

8 November 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As we welcome the start of term 2, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate the successful start to character education at Montsaye Academy this academic year. Students have shown fantastic engagement in our new school values and character attributes of Honesty, Respect and Compassion.

All students have participated in Character Development lessons each week covering important life lessons such as,

- Transition to secondary school
- Relationships (including friendships, peer pressure and family relationships)
- Study skills and the transition to becoming a GCSE student
- Basics of mental health

As we look ahead to next term, we have lots more exciting opportunities for the students. Including Year 11s Character Development Day. On this day, year 11 students will engage in sessions focused on our values of honesty, respect and compassion; as well as how to make the most of their mock assessments. We are also very excited to welcome back some of our sixth form alumni to this event to share their experience and career journeys so far. This day will be a fantastic opportunity for students to reflect on their first set of mock exams and look ahead to the rest of year 11 and beyond.

In addition to this we have many events next term including a visit to a local care home, Remembrance Day event, Children in Need fundraiser and many more still to be confirmed! Please keep an eye out on our schools social media for more information.

Students will continue their weekly character development lessons and will be studying the following topics:

Year Group	Progress Leader	Character Development Topics
7	Mr Horne <a href="mailto:mhorne@montsaye.org">mhorne@montsaye.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-bullying</li> <li>• Respecting differences</li> <li>• Factors effecting relationships</li> <li>• Mental and Emotional Health</li> <li>• Risky behaviour</li> <li>• Presenting myself well</li> </ul>

8	Mrs Edney <a href="mailto:nedney@montsaye.org">nedney@montsaye.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-bullying, challenging bullying and the bystander effect</li> <li>• Unhealthy relationships, boundaries and consent,</li> <li>• Relationships and intimacy online</li> <li>• Introducing contraception</li> <li>• Knowing your rights</li> </ul>
9	Mr Siddons <a href="mailto:jsiddons@montsaye.org">jsiddons@montsaye.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antibullying</li> <li>• Anti-racism</li> <li>• Body image unit: Cultivating a positive relationship with your body. Depictions of relationships and sexuality. Beauty standards. Changes during puberty</li> </ul>
10	Mrs Cooper <a href="mailto:jcooper@montsaye.org">jcooper@montsaye.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-bullying</li> <li>• Marriage and civil partnership</li> <li>• Becoming a parent, including different routes to parenthood (e.g. adoption)</li> <li>• Family relationship and value conflicts</li> <li>• Communication and vulnerability in relationships</li> </ul>
11	Mr Roberts <a href="mailto:jdroberts@montsaye.org">jdroberts@montsaye.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antibullying and appreciating diversity</li> <li>• Connecting with yourself mindfully (stress) following your mock exams</li> <li>• Body image in the media – pornography</li> </ul>
12	Mrs Jones <a href="mailto:Kjones@montsaye.org">Kjones@montsaye.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Relationships unit including: consent, healthy relationships, mental health and sexual health.</li> </ul>
13	Mrs Jones <a href="mailto:Kjones@montsaye.org">Kjones@montsaye.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCAS and CV writing support</li> </ul>

You have the right to withdraw your child from any sex education sessions, please contact your child's progress leader in the first instance if you have any questions about the topics being studied this term.

Yours faithfully



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