

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Everyone Matters Curriculum**

We have been really impressed this year so far with year 10's efforts and engagements with their Everyone Matters (E1M) curriculum. Our current module of enquiry is 'Relationships' where we address issues such as, consolidating what constitutes a 'healthy' relationship, discussing the issues of forced and arranged marriages, FGM and further work on consent.

The next module of enquiry that this year group are learning about is: Biological and Reproductive Health which will see students learn and engage in a range of topics including: sexuality, contraception, reproductive health, fertility, abortion and menopause. This will begin after May half term.

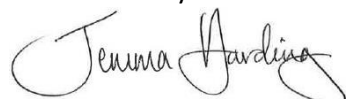
The delivery of factual learning combined with some practical work and discussion continues to yield positive feedback from students, parents/carers and staff.

The basis of Everyone Matters derives from statutory guidance for PSHCE, Citizenship, and Relationships and Sex Education but we have also worked hard to ensure that this curriculum is tailored for our students in the context in which they live. For more details about our E1M curriculum offer, please visit the school's website: <https://cowesec.org/curriculum/subjects/e1m/>.

Cowes Enterprise College respects the legal right of parents/carers to withdraw their child from all or part of the sex education programme, except for those statutory parts included in the national curriculum for citizenship, P.E., computing and science. If a parent wishes their child to be withdrawn from these lessons, they should put in writing which aspects of the programme they do not wish their child to participate in and send this to the academy addressed to the Assistant Principal in charge of the relevant Key Stage.

Before granting any such request the Assistant Principal will discuss the request with parents and, where appropriate, with the child to ensure that their wishes are understood and to clarify the nature and purpose of the curriculum. We will document this process to ensure a record is kept. Our Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education policy is available on our website <https://cowesec.org/admin/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2021/01/RSE-HE-policy-secondary-academies-Sep-2020-21.pdf> If you have any concerns or queries about your child's participation in these lessons, please do not hesitate to contact the academy or your child's class teacher to discuss these.

Yours sincerely



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