



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL

An Academy Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

I feel compelled to begin by thanking you for your support over the first three months of this calendar year, particularly as we have made tweaks and tuned the machine.

We teach your children that sincere praise should be specific, and so let me specifically thank you for supporting us in ensuring your children have sleeves for their hockey sticks, tuck their shirts in and wear the uniform with pride on their way to and from school, stop using Poundland as a cut-through and most impressively of all, washing and returning our black socks so that the white socks trend is in abeyance; thank you again.

One of the desired outcomes of the Pastoral branch (there are four) here at Hitchin Boys' is that children leave us endowed with self-awareness, empathy, and compassion - they recognise that they and all others are of enormous importance and significance. A key part of such an endowment is ensuring they are able to recognise our shared humanity. To this end we have two events taking place to which I wanted to draw your attention:

- **LGBTQIA assemblies and workshops** will take place in the last week of this term. They will be delivered by a speaker from Sherborne Girls School called Ian McClary, who is an English teacher and Assistant Chaplain there. We are privileged to have him here for three days delivering assemblies and talks to staff and students alike. The key holders here are Mr Rule and Ms Gray.
- **Anti-Racism assemblies and workshops** will take place when we return from Easter. They will be delivered by Show Racism the Red Card, the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity, and will take place over three days at the start of the Summer Term. The key holders here are Mrs Johnson and me.

The two events above form a big part but not the whole of our commitment to ensuring that your children are able to live wisely in a complex world - the work is never complete and there are many parts to it.

Please do reach out to any of the Hitchin Boys' key holders here, or email or call me if you have any questions about the events or indeed if you want to know what the other three desired outcomes are!

Warm regards

Mr D Ajagbonna
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