

Assemblies.

We at Chase Terrace believe that assemblies provide a fantastic opportunity to build a strong sense of community. They help reinforce our school's ethos and our values of respect, community, tenacity and aspiration, whilst delivering a clear message around the British Values. They help to develop identity - so often the hallmark of a strong school. During the assemblies this term we will be delivering on events that have relevance and focus to the time of year and events taking place.

Our assemblies will readdress behaviour, our school values and British values whilst celebrating National events such as World Holocaust day, Careers Week, LGBT+ history, Autism Awareness Month and Celebrating Cultural Diversity looking at celebrations in the calendars of other religions.

As with PSHE (See below) we are sensitive to all our pupils' beliefs and I am happy to discuss the nature of Assemblies with you if you wish your child not to be present at some of these.

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 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](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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