

To: All Parents/Carers of Year 7 to Year 13 Students

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Personal Development Journey

I am writing to share with you an overview of your child's personal development journey while studying with us at South Hunsley School and Sixth Form.

We are proud of our commitment to offer all our pupils the support they need to become positive contributors to their communities. Our Personal Development programme encourages, enables, and inspires our pupils to be happy, healthy, safe, and confident young people. Through their engagement with our Personal Development programme, our pupils will contribute to the world we live in now and in the future as employable, active, and responsible citizens.

Our Personal Development programme includes 6 key strands:

- 1. Community and Personal Curriculum:**
Community and Personal Studies (PSCHE) is at the heart of our school's values and is embedded into all aspects of the curriculum from Year 7 through to Year 13, as well as being its own discrete subject. Our PSCHE curriculum enables our pupils to become healthy, safe, independent, and responsible members of our communities. Pupils learn self-awareness, teamwork and how to form and maintain positive relationships. We promote self-worth by encouraging everyone to contribute to school life and the wider community. Our learners have knowledge and understanding of the fundamental British values. We stimulate, challenge and nurture children's spiritual, moral, social, and cultural curiosity.
- 2. Careers and Next Steps:**
Young people are faced with a complex set of demands when preparing for their future careers. South Hunsley aims to ensure that pupils are self-confident, skilled and career ready. This is achieved through a comprehensive programme of activities to help them choose pathways that are right for them and to be able to manage their careers and sustain employability throughout their lives. Our programme starts in Year 7 through to Year 13 and is based on the nationally recognised Gatsby Benchmarks. Pupils will have dedicated Careers lessons during form time and in CP in all year groups. They can also access South Hunsley Start, an online careers platform that matches their skills and interests to jobs and careers. Our careers advisor is available throughout the year to meet and support pupils, particularly during key transitions, and we offer a wide range of further experiences and provider, employer, and workplace encounters.
- 3. Pupil Voice and Leadership:**
We create lots of meaningful opportunities for pupils to share their views through our Student Union. Our pupils can apply for leadership roles such as Year Captains and join committees such as the Change Makers and Eco Group to enact positive change within their school and wider community. Our student leaders sit at the heart of our decision making and collaborate with other student leaders across our Trust Schools. Each week pupils participate in Votes for Schools in form time which is a current affairs platform which engages pupils in political

and social issues. Pupils vote on a range of topics and the results of those votes are shared with politicians and organisations which take into consideration the views of young people across the country. All pupils in Year 10 complete the Sports Leader qualification which provides pupils with a range of leadership skills and experience.

4. Enrichment and Extra Curricular:

Our enrichment opportunities are designed to take pupils outside of their comfort zone, open their eyes to their limitless potential as they show determination, resilience, and courage to develop an appreciation of their role within the local, national, and global community. We offer an extensive extra-curricular programme which runs across lunchtimes and after school. Clubs and activities range from sports, to performing arts and other interests such as art, Dungeons and Dragons, debating and poetry. Pupils encounter a diverse range of speakers in assemblies and talks from external visitors to enhance their learning experiences and wider personal development. As shown in the Personal Development journey, we offer a range of Educational Visits. All pupils are entitled to a residential visit in Year 8.

5. Equality, Inclusion and Diversity:

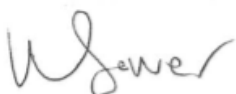
We are committed to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion and creating a safe inclusive environment for all pupils and colleagues. Our pupil and staff working group, the Change Makers, work to raise awareness of and provide advice on issues of equality, diversity, and inclusion, support the development of an equality and diversity action plan and champion equality, diversity, and inclusion throughout the school. We have created a calendar of key awareness days and festivals and promote these throughout the year through assemblies, form time resources, workshops, and share awareness in displays around school. We educate pupils about a range of religious festivals and holidays and exhibit artwork, music, drama, and literacy from different cultures, including food in canteens, to mark key awareness days and festivals.

6. Wellbeing:

Our school values link closely with supporting a mentally healthy community and with MIND's '5 Ways to Wellbeing: Give, Connect, Keep Learning, Take Notice & Be Active. Therefore, each term we have a new focus on one of these values and on Wellbeing Weeks, we run multiple activities relevant to this value, that pupils and staff are welcome to participate in. As part of The Education Alliance (TEAL), we are extremely fortunate to benefit from the TEAL Be Well programme. This programme provides emotional and wellbeing support for pupils, parents/carers, and staff in addition to what schools are normally able to offer. The programme is made possible through close partnerships with several organisations and is made possible with the support of Pagabo. The Be Well Programme consists of two elements: Hull and East Yorkshire (HEY) Mind – The Whole School Approach for all children, parents/carers and staff and SMASH – (Social Mediation and Self Help).

For more information about your child's Personal Development at South Hunsley School and Sixth Form, please visit our [website](#) and see our termly newsletters for key updates.

Yours Faithfully



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