



Monday 22nd March

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Following our last statement to students regarding the recent events surrounding the brutal murder of Sarah Everard we would like to reiterate how this event has further shown us all that issues to do with women's rights including violence against women and every day misogyny are unfortunately still relevant in 21st Century Britain. As a school community it is important to stand together and remember not only Sarah Everard but the thousands of women who are victims of violence, abuse and discrimination. Many victims remain nameless and their deaths unsolved; young girls and women such as: Blessing Olusegan and Elizabeth Ogunbayibi whose families still await justice today.

As a school we seek to empower you to become active change agents in the world, this is our vision and mission. It is our responsibility to ensure you are equipped not only with the knowledge but the ability to make decisions and deal with the many issue's life may pose. Last week Townley and the Odyssey Trust formally partnered with Bexley Women's Aid to help protect victims of domestic abuse and prevent more people from suffering. Bexley Women's Aid have already delivered workshops on consent, healthy relationships and coercive behaviours to students in years 9,10 and 11. Next week bespoke sessions will be run with year 13 students and in the summer term for year 12s. Your voice is very important to us and we are looking for Sixth Form students to help us further develop our support for all students in relation to healthy relationships. Please let Miss Totty our Senior Deputy Headteacher and lead DSL know.

We have also included our reach out poster so you all know who you can reach out to at any time.

Together we can make a positive change, together we can help each other and those around us stay safe and become empowered.

Yours sincerely,

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