

11<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing to you in my role as co-ordinator of Personal, Social, Health and Enterprise Education (PSHEE) at Townley.

PSHEE is a compulsory subject within schools across all Key Stages and should seek to cover a broad spectrum of issues. Our ethos at Townley is to develop students' knowledge, understanding and the skills they need to manage their lives, now and in the future. It should deal with real life issues which affect young people, their families and their communities, and explore the social and economic realities of their lives, experiences and attitudes.

As I am sure you will understand, the nature of the subject does require some sensitive issues to be explored and it is for this reason I am writing to inform you of topics that will be covered with Year 10 this term.

All students will have a session delivered by an experienced member of staff involving discussions covering the following areas:

- Sex and the law, age limits, and consent
- Advantages of delaying sexual activity
- Contraception (including condom demonstration)
- Sexual health and access to services

Lessons will take place at the following times:

January	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-9.30am	Forms 10.1
February	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.45-9.30am	10.2
	28 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-9.30am	10.3
March	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-9.30am	10.4
	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-9.30am	10.5
	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-9.30am	10.6
	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.45-9.30am	10.7

Students will also have some sessions on anti-bullying, with a particular emphasis on homophobic bullying. This will involve viewing a specially created DVD produced by the charity Stonewall, followed by some debate/discussion style work.

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In addition to these topics the issues of alcohol and drug abuse will be explored with particular focus on drink and drug awareness campaigns along with effective revision strategies and techniques.

To deliver PHSE effectively requires a close working partnership with parents/guardians and you are welcome to contact the school regarding the above if you have concerns. You do have the right to withdraw your daughter from the sexual health lesson and can indicate this if necessary through the tear off slip below.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Urquhart  
(Head of PSHEE)

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**Head Teacher: Mr D Deehan BA(Hons) MA Ed**

**For the attention of: Mrs J Urquhart**

**\*I/We \*do/do not wish for our daughter to be present during the Year 10 Sexual health lesson**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian      Date \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Delete as applicable**