

### Subject: Y8 Personal Development

Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to inform you of the content of the Personal Development lessons that your child will be taught this half-term.

Prior to the beginning of every term, we will routinely inform you of the content of Personal Development lessons, and give you the opportunity to discuss any concerns with our PD leader, Miss Watts or Mrs Boyd, Assistant Headteacher.

Please see the table below for key content which will be covered in Year 8 this half-term. Each lesson builds on the last, with an enquiry question forming the basis for learning outcomes.

<b>Year 8 PSHE - Unit 2 and 3 Careers and Citizenship</b>	
<b>Enquiry question</b>	<b>Key content</b>
What is employability?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key traits required to succeed in the workplace</li> <li>- Essential social skills</li> </ul>
What are my rights and responsibilities in the workplace?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brief history of trade unions</li> <li>- Rights and responsibilities analysis</li> <li>- Look at the law</li> <li>- What Parliament's role in making the law is</li> <li>- Awareness of cultural influence of trade unions</li> </ul>
What is health and safety in the workplace?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rights and responsibilities</li> <li>- Key traits of health and safety</li> <li>- Recognition of the law around the workplace and the consequences of actions</li> </ul>
What is parliament?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National government's role</li> <li>- Relationship to the monarchy</li> <li>- How is the UK governed?</li> </ul>
How do party politics limit Parliament's effectiveness?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What do the parties believe?</li> <li>- Reminder of the First Past the Post system</li> <li>- Discussion of the importance of democracy.</li> </ul>
What are the voting systems used in the UK?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First past the post</li> <li>- Proportional representation</li> <li>- Alternative vote</li> </ul>

Please also see the link below for the school RSHE policy for further information regarding the teaching of relationships, sex and health education which will be delivered at points during the year.

[Millthorpe RSHE policy](#)

Please take time to read the policy. All content is based on guidance provided by the Department for Education, and in particular information from the PSHE Association. We also ensure that key safeguarding priorities in school are given additional focus and time as necessary.

If you have any feedback about the content of the policy, or the RSHE lessons detailed above, please complete the following online questionnaire and a member of staff will be in contact.

[RSHE policy parent survey](#)

We hope that the information included here provides you with a good understanding of the content of your child's RSHE curriculum. Please do not hesitate to provide us with any feedback should you wish.

Yours sincerely,

***Millthorpe Personal Development team***