



18th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Whole School Personal Development Programme

The Personal Development Programme is an integral part of our curriculum at Hall Park, from Year 7 through to Year 13. This year we have enhanced our Personal Development Programme so that all students will now receive an hour-long lesson each week on a rolling programme.

A rota has been devised so that each week the time/day of the personal development lessons will change to minimise the impact of missing one particular lesson, for example Monday Period 1 this week, then Monday Period 2 next week, and continue with this pattern moving one period every week. Sessions will be paused after February half term so that focus can be shifted to external examinations and will recommence after all examinations are complete.

The programme of study has been designed to equip our students with the skills and knowledge they need for their next steps, instilling a sense of moral purpose, empathy and understanding. Personal development lessons provide our students with opportunities to grow as active, healthy and engaged citizens, supported by the Hall Park values, and the lessons complement subject-based learning and focus on a range of topics, including:

- Citizenship, personal, social, and health education (PSHEC)
- Relationships and sex education (RSE)
- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development
- Religious studies
- British values
- Careers information, education, advice and guidance
- Exam preparation and reflection
- Internet safety.

Students will be taught in year groups to allow relevant and specific topics to be covered. The programme of study the students will follow can be found on the school website.

If you have any concerns please contact me at dolmand@hallparkacademy.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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