

October 2020

PSHE day 9th October

Dear Parent/ Carers

At Test Valley School our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) provision exceeds the statutory requirement for teaching PSHE. It is a planned programme of learning through which pupils acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives now and in the future. As part of a whole school approach it develops the qualities and attributes pupils need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society.

As part of our comprehensive PSHE program, all pupils will be taking part in three PSHE days across the course of this academic year. The first one of these will be held on Friday 9th October with the main focus being on risk, particularly in relation to drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Sessions will be age appropriate and will include:

Year 11 – revision workshop, careers, drugs awareness, alcohol awareness, StreetReach workshop

Year 10 - drug awareness, alcohol awareness, StreetReach workshop, Shaun Attwood Talk (see below)

Year 9 - drug awareness, alcohol awareness, StreetReach workshop, Shaun Attwood Talk (see below)

Year 8 - dangers of tobacco, drug awareness, alcohol awareness, StreetReach workshop

Year 7 - dangers of tobacco, drug awareness, alcohol awareness, StreetReach workshop

Shaun Attwood became interested in the stock-market at age 14, trading for the first time at the age of sixteen. He moved to Arizona and eventually became caught up in the rave scene and distributing ecstasy, smuggling up to £4 million. He was arrested in 2002 and was released early in 2007 before being deported back to England. Following his release, Attwood became a public speaker and author, chronicling his experiences in prison and talking to young people about the dangers of drugs and the problems they can lead to.

As a reminder, there will also be a virtual meeting for all parents, via Teams, on Tuesday 6th October from 6pm-8pm, run by Street Reach. The link to this meeting will be on the school's website.

Should you have any queries regarding the evening do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Osborne