



12 October 2023

Dear Families

Year 9 - Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development Programme - Tuesday 17 October 2023

I would like to let you know about a crucial SMSC session that is taking place for year 9 students on **Tuesday 17 October at 9.00am** and ask for your support in underlining the importance of your child attending and engaging in this session.

At Sackville we aim to equip our students to move onto their next phase of life - whether it be an apprenticeship, starting their GCSEs or into the world of employment. Having the knowledge, confidence and skills to be able to address mental health concerns in young people, coping mechanisms and emotional wellbeing is vital. We have therefore devoted a module of our SMSC programme to this topic.

On Tuesday 17 October 2023 we are delighted to welcome an outside professional theatre company to our school. This company will give a theatre performance and lead a discussion group on the topic of mental health and emotional wellbeing titled: *'In Harm's Way'*. Both performance and discussions are geared towards year 9 students and are mindful of the fact that these students may be experiencing some issues raised in the performance. There is no charge for this event.

Attendance

To reflect the importance of this SMSC session, this event is **compulsory**. Students who miss this session will be missing out on vital information about mental health and wellbeing. Year 9 tutors will be following up on this topic in form times before and after the performance.

The performance will start at **9.00am** in the main hall and students will be watching the performance during their usual period 1 and 2 classes. The students will then return to their usual lessons for the remainder of the day.

We have been asked that the company interview a select number of students after the performance. If you are happy for your child to take part in these interviews, please could you fill out the consent form [here](#).

Thank you for your help in supporting your child attending this event. Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Beaver

Community Leader of Holmes