

PASTORAL UPDATES

MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST

PSHE (including RSE) regular update

Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE) is a non-statutory but important and necessary part of all pupils' education (Department for Education, 2020). We hope that you find the regular updates on what we have covered in our PSHE sessions for Years 7-13 useful and that you engage with the content and discuss this with your child and family. For further information about what is being taught this term please visit our [school website](#). If you have any questions about any aspect of PSHE please contact your child's Head of Year.

What have students been taught in PSHE this week? (Thursday, November 27th)

Year 7 - This week in PSHE, students focused on menstrual wellbeing and personal hygiene, including dental care and overall cleanliness. We explored how the body changes during puberty and discussed practical ways to manage menstrual health with confidence. We also reinforced the significance of good dental hygiene as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Year 8 - This week in PSHE, students explored the topic of stereotypes and their impact on individuals and communities. We discussed what stereotypes are, how they form, and why they can be harmful. The lesson encouraged critical thinking and reflection, helping students to recognise biased assumptions and challenge them.

Year 9 - This week in PSHE, students looked at the topic of planning for the future. The lesson encouraged them to think about their aspirations, goals, and the different pathways available to them as they grow older.

Year 10 had P4C this week and they were discussing topics around healthy relationships.

Year 11 - mock examinations.

Half of **Year 12** this week played netball as part of our inter-form competition, and the other half were given a presentation by Year 13 Psychologists on being the bystander effect. They will swap round next week.

Year 13 had a session exploring the use of AI.

Pastoral support resources



Sutton Education Wellbeing Team

We are an early intervention service who aim to work closely with schools to help young people who are struggling with anxiety or low mood to access the right support quickly.



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Children's Wellbeing Practitioner

You may see me around the school on Mondays and Thursdays. Feel free to say hi and ask me about the work we do.



Visit our YouTube channel
Children & Young People's Wellbeing Service

for a great selection of mental health and wellbeing videos for parents, staff and young people.

If you are interested in one of our interventions, ask **your year leader, safeguarding lead or Ms. Morris** for our application form and return it to them once completed.

Our interventions

We offer 2 Guided Self Help support programmes for young people who would like some support with



How will it help?

You and your Wellbeing Practitioner will work as a team to tackle problems relating to your low mood or anxiety. We will help you to better understand your difficulties and become a specialist in your own mental wellbeing.

We strive to equip you with a toolbox of coping strategies to help you manage your difficulties in the long term.

Who We See...

Young people who:

- ✓ Are aged 11-18 and attending school
- ✓ Sometimes feel anxious (e.g. feeling anxious in social situations; feeling panicky; phobias of specific things)
- ✓ Sometimes feel low (e.g. loss of motivation; no longer finding enjoyment in the things they used to; change in appetite; low self-esteem; frustration)
- ✗ who have received a previous intervention from CAMHS
- ✗ who are currently on a waiting list to receive an intervention

What we expect from you

We need you to:

- ✓ Attend 6-8 weekly sessions
- ✓ Practice the suggested ideas and strategies regularly
- ✓ Work with the Wellbeing Practitioner to improve your wellbeing



Pastoral support

We have a range of support services available in school to help your child should they need some extra support. These include a school counsellor, ELSA, pastoral support officer, mental health champions and peer mentors. Please contact your child's Head of Year directly should you have any concerns.

TALK TO US
OFF THE RECORD

Off The Record

At our free online workshops we share practical tips and info about issues you might be struggling with and there is also the opportunity to meet other young people and share ideas in a safe and confidential chat room and Zoom (there is no pressure to appear on camera)

Children's and Young People's Wellbeing Service

The South West London and St Georges Mental Health Education Wellbeing Service offers parent webinars across the year to help support your teen's wellbeing and mental health. [Sign up here](#)

They also have a very helpful [YouTube channel](#) with videos on a number of different topics surrounding young people's mental health.

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