

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter weekend.

Given the media coverage, regarding the Netflix Series 'Adolescence' and the impact of social media on young people, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on our Personal Development curriculum at school.

Students, throughout the term, have been educated on important topics such as: physical and mental health, social media & influences, boundaries, consent and extremism across the UK. As a reminder, the Personal Development curriculum is cumulative; the content develops alongside the age of our students and we constantly ensure that lessons are adapted to meet the changing needs of young people and the culture they are growing up in.

We have continued to develop our student voice this term which involved a whole school vote on moving from year group toilets to gendered toilets. Each tutor group voted collectively and there was an overwhelming request to move to gendered toilets which we brought into place after February half term.

We have also launched and ran our 3rd successful campaign this term. The school community worked together and we donated over 800 Easter eggs to two local charities – Julia's House and Amelia's Rainbow – both who support children and their families who are suffering with life limiting illnesses.

It goes without saying that a lot of hard work has been going into planning out very first 'Purbeck School Activity Days' and we now have a comprehensive list of trips of offer to each year group and some very exciting internal activities. If you haven't yet signed your son / daughter up, then please do so via Scopay so that as many students as possible can benefit from this experience. If you do have any concerns regarding the financial element of this provision, please email cwatson@purbeck.dorset.sch.uk

As I am sure you are aware, there has been significant media coverage of the Netflix series Adolescence and we are thinking about how we can continue to embed these messages further into our Personal Development curriculum

If you would like further information on our Personal Development curriculum, I strongly encourage you to access <https://www.purbeck.dorset.sch.uk/about-us/curriculum/personal-development>

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

Kind Regards

Carly Watson