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Dear Parent /Carers

Beyond Equality Workshop – all boys

We are writing to inform you about a project that we will be running with all Year 9 and Year 10 boys. We have joined up with an organisation called Beyond Equality, a charity working across the UK to promote healthy behaviour and an awareness of gender issues amongst young men and boys. The project aims to combat the negative stereotypes and attitudes held by boys towards marginalised genders - as well as themselves - that can lead to violent behaviour in later life. It will also tackle issues beyond violence; these include self-esteem, body image, consent, homophobia, mental health, peer pressure and pornography.

Your son will be involved in 3 x 2 hour workshops over 3 separate days. These are spread over a couple of weeks and will be on Wednesday 11th May, Friday 20th May and Friday 17th June.

Following this workshop, your son may have thoughts or questions that he would like to discuss with you; please do look at the Beyond Equality website to find more information about the project and for resources to support you as parents: <https://www.beyondequality.org/>

Your Best Friend – all girls

While the boys are in the Beyond Equality Workshops, we will be running 1 hour workshops with the girls, non-binary and marginalised groups, regarding experiences in all types of relationships. Common themes are; recognising toxic relationships, what assists and stops young people helping their best friends and how to intervene if they have concerns. You can find out more about Your Best Friend here: <https://www.yourbestfriend.org.uk>

We expect this to be a fun, informative, and educational day promoting healthy behaviours among all.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Senior Mental Health Lead

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Deputy Headteacher

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

