

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 11 this term.

All students will have a talk from the school nurse and another member of staff on sexually transmitted infections and intimate relationships which will be followed up with some work in class looking at the transmission of AIDS in particular. We have some visiting speakers from Bexley Womens' Aid who will be working with students on the development of healthy relationships and how to recognise warning signs of Domestic Abuse. Classes will also do some follow up work on this topic with form tutors.

Students will have a debate style session centred on Euthanasia, the purpose of which is to encourage discussion and development of arguments for and against a controversial issue and learning to consider the consequences of ones' actions.

In addition to these topics students will be exploring opportunities to volunteer in the local community and looking at some citizenship issues in the form of the London Riots and the Arab Spring.

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To deliver PHSE effectively requires a close working partnership with parents/guardians and you are welcome to contact the school or the school nurse - Ms Wade on 0208 3014670 regarding the above if you have concerns. You do have the right to withdraw your daughter from the sexual health lessons 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 11 Sexual health lessons**

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

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

**\*Delete as applicable**