

15 November 2021

Dear parents and carers,

## **Anti-bullying week**

As many of you will be aware, this week is national anti-bullying week. Our students will be participating in a series of assemblies and form time activities to highlight the role we all play in creating a kind and open school environment, and in calling out bullying and other unkind behaviours.

Later this week, we will be launching a kindness challenge, and we would appreciate your support with this. When you chat to your child about their day at school, in addition to finding out what they have learned, could you talk about the ways on which they have been kind, and the kindness others have shown them. If someone in the community has been particularly kind to your child, please let their form tutor know. We are very keen for our kindness rewards on Class Charts to equal those for academic progress so that we can recognise and celebrate these behaviours.

Additionally, we are launching an opportunity for all students to become peer mentors, following an ASDAN qualification. Details will be shared with students later in the week, but all they have to do if they would like to participate is email their Head of Year. Studies have shown that, despite the availability of trusted adults, students often feel more comfortable initially raising concerns with their peers, so we are very keen to offer training and support to those listening ears across the school.

Thank you, as always for your ongoing support and kindness.

Best wishes,

Mrs E Bone Headteacher