



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The abduction and murder of Sarah Everard in SE London has illustrated vividly to everyone the threats and dangers that still blight women's lives in 21st Century Britain. Each year, thousands of women are victims of domestic abuse, abduction and sexual assault. It is important we reflect and pause to remember all the victims of violence against women. **Sarah Everard** is one of thousands of women who fall victim to such horrific crimes. Many cases remain unsolved and the names of victims unheard, such as **Elizabeth Ogunbayibi** who still remains missing today.

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 from years 9 onwards. More of these sessions will take place from the summer term onwards. BWA will also provide parental and staff workshops moving forward.

Together as a **whole school community from year 7 to year 13** we should think of ways we can support and raise awareness. **Together we can make a positive change, together we can help each- other and those around us become empowered.**

Yours sincerely,

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