

Dear Parent / Carer,

Now that we are coming to the end of another busy year, I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on the Personal Development curriculum from the summer term.

During students' Personal Development lessons, they have been educated on important topics such as financial education, laws in relation to consent and exploring influence across the community. In order to further prepare our year 10 students for work experience, students also covered topics on employment rights and responsibilities.

We have also welcomed Bold Voices in to school who worked with our year 12 students into 'sowing the seeds of change' towards gender inequality and sexism; these students then delivered workshops to year 10 students on gender inequality and sexual harassment. The interaction and discussions that were taking place between our year 12 students and our year 10 students were very impressive; students were really taking their time to explore, challenge and understand each other's views.

Since September, the Pastoral Team have worked hard to develop and evolve our tutor time programme by incorporating a Bold Voices session into it. During these sessions, students discuss and learn about topics which are linked to their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development such as the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D – Day landings, women's sport and the Government's view of the use of mobile phones within school.

We continued to run our campaigns into the Summer Term. As you know, back in the autumn term, we ran 'Show Racism the Red Card,' the spring term saw us focus on 'e-safety' and 'anti-bullying week.' For our summer term campaign, we joined forces with Red Nose Day and 'fought back against poverty.' The Purbeck School community donated over 1000 items to our local food bank in Wareham. It was an incredible achievement and something which we will look to continue throughout the year.

Throughout the Personal Development programme, pupils continue to develop the knowledge, skills and qualities required to manage their lives, now and in the future. These skills and characteristics will help pupils to stay healthy, safe and prepare them for life and work in modern Britain.

I strongly encourage all parents / careers to access the Personal Development overview which can be accessed here <https://www.purbeck.dorset.sch.uk/information/curriculum/pshe/> to further understand the content covered addressed, which at times can be hard hitting and sensitive.

If you have any questions about the programme, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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