## **Poltair School**

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## **Dear Parents and Carers**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November we have our first Curriculum Enrichment Day of the year, focusing on PSHE themes. The school day runs as normal, and students need to be in full school uniform.

For Year 8, students will focus on:

- The positives and negatives of social media and how this may affect our body image.
- The rights, wrongs and laws around sending images of ourselves, including the impact of taking "nudes". (This is dealt with in an age appropriate way and does not involve any images.)
- A focus on the laws around Protected Characteristics and why using racist or discriminatory language is hurtful and damaging.
- A focus on Vaping and the health issues related to this habit. We will be watching the recent BBC Panorama documentary and discussing the ways in which we should deal with this issue.

Our tutors and pastoral team will be on hand to support any students who find these issues challenging and we will ensure our classrooms have clear ground rules and boundaries.

As always, you are welcome to email me to discuss this or any other issue related to PSHE provision at Poltair School, my email address is <a href="mailto:cprice@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk">cprice@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk</a>.

Yours sincerely

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