

Our Ref: Safeguarding/LFo

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear Parent/ Guardian



**Re: Speak Up, Speak Out**

We would like to take a moment to inform you of a new campaign that we are soon to be launching to all students, from year 7 to Sixth Form. The campaign is 'Speak Up, Speak Out' and it centres on Harassment in Schools; namely Child on Child abuse.

We will be raising awareness with students through year-group assemblies and tutor group activities.

Child on child abuse includes, but is not limited to:

- Physical and sexual abuse
- Sexual harassment and violence
- Emotional harm
- On and offline bullying
- Teenage relationship abuse
- Gangs & grooming for sexual and criminal exploitation

This month, we commence our launch of Speak Up, Speak Out with a competition open to all in key stages 3, 4 and 5.

We are asking students to be as creative as they can be – We have provided the theme, 'Speak Up, Speak Out' Harassment in Schools, but we want them to interpret this as broadly as they wish. They can enter as many pieces and categories as they choose.

Entries can be in the form of:

- A short piece of poetry or prose, no longer than 1 side of A4 paper.
- A piece of artwork, in any medium they choose.
- A short presentation – either a photo-story, power-point presentation or a short video on the theme, no longer than 2-3 minutes for each piece submitted.

Closing date for all entries will be Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.  
Winners will be awarded with prizes and certificates during assemblies.

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**Mr S Strickland - Principal - BA (Hons), MA, NPQH**

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If you have any concerns about your child's (or another's) wellbeing please don't hesitate to contact us.

Please ensure your children know that they can speak to any member of staff in school if they have any concerns or are experiencing any form harassment themselves – Anything reported to us will be addressed with the utmost importance and discretion.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Martin".

Mr L Martin  
**Designated Officer for Safeguarding &  
Child Protection**