

DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy 

12th May

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Parental Forum & Personal Development – Darwen Vale High School

I am delighted to be writing to you to share our updated Personal Development curriculum.

The development of the 'whole child' lies at the heart of everything we do. Our Personal Development curriculum is designed to create learners that are confident, resilient, and independent, who will continue to thrive in an everchanging world beyond the gates of Darwen Vale High School. Our ambitious Personal Development programme is driven by our 'Aldridge Attributes' and aims to ensure equality of access for all pupils to everything that the world has to offer, regardless of their starting points. Our updated curriculum is now available on our website (News & Contact, Letters) or alternatively if you are viewing this letter online by clicking [here](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



It is a legal requirement for us to provide students with key content that will help them navigate the wider world. The Department for Education updated their statutory guidance last academic year with Relationship & Sex Education (RSE) being an essential part of the national curriculum.¹ We have included the teaching of RSE within our Personal Development curriculum. Our updated 'Relationship & Sex Education' policy can be found on our website (Key Information, Policies) or again, if you are viewing this letter online by clicking [here](#).

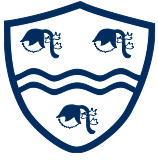
Our next Parental Forum will be on **Tuesday 23rd May at 6pm** in the Main Hall. The agenda will include feedback from matters arising from the last meeting, information about our rewards policy and upcoming trips, along with a brief presentation, followed by a Q&A session about our RSE provision. Our aim is to ensure that all parents understand what is being taught when, to which year groups but also to take feedback that can feed into our planning for next academic year. Please could you let us know if you are planning to attend by emailing us directly at Freddie.Redfern@darwenvale.com or Rebecca.Bridges@darwenvale.com.

If you are unable to attend the session but would still like to feedback your views, the QR code below will take you to a Microsoft Survey. Alternatively, if you are reading this letter online, please click [here](#).



Finally, I am delighted to let you know that we have organised for the national charity BROOK to come into school on Monday 22nd May, Tuesday 23rd May and Thursday 25th May to deliver one-hour sessions to our KS3 students. Year 7 will receive a session on puberty while Year 8/Year 9 will receive a session on contraception. If you have any questions about these one-hour sessions then do not hesitate to get in contact

¹ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1090195/Relationships_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education.pdf



DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy 

with either myself (Freddie.Redfern@darwenvale.com) or our Character Education Coordinator (Jade.Gardner@darwenvale.com).

Yours sincerely,



Mr F. Redfern

Interim Assistant Principal (Personal Development)