



19th October 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

TGAR PSHE Drop Down Day: Friday 21st October 2016

On Friday 21st October, TGAR will suspend the normal teaching timetable in order to allow teaching of Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE) “Drop Down” day. This day forms part of the compulsory curriculum offer at TGAR. The structure of the day remains unchanged; school will start and finish at the same times, standards of uniform remain unchanged. This will be the first of 6 days over the academic year.

The aim of the drop down day is to provide a personalised PSHE programme for each year group. This will involve a number of external providers coming into the Academy to provide specialist support. Particular programme highlights include for 21st October are:

Year 7 students will be challenged to deal with social and emotional skills, with particular focus on how to respond positively to change. By looking at their experiences to date and looking forward to future issues, students will develop skills on how to respond to others and support their peers.

Year 9 students will be exploring careers and the legal system. Working with our CEIAG partners, In2Ambition, year 9 will be able to explore the skills that are need in the world of work through discussion with professionals from a variety of workplaces. This will be augmented with looking at the local legal system.

Year 10 will have the opportunity to become entrepreneurs for the day by exploring the world of finance, business and human rights. Students will use their knowledge and skills to develop and market a product in a TGAR version of “Dragon’s Den”.

Year 11 will start by reviewing the roles and responsibilities in the world of employment, exploring the personal skills that are need within an employment setting. Students will have the opportunity to investigate and study the interpersonal skills required within a workplace to ensure that they understand employment laws and further become an employable citizen.

The school will operate to the normal school hours throughout the day and break and lunchtime arrangements remain the same.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Mr. G Bastock
College Leader