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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Calling it Out PHSE Programme Information for Year 8 Parents

I hope this message finds you well. As we gear up for the upcoming term, I wanted to share some important information regarding our planned PHSE programme at Harris Church of England Academy. This programme is primarily aimed at students aged 13 and above, but we may extend the opportunity to students who are 12 years old as well. This programme is being offered to all Year 8 students and there will be sessions delivered in school on **Tuesday, 21 May**.

One of the key focuses of this programme is addressing a specific issue we have noticed among students - the sharing of inappropriate images. We believe it is crucial to provide education and guidance on this matter to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students.

I want to assure you that if you have any concerns regarding the age appropriateness of the programme for your child, you have the option to withdraw them from participating this year, if they are currently 12 years old. If you would like to withdraw them please email office@harris.covmat.org, by 17 May 2024.

The content of the programme will cover essential topics such as the concepts of, and laws relating to, sexual consent, sexual exploitation, abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, and rape. It will also delve into how these issues can impact both current and future relationships. Additionally, students will learn about actively communicating and recognising consent from others, including sexual consent, and understanding when consent can be withdrawn, in all contexts, including online interactions.

Furthermore, the programme will educate students on identifying harmful behaviours online, such as bullying, abuse, or harassment, and how to report such incidents or seek support if they have been affected by them. We will also address important societal issues like everyday sexism, misogyny, homophobia, and gender stereotypes. Our aim is to create a school culture where these behaviours are not tolerated, and any instances are promptly identified and addressed. Our dedicated staff will play a crucial role in modelling positive behaviours, and our pastoral and behaviour policies are designed to support all pupils.

Should you have any questions or require further information about the Calling it Out PHSE programme, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your child's well-being and safety are our top priorities, and we are committed to providing a supportive and inclusive learning environment for all our students.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education journey.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Harrison
Headteacher



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