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## Year 9 Relationships and Sex Education

Dear Year 9 Parents/Carers,

The Department of Education has made the teaching of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) compulsory for all schools. At KAA, we have always been committed to educating your child with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in later life, both academically and for their wider welfare. This half term in PSHE, your child will be learning about types of healthy relationships and their physical and mental health during puberty. In Spring 1, they will be learning about mental health, healthy eating, addictions and substance use, and financial health.

Our students are growing up in an increasingly complex world. They have many exciting opportunities ahead of them and it is our desire to equip them with the knowledge to navigate these opportunities safely and successfully. As an academy, we are committed to the Equality Act of 2010; we have a statutory responsibility to deliver lessons which educate about, and challenge discrimination to anyone on the grounds of “age, sex, disability, religion or belief, gender reassignment, pregnancy or maternity, marriage or civil partnership or sexual orientation.” Please be assured that the lessons have been planned to reflect the breadth of views within our student community and to ensure that they learn that respectful debate is healthy and productive.

According to the government’s new legislation, this education is mandatory for all students during their time in secondary school. As such, parents do not have the right to withdraw their child from this curriculum in year 9. Please note that further guidance is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>

These lessons are an exciting opportunity to support our students’ development and equip them with the knowledge and skills to keep themselves, and others, safe and well. Please contact your child’s form tutor if you have any further questions about our PSHE curriculum.

Many thanks,



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