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Dear Parent/Guardian

Key Stage 4. Year 9 - PSMSC

A few weeks after the Year 9 Assessment week in your son/daughter's Religion & Philosophy lessons, students will explore a range of sex and relationship PSHE themes, which will be taught in the context of developing positive values and a moral framework that will help guide students in their future judgements and decisions.

After your child's assessment week and in the middle of the Religious Studies GCSE unit entitled 'Marriage and Family Life', we will begin a set of five lessons exploring:

- Hate speech
- Healthy relationships
- STIs
- Contraception
- Teen Pregnancy

Delivery of these themes will run in line with our Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) and Equality Policies, both of which can be found on the website.

Governors recognise the importance of all students' participation in SRE. A parent may, however, exercise a right of withdrawal from these lessons if the content is not part of the national curriculum (Section 405 of the Education Act 1996). Should you wish to exercise your right to withdraw your child from SRE you should inform the Headteacher in writing. If your child is withdrawn we will ask you to provide your child with appropriate work while they are being supervised.

We may invite you in to meet with Mrs Stephanie Bendall (Assistant Headteacher) who will explain the school's policy and discuss your concerns with you.

If you have any questions about the course, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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