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6th March 2024



Dear Parent/Carer

The Department for Education requires us to deliver the statutory guidance for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE). This, alongside other key areas such as RE, Citizenship and Careers, makes up our personal development curriculum which is delivered at all Key Stages through assemblies and Form Time activities.

As part of this curriculum, we have been looking at pupils' mental health through Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day, including the causes, support and ways to speak up. This has also linked to self-esteem and how they can overcome difficulties. As well as mental health, diversity, including discrimination, misogyny and gender, stereotypes has been a focus, including Anti Bullying assemblies, Odd Socks Day and Prejudice and Respect.

To support and reinforce these messages, we are excited to invite The Mercians to Bloxwich Academy. The Mercians are a band, using music to educate pupils on key RSHE topics.

Following the performance, they will be delivering a session to outline messages on mental health, misogyny and stereotypes. They will be performing for Years 8 and 9 on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

Details of our RSHE Policy can be found on our website. This content is now statutory and forms a key part of our provision at school. Should you have any queries, please contact Miss Williamson in school.

Yours sincerely

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