



WELLBEING CHAMPIONS

With the successful training of 30 peer wellbeing champions, we have set up a drop in centre in A2 for any students who have concerns, worries – or who just want a little advice from slightly older students. This is available every Tuesday and Thursday from 1.45pm. The Wellbeing Champions have also decided they are going to go on tour around the school to increase their approachability and visibility. Students need only look out for the bright green coats.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING AT HOLYROOD

We take Safeguarding matters very seriously at Holyrood. Staff will shortly be receiving update training on bullying, peer-on-peer abuse and how to deal with it effectively, the Prevent Strategy, the Early Help Application process for such services as the Family Intervention Service (FIS), and the Government guidance about how to keep children safe in education. If you would like any information on any of these matters please contact any of our safeguarding staff.

TUNING INTO YOUR TEEN COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to the 50+ parents who attended one of these coffee mornings. We are very grateful to the NHS staff from the SHARE project who provided these sessions; looking at the nature of stress, the tricky role of the parent and basics of emotional coaching. We will be offering a limited number of places on a 6-week course of Tuning into Teens in the near future.



ESCAPELINE

Working alongside our primary schools we have arranged for the charity Escapeline to lead pupil training sessions in all our feeder primary schools for Year 6 children. Children at transition age have been identified as the most receptive to this kind of training. The training helps them understand the process of grooming and to watch out for the danger signs. It is also recognised that students in Year 6 and 7 are most vulnerable to these kind of recruitment processes so it is vital that they are protected early. In addition, we are also hosting training for all staff in our primary feeder schools on identifying the signs of grooming.

CONTEXTUAL MAPPING MEETING

Holyrood was happy to host the Chard Town Council mapping meeting attended by town council representatives, Children Social Care, the local police, Somerset Drugs and Alcohol Service and representatives from many local schools, to help identify key issues and key individuals who pose a threat to the young people in our care. By working together and sharing this contextual information, we all recognise that we can only improve the safeguarding of our wider community. Two additional meetings have been booked for next term.

UNIQUE

The new look UNIQUE group will be meeting again very soon to discuss our competition entries into the 2nd Yeovil Pride Festival in August. Our new school nurse – Justine – is a founding member of this celebration of diversity and is working with us to make sure that Holyrood can stand proud on this issue.

