

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to inform you that starting in February Year 9 will be undertaking a unit on Sex and Relationships Education as part of their Religious and Personal Studies (R.P.S.) lessons.

Sex and Relationships Education forms an important part of the R.P.S. programme. The lessons should build upon previous knowledge and be informative and educational, thus enabling students to make informed decisions in the future. I would like to highlight the topics that are being covered so that you can be prepared for any questions your child may ask at home. Although these lessons are obviously guided by the teacher, sessions are often led by the questioning from students so please be aware that lessons are not limited to solely these topics and other areas may be discussed. Each session will use a variety of resources ranging from books, worksheets, PowerPoints, and videos.

The lessons will cover topics such as peer pressure, the law, the reproductive system, fertility, contraception, sexually transmitted infections, consent and self-examination. The aim of these lessons is to give students the knowledge necessary to enable them to make informed choices for themselves in the future.

Under Section 405 of the Education Act 1996, all parents or carers have the right to withdraw children from Sex and Relationship Education lessons (up to and until 3 terms before the child turns 16), with the exception of that which occurs as part of the National Curriculum in Science. Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing and addressed to the Headteacher and myself.

For more details please read our policy on Sex and Relationships Education which is available on the college website.

Yours sincerely,

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