



### **SENIOR SCHOOL**

# PSHE Policy

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#### A. Introduction

All Year groups (Year 7 - 13) receive dedicated PSHE lessons as part of the curriculum with our Head of PSHE coordinating a dedicated team of PSHE staff.

#### Aims of the PSHE curriculum

The school recognises its responsibility in developing pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness. In addition, the school is responsible for educating pupils on their future economic wellbeing, including providing independent careers advice and guidance. The Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) programme forms an integral part of how the school meets this responsibility, and development of pupils' SMSC awareness through academic subjects, weekly Chapel services and the day-to-day occurrences in a busy, multi-faith and coeducational Methodist school.

The PSHE programme leads on, and contributes to the work of other areas of the school, to develop pupils':

- self-awareness, self-esteem and self-confidence
- understanding and appreciation of others
- understanding of the world around them on a local, national and global level
- awareness and understanding of online safety including the 4 C's and the risks from being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful content.

In doing so, the PSHE programme and other areas of school life enable pupils to:

- distinguish right from wrong and to respect the law
- encourage pupils to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative and understand how they can contribute to community life
- acquire an appreciation of, and respect for, their own and other cultures in a way that promotes tolerance and harmony between different cultural and religious traditions
- enable all pupils to develop into young adults armed with the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to thrive in the society they live in

## B. Content and delivery of the PSHE curriculum

The PSHE curriculum is reviewed and updated regularly in response to KCSIE updates, contextual safeguarding and trends and patterns identified through the work of the Pastoral Team.

The PSHE curriculum is primarily delivered through dedicated lessons in Year 7 through to Year 13 and these are supplemented by occasional workshops. Year 12 also have Sixth Form Diploma lessons.

Our current PSHE programme can be seen in Appendix 1.

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is covered in PSHE lessons and through talks in chapel and assemblies. Throughout the PSHE programme, RSE is one of the key components of the PSHE programme and in the Religious Studies GCSE Full Course the topic of Relationships and Families exploring both Muslim and Christian views. The Year10 will have a workshop delivered by Brook to support the RSE curriculum. In Year 12 training as part of the Advice, Care, Help and Empathy (ACHE) has two sessions which address the topic of RSE, and the majority of our Lower Sixth follow the ACHE programme. See our separate Relationships and Sex Education Policy.

# Appendix 1

# PSHE topics by Year groups for 2025-26

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Starting school	Peer pressure	Bullying	Mental health	Post-16 and Post-18 Options	Sustaining Health at Uni	De-escalating situations
Friendships	Alcohol, drugs & unhealthy	Physical health and its effect	Identity	Teenage Parenthood	Cancer Awareness	Managing harassment
Interpersonal skills	behaviours	on mood	Types of relationship and their	Unintended Pregnancy	Body image	Working right and
Consent	Emotional wellbeing &	Menstrual health	legal status		Substance Use and Misuse	responsibilities
Use of language	physical health	Healthy coping strategies		Fertility and the effects of STI''s	Drug Addiction	Consent
Bullying	Identity	Effects of drugs on mood	Sexual Expectations	Sleep	Risks and Consequences of Drugs	Abuse
Emotions and worry	Prejudice & discrimination	Time management	Safeguarding & Personal	Mental Health First Aid	Impact of Drugs and Alcohol on	Forced marriage, honour-based
Self-esteem and resilience	Relationships & Families	Health check ups	Safety	Managing exam stress	Sexual Behaviour	violence, FGM
Self-harm	Consent	GCSE options	Safer Sex	Coercive Control	Personal and Travel Safety	
Puberty	Intimacy	Aspirations & goals	Pornography		Mental and Emotional health	
Hygiene	Sexuality	Healthy Relationships (c/o	Consent & coercion	Social Media	Stress and Anxiety	
Unhealthy habits	Sexual health	Barnardo's) incl:	STIs and contraception		Depression	
Gambling & addiction	Body image	Gender stereotypes, equality	Sexual Harassment & Rape	Career Identity		
Saving & Borrowing	Nudes & the law	and diversity.	Health services – blood and	Work Experience	Healthy relationships	
Budgeting	Puberty shame (incl. period	Understanding domestic	organ donation	Work Attitude and Values	Intimate relationships	
Bias of digital content	poverty)	abuse and sexual violence.	Impact of drugs & alcohol		Separation, divorce and	
	Deep fakes and Grooming	Healthy/unhealthy	Drugs & county lines	Human Rights and international	bereavement	
Also included in form time:	Emergency first aid	behaviours.	Online safety	law (incl FGM)	Unwanted pregnancy	
First Aid		Managing conflict and			Infertility	
Communication skills	•	respecting boundaries.	Extremism and radicalisation	•	Changing Opportunities	Personal safety
Online relationships		Personal safety Employability	Diversity & identity		Employability	Critical engagement with social
Evaluating online content		Employment law			Strengths, Interests and Skills	media
					Info, Advice and Guidance	Challenging harmful social
					Online presence	media
					Alternatives to University	Gangs
					Gap Years	Cybercrime
					UCAS	Parliamentary democracy
					Income, expenditure, credit, debt	Different electoral systems and
					financial products and services	forms of government
					Insurance, savings and pensions	
					Managing financial decisions	
					Mortgages	
					Student finance	
					Critical consumerism	
					Consumer Rights	