

Date: 26/09/2022

### **Year 10 Drop Down Day - Friday 30 September 2022**

Dear Parent/ Carer

I am writing to inform you about the important activities we have planned for our year 10 students on Friday 30 September.

Year 10 students will spend half the day preparing for their Year 10 Work Experience in March 2023 and half the day attending RSE workshops.

#### **Year 10 Work Experience Sessions**

Year 10 Work Experience this academic year takes place from 6 March – 17 March 2023 and we want our year 10 students to find the best work experience placements possible so that they have a fulfilling and brilliant learning experience in March 2023. This means we need to start informing students about what work experience entails now and start helping them to prepare and search for their work experience placement.

All students will attend a work experience assembly led by Mr Seed which will give them a full understanding of what work experience is, when it will take place and why it is so important that all students secure a meaningful placement. Students will then attend a session in which they update their Morrisby profiles (their online careers/ work related learning profile) to understand what sort of work experience would be most interesting for them, and finally they will attend a session in which they taught how to formally and professionally request for work experience placements at the companies/ businesses they are most interested in.

#### **Year 10 RSE Sessions**

As part of the statutory DFE RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) curriculum, schools must educate our students on the importance of sexual consent and the law. We are therefore delighted to be offering three RSE workshops for all year 10 students to attend on Friday, planned and led by experienced staff from Waltham Forest Public Health and the 'Talk Consent' organisation.

Your child will attend three workshops with the rest of their form group and a member of staff from the academy will also attend to support each session. Each workshop lasts 1 hour. The workshops will cover:

- Consent and the law
- Female Genital Mutilation – what it is, why it is illegal and action the UK and Waltham Forest are taking against the practice



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- Waltham Forest's Violence Against Women and Girls organisation, the work they do with young people in the borough and their new 'Safer Streets' app

Please do talk to your child at home about these sessions – what they have learnt and what they enjoyed about the sessions. If they or you have further questions about the content, there are lots of websites and resources you can access at home which can provide more information:

**Health For Teens:** <https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/sexual-health/> - a website aimed at young people aged 11-19 to learn about their health. It features bite-sized information in the form of blogs, movie clips, audio snippets and quizzes to help young people understand the importance of their health

**Violence Against Women and Girls Waltham Forest:** <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/neighbourhoods/crime-and-community-safety/community-safety/violence-against-women-and-girls> - this webpage gives an overview of what constitutes violence against women and girls and also provides a link to Waltham Forest's "Safe Streets, Safe Homes" booklet.

Our Relationships and Sex Education policy can be accessed here: <https://www.walthamstow-academy.org/Portals/0/Library/Documents/2021%20Documents/About-Us/Policies/WA%20RELATIONSHIPS%20AND%20SEX%20EDUCATION%20POLICY.pdf?ver=tWS6vxsJnsW-hXLyk3kPOQ%3d%3d>

If you have any question about this, please do contact me at [jess.capstick@walthamstow-academy.org](mailto:jess.capstick@walthamstow-academy.org)

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