

## Be happy, Be ambitious, Make a difference

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26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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. In year 7 these focus mainly on explaining and preparing pupils 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. As students move up through the school these themes are developed in an age-appropriate way.

The purpose of SRE at The City of Leicester College is: to prepare pupils for the physical and emotional changes of growing up; to give them the knowledge and skills to make informed and healthy choices; to build their 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.

At times, carefully chosen external visitors and speakers may contribute to the programme. In these cases, lesson content will be agreed in advance and visitors will always be supervised by a member of school staff.

As part of our SRE curriculum, pupils in your son/daughter's year group will soon 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. Obviously it is important for both genders to have an awareness of this issue but it is our intention to aim to deliver this element in single sex groupings.

We believe that this will be an important addition to the SRE programme. If you have concerns or would like to discuss the matter further, then please contact me. If you do not contact me by 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 we will assume that you give consent for your child to attend these lessons.

Yours sincerely



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We can offer support with the translation of this letter, please contact the College.

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