Hawkley Hall High School

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'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding'. (Ofsted)

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PSHE plays a vital role in our children's lives and in their overall development. We pride ourselves on delivering a robust curriculum which has been tailored to suit the needs of our Hawkley children. In response to student, staff and parent feedback, we wanted to inform you of the changes we intend to make with our Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) delivery method.

From October 31st, year 7 to year 10 students will receive one hour per week of PSHE education on a rolling programme for 25 weeks taught by their usual class teachers. The Y11 PSHE curriculum will be taught during thoughtful Thursdays, assemblies and through curriculum subjects. The religious education curriculum explores content including relationships, life and death, religious practices, human rights and good and evil.

To compliment the programme of study, year 7 – year 11 will also have a reflective Friday / thoughtful Thursday activity weekly delivered by form teachers, which will focus on current affairs and a chance for students to reflect on topical issues. Students also have an assembly once per week which focuses on PSHE themes such as anti-bullying, mental health awareness etc.

Our curriculum covers a wide range of topics as explained below which equips children with essential skills and knowledge that are not only valuable to their academic journey, but also for future success and happiness. PSHE lessons have a positive impact on social and emotional development, well-being, relationships, safety and financial literacy.

	Project 1	Project 2	Project 3	Project 4	Project 5
Year 7	Health and puberty	Diversity	Taking responsibility	Building relationships	Financial decision making
Year 8	Drugs and alcohol	Protected characteristics	Emotional wellbeing	Identity and relationships	Digital literacy
Year 9	Peer influence, substance use and gangs	Body image	Healthy lifestyle	Respectful relationships	Employability skills
Year 10	Mental health	Healthy relationships	Exploring influence	Addressing extremism and radicalisation	The impact of financial decisions

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Our curriculum is designed to promote debate and discussion within the lessons. We will be sharing some of these topics on our Facebook page and encourage you to engage in discussions with your child at home about their PSHE lessons. Its an opportunity for open communication and to reinforce the values and knowledge that your child is gaining in school.

Our PSHE student voice team including children from Y7 – Y11 have been exceptionally helpful and supportive in the writing of this new curriculum and their thoughts, opinions and ideas have been implemented into the planning of the new curriculum to make it best support our cohort of children at Hawkley High School.

We often invite external agencies into school to deliver parts of the PSHE curriculum and to promote cultural capital, these speakers are always hugely valued by our students. Occasionally, we will host drop down style mornings or days, such as our recent British Values celebration day to respond to events that may take place in our school community or wider world.

Spectrum, an NHS funded organisation will continue to deliver our relationships and sex education curriculum which will take part throughout the year during the PSHE rolling programme lessons or on drop down sessions.

If you have any questions or concerns about our PSHE programme, please don't hesitate to contact us. Mrs Atherton our PSHE lead in the first instance will be happy to assist you.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. M Klinck

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