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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of their personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education lessons, all students take part in a series of sex and relationship education (SRE) lessons. These focus mainly on explaining and preparing students for the physical and emotional changes associated with puberty. They also consider the changing nature of a range of relationships, including friendship, family relationships and intimate relationships.

The purpose of SRE at Montsaye is to prepare students for the physical and emotional changes of growing up and to give them the knowledge and skills to make informed and healthy choices. SRE lessons are also designed to build confidence and skills to deal with situations they may encounter, to help them to stay safe and know where and how to ask for help if needed.

As part of this year's SRE, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will have a lesson which teaches about female genital mutilation (FGM). They will be taught that FGM is illegal in the UK and that it is also a criminal offence to take a UK citizen abroad for the purpose of FGM (whether or not it is lawful in the country the girl is taken to). This will be taught in an age-appropriate way in the context of knowing about bodily changes during puberty, being able to use the correct language, keeping safe and feeling confident to ask questions and discuss in a mature and appropriate way.

This is a statutory part of the PSHE programme and we believe that it will be an important addition to the Key Stage 3 SRE programme. If you have concerns or would like to discuss the matter further, please make an appointment to meet with a member of our pastoral leadership team.

Yours faithfully



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