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Dear Parent/Carer,

Everyone Matters Curriculum

As this half term draws to an end so does our latest modules in our Personal Development curriculum - Everyone Matters (E1M).

The basis of Everyone Matters derives from statutory guidance for PSHCE, Citizenship, and Relationships and Sex Education and careers and character education. We have also worked hard to ensure that this curriculum is tailored for our students in the context in which they live. This last half term, students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) have taken part in the new and bespoke Social Action units that has seen every Key Stage 3 child – ‘being the change they want to see.’ Year 7s have been engaged in a Youth Community litter pick and beach clean after learning about plastics in the Ocean and linking in with the academy Maritime curriculum work. Year 8 students have undertaken an Enterprise unit where they designed their own sustainable businesses and Year 9 students have been embarking on a Social Action project linked with Dementia UK which was based on an OAT wide project for developing further understanding of care and community. The Year 9 students have been creating memory aids as part of their Social Action time. Year 10 students have been studying a Religious Studies unit on Crime and Punishment and our Year 11s have been busy throughout E1M time, preparing for their futures via study and examination skills.

I have been thoroughly impressed with how every student has embraced this active curriculum learning and it’s been a pleasure to see student responses throughout these sessions. The delivery of our model of factual learning combined with some practical work and discussion and feedback, continues to prove to be incredibly effective and popular.

In the new half term after the May half term, students will embark on a new enquiry module for their learning and a copy of the overall curriculum maps, including key lesson questions for this bespoke gold standard curriculum can be found [on our website](#).

For details of Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 E1M planning, please see [our academy website](#).

The curriculum does encourage discussion, and so it is important that you are aware of its contents to enable you to support your child at home should they want to discuss anything covered. It is also vitally important that you alert us to any topics that your child may find particularly sensitive or ones they may need additional support from us for. We are also here should you wish to discuss the curriculum further, please contact your child’s head of year in the first instance, email addresses can be found on [our academy website](#).

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe, happy and restful sunny Half Term break.

Yours sincerely



Jemma Harding
Vice Principal