

December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome to the first edition of the St Ivo Academy

Personal Development Parent Bulletin.

Firstly can I thank all those parents who attended our first PD Parent Forum on 30<sup>th</sup> November. It was wonderful to have parents in the school giving us feedback on the work we have been doing since last July. We came away with lots of excellent suggestions for how we can keep moving forwards and improving the personal development of our young people.

As well as providing parents with an overview of what PD looks like at St Ivo, and signposting parents towards our curriculum map, (please see instructions below\*) we also reviewed the findings from our recent parent survey. One of our key concerns was the apparent disconnect between what we do in school, and what parents hear about. Some very lively discussions resulted in some excellent suggestions for how this rift could be healed. A regular bulletin was suggested. And you are reading our first one!

We also discussed the areas of PD which we felt were most important for your children and our students. As well as mental health and social media, which it was felt were the most significant issues for young people today, parents suggested that young people need to be taught the appropriate language necessary for talking about protected characteristics without causing inadvertent offence. Lots of great ideas were suggested for careers education, as well as running discussion groups, for young people who don't feel comfortable discussing issues with their classes, and as a way of encouraging 6<sup>th</sup> form students to work with younger students. These have all gone onto our list of ideas for future development.

Finally we asked how we could keep the relationship between the school and parents moving in a positive way. Parents welcomed the idea of regular future personal development meetings, each one having a particular focus, to allow for information sharing as well as discussion. We agreed that our next meeting would focus on "Misogyny on Social Media", where we will discuss the powerful influence of online content on young people, and how this is being expressed in school. **The date agreed for this is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, in the school canteen 17.00-18.15.** Please RSVP [Amanda.crellin@astreastivo.org](mailto:Amanda.crellin@astreastivo.org) to secure your place. I have included a link below\*\* to an introduction to this issue for those of you who would like to find out more now.

In the meantime, we would like to keep you informed about the topics being covered in PD lessons, assembly and TutorPD sessions up until Christmas.

WEEK BEGINNING	ASSEMBLY THEME	TUTOR PD THEME	PD LESSONS	
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7 - Islamophobia awareness Year 8-11 - What do we mean by Sexual Harassment in school?	Year 7 - What does it mean to be a Muslim? Year 8-11 - How are we influenced by our role models?		
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Praise - recognising our achievements	What have I achieved this term?		
19 <sup>th</sup> December	No Assembly	Year 7 and 8 - PD Competition.	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec Period 1 Year 7- Puberty Year 8 - Unhealthy Relationships Year 9 - Gambling	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec Period 2 Periods Sharing images Contraception

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*(on the academy website, select Personal Development from the “Students” drop down menu, and you will find the Academy Personal Development Vision statement, and below, links to the KS3 and 4 curriculum maps)*

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<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-the-manosphere-and-why-is-it-a-concern/>

With very best wishes for a happy Christmas. We hope to see you in the new year.

Amanda Crellin and Maria Whateley.