Hayesfield GIRLS' SCHOOL | MIXED SIXTH

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Dear Parents and Carers

Anti-Bullying Week - Monday 16th - Friday 20th November

As we start Anti-Bullying Week this week, there is lots happening at school to tell you about which we shared in Friday's bulletin. This year's national campaign is called 'Break the Silence' and will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together. At Hayesfield, during assembly and tutor time, we will be thinking about the different ways we can discuss the issues around bullying and ensure that Hayesfield continues to be a safe place for everyone.

Monday 16th November - Odd socks day.

The week commences with Odd Socks Day, an opportunity for students to wear bright, odd socks to school with their normal school uniform. This is a fun way to remember that we are all brilliantly unique and individual and no one should be made to feel less because of their differences. Odd Socks Day is free but if you would like to donate to the Anti-Bullying alliance, you can use the ABA's Just Giving page. We will also be selling some wristbands on the day for 50p each to raise money for the cause.

Tuesday 16th November - Photo Booths

Our Sixth Form Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will be at the UOP refectory and the BH Hall at break and lunch time to take photos - students should grab some friends, some props and write a message to 'break the silence' on bullying. Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are trained in the Diana Award and work through the school to help students speak up and get help where concerns exist, and also to talk with students more broadly about ensuring we have a respectful and inclusive culture where all are welcome.

Wednesday 18th November - Talk it Out Webinar.

This is an online event that will involve schools across the UK being part of a conversation with leading experts from the Anti Bullying Alliance, Diana Award and Parentkind.
Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will attend this event and represent their tutor groups..

Thursday 19th November - Chatty Cafes

The Sixth Form Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and staff run the 'Chatty Cafe' lunch time clubs, offering board games and spaces for students to talk to other students. Interested students should come to U10 at UOP or B16 at BH.

All of the above events and activities have been shared with students via the tutor programme and morning assemblies, and posters are up on both sites to remind students of the week. The week promises to create a lot of positive energy as we see how much

students and staff across the community seek to support each other and help individuals move beyond unkindness, where it exists. As ever, the Sixth Form volunteers and staff are always supported by our tutors and pastoral staff, and if there are any concerns which the week prompts you or them to raise, please never hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,



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