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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 10, students will focus on:

- A session with Brook (<https://www.brook.org.uk/>) looking at condom and contraception use. This is delivered in an age appropriate and inclusive way.
- A focus on social media, particularly focused on how different apps might encourage users to view extreme material and where to seek help for this.
- 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.
- In addition, in our upcoming PSHE lessons with Year 10 we will focus on the negative and potential risks of watching Pornography, Female Genital Mutilation and Forced Marriage. All will be taught in a sensitive manner, with no unnecessary imagery, and forms part of our statutory PSHE content.

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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