



CATERHAM SCHOOL

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To Parents and Guardians of Third Year pupils

Dear Parents and Guardians

Re: Third Year RPSE Teaching

We have started the delivery of Religious, Personal, and Social Education (RPSE) to our pupils this week.

The purpose of the course is to complement the academic teaching that occurs here at Caterham. We aim to cover concepts in areas which will help your children become more rounded students, more informed and better prepared for teenage life.

You may remember I outlined the aims of this course at the Third Year Parental Information Evening, and explained that we would like as much parental involvement with this as possible.

At a recent Parental Forum held at School, it was suggested that RPSE could be used by parents as a vehicle to open up and talk to their children about difficult issues. Parents expressed a desire to know what their children would be studying in RPSE and when.

For your information, Form Tutors will be delivering short RPSE lessons on a Wednesday morning during tutor time, with a little and often approach. This half term we will be considering Drugs, and over the next 6 weeks we will cover:

- o What Drugs are
- o Names of common Drugs
- o Cannabis, the facts, the effects and the legalities
- o Halucinogens, LSD and Magic Mushrooms
- o Poppers and their effects
- o Frequently asked questions

We feel that these topics are appropriate for your children at this time in their lives, and although some may seem hard hitting, I assure you that they will be dealt with sensibly and in a cautious, age appropriate manner. Our intention is to educate your children in order to protect them from the dangers of drugs.

Should you wish to comment on RPSE, ask any questions, or have any suggestions of future topics to cover then I would love to hear from you. Please do email me on - aimee.henry@caterhamschool.co.uk

I also would like to hear about anything you see, overhear or experience in the home which you feel falls under the RPSE title.

Yours sincerely

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