

Summary of parental consultation – you say, we do!

Thank you to all parents/carers that completed the online survey about the PSHE curriculum at Brownhills academy. Below is a summary of the results and actions from the survey. Your responses help us to make the curriculum more appropriate to the needs of our students and help us to address more local issues.

As parents/carers you understood the importance of Relationship and Sexual Health Education (RSHE) and thought the curriculum provided by the school was appropriate and accessible. You were asked if anything important was missing that should be covered or added to lessons. Below is a summary of the topics suggested and where they are/will be taught in the curriculum.

Money Matters. This topic is covered 3 times in the curriculum. Value for money and bank accounts (Year 8), financial fraud and gambling risk (Year 9) and pay slips, mortgages, rent and budgeting (Year 11).

Mental Health and self-esteem. Self-esteem and peer-pressure is covered in Year 7 and 8. Mental health and managing stress is also taught as discrete lessons in Years 7, 9, 10 and 11. In May and June, mental health and self-care are addressed in the tutorial program for all year groups.

County lines and crime. This is only discretely taught in Year 8 however the school has worked with the West Midlands police to deliver workshops to vulnerable students in Year 10/11 (Oct 2023), further workshops are planned for spring 2024. **Action** – we will include appropriate material on local crime issues and deliver it to KS4 students, we will also liaise with our police support officer to look at ways to deliver important messages to whole year groups.

Careers. - Year 11 have a careers tutorial each week delivered by their form tutor in addition to lesson taught in PSHE at the start of the year. Year 9 will look at different careers and their requirements in Jan 24 before choosing their options.

Discussing Vaping as well as smoking. - New lessons on vaping have been added to the 2023-24 curriculum for years 7, 8 and 10.

Bullying & Social skills. – These issues are covered in PSHE lessons and the tutorial program in all year groups.

Voting and the political world. – This is taught in Year 7. **Action** -The UK is due to have a general election in the next 12-18 months, discussions will take part with SLT about including content on the election in the 2024-25 tutorial program to better inform students.

Contraception and consent – Consent is discussed with all year groups in an age-appropriate manner. **Action** - Year 9 and 10 students will be taught about contraception and sexual health by a local health professional.

Teaching children more about racism. - The academy celebrates Black History Month in several ways. Human rights and racism are taught in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 PSHE and delivered to all Year groups in assembly.