

Safe-Guarding & Seeking Help

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a busy start to this new term in the safeguarding and pastoral hub. Our main focus this term has been to educate our students in relation to the topic of sexual violence and sexual harassment.

We believe as a school that it is important for students to have an understanding of this subject and also to equip them with the knowledge of where they can seek help should they need to and the different areas of this field.

Each year group received a school assembly which focused on sexual violence and harassment and this was delivered by Mrs Duffy who is the designated safeguard lead within the school. Within this assembly the following topics were covered:

Online Safety – giving students the knowledge and understanding of the implications of sharing images and contacting people that they do not know.

Sexual Assault – what this is and where students can get help from.

Sexual Banter – what this is and how it can affect others.

Discussions were also had as to where students can go within the school should they wish to report anything and details as to what would happen.

It is very important for us as a school to obtain students' opinions on these matters. We have spoken to several students in each year to gain their opinions and, where possible and necessary, how we can improve our services. A questionnaire on this topic will be going out to all students so that everyone has a voice.

Should you feel that you want more information on this matter or would like advice as to where to report anything of this nature, here are some useful websites/numbers:

101 – Warwickshire police

The **NSPCC** website has a useful page outlining the offences and suggesting how parents can support children - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

ROSA is also a good website which details what help can be given for victims
<https://www.thesurvivorstrust.org/faqs/rugby-rosa>

Banardos website details the different types of sexual harassment that can occur and where help can be gained - <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>