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Dear Parents and Carers

On Thursday 2nd 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 9, students will focus on:

- An introduction to Sexual Health and a focus on safe and respectful sexual relationships. This is presented in an age appropriate way and focuses on prevention rather than encouragement. We also help students to focus clearly on the importance of consent in all of their relationships.
- A session with YZUP (www.wearewithyou.org.uk), a charity focused on working with young people to help them understand the harm and dangers of drugs and substance abuse and looking at where they can seek help and guidance if needed. Again, this focuses on prevention rather than encouragement.
- 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 cprice@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Clare Price

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