



Subject: Y8 PSHE Curriculum

Dear Parent/Carer,

Students are continuing with their PSHE curriculum in lessons this term. I am writing to update you on the topics Year 8 will be studying in PSHE in the coming weeks. This half term, Year 8 will be focusing on **discrimination** and will be taught:

- The universal human right to an education
- What school can offer and what they want to achieve this year to make the most of the opportunities
- How to manage influences on beliefs and decisions
- 'Group think', its risks in school and the wider consequences of it in society
- How to develop self-worth and confidence as a student
- What is democracy and how does it compare with other countries?
- How do people stand for parliament?
- The importance of casting a vote and our legal right to do so
- What is the first-past-the-post voting system?
- Britain's civil liberties and gender, sexual orientation, race and religion as a protected characteristics under the Equalities Act 2010
- Recognising and challenging discrimination through protected characteristics

PSHE involves both written work and group-based discussion work, and we really hope your child is enjoying exploring the range of topics that PSHE offers. Resources that we use are sourced from the PSHE Association and therefore approved by the Department for Education.

If you have any questions or queries relating to the PSHE curriculum, please do not hesitate to get in touch at: info@guiseleyschool.org.uk.

The resources below may also be useful for you to discuss the work we do in PSHE with your child/ren at home:

- <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/human-rights-act/article-2-first-protocol-right-education>
- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/85039/easy-read.pdf
- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/your-rights/discrimination-hate-crime-equality/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znbrpg8/articles/z42kxhk>

Yours sincerely,

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