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Dear Parent/Guardian

Your son will be continuing a PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) course this year.

We believe this course to be an important part of the curriculum as it gives boys opportunities to develop an understanding of themselves and others by:

- exploring attitudes and feelings
- acquiring knowledge and developing skills
- appreciating a range of values
- acknowledging the effects of their actions
- learning to give and receive support

There will be 18 PSHCE lessons throughout the year and in Year 9 the course will include the following themes:

- Careers – Future Choices
- Sex Education (sex and the law, birth and relationships)
- Government and Democracy
- Remembrance
- Drugs Awareness
- Economic awareness

You do have the legal right to withdraw your son from Sex Education lessons which are not part of the Science National Curriculum. However, as a school we are committed to the broad development of boys and the content of the course is considered very carefully bearing in mind the boys' age, family backgrounds, society values and the values of the school.

We do believe that all the topics covered in PSHCE are of great value and we hope that you and your son will be in agreement. If you do want to enquire about the content of the course, or if you have any questions, contact your son's PSHCE teacher.

Yours sincerely

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