

April 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian

I'd like to tell you about a really important lesson that Year 9 will be taking part in after the Easter Holidays, it is the start to a suite of lessons that will be looking at Relationships.

The lesson will be about adoption and issues that can affect an adopted young person. It will be taught by your child's Tutor, and will use resources developed by The Adoptables and Coram Life Education.

This session is extremely important for every student. It explores why someone might need to be adopted; some of the positives about being adopted, and some issues that an adopted young person may face. Most importantly, it will allow pupils to consider how they might be able to support someone who is adopted.

Adoption is not a full stop, an immediate end to a child's difficult times; it's the start of another journey which will have its own challenges and difficulties.

These lessons will hopefully help adopted young people in a similar way by equipping students with information about adoption.

Some films will be shown during the session. They are interviews with adopted young people where they discuss the best things about being adopted, how being adopted has affected them at school, and what they would like other pupils to understand. Students are then encouraged to explore the content of the films in a safe and respectful manner, and to ask questions during and after the session.

The films and subsequent activities have been written by education professionals with the input of social workers and adoption experts. The entire workshop is age-appropriate, handled in a sensitive and supportive manner and, in addition to its own learning outcomes, supports the PSHE Association's Programme of Study for KS3 and the DFE Scheme of Learning for statutory PSHE Education.

If any of this content raises concerns, please speak to Mrs Emily Loffthouse, Head of PSHE. It is important that any pupil who may be affected by any of the issues raised are prepared in advance of the day.

Yours sincerely

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