

# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT EASINGTON ACADEMY THIS TERM



Term 2

March 2024

## World Ready

Students take part in a weekly World Ready lesson which educates them on Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) as well as Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). This term during World Ready, Year 7 have focused on mental and physical well-being, self-awareness and body image. Year 8 students have explored equality and diversity as well as looking at future careers. Year 9 students have focussed on drugs and alcohol. Our Year 10 students have explored on substance use and sexualisation of the media, whilst Year 11 have looked at fertility.



### Coming up in World Ready next half-term

- Year 7 - Communication in relationships and consent
- Year 8 - Consent and contraception
- Year 9 - Healthy relationships
- Year 10 - Long-term commitments
- Year 11 - Mental health

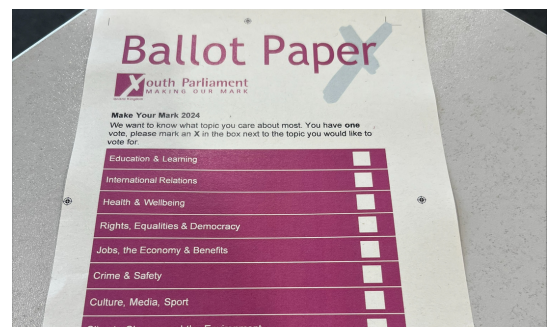
## Parliament Outreach

The Parliament Outreach team delivered an assembly to Year 8 on the meaning of democracy and what this looks like in the UK. They were also given an overview of how laws are made. 8E then took part in a workshop where they learnt about how new laws are proposed and then move from bills to laws. The students had the opportunity to come up with their own bills, where they then had to try and get them passed as laws by their peers.



## Youth Parliament Vote

Our students had the opportunity to take part in the Make Your Mark vote, this allowed them to vote on the topic that is most important to them. The topic with the most votes across the country is discussed in Youth Parliament. This was a great opportunity for our students to learn more about the democratic process and it gave them a feel for voting so that they will have the confidence to do so when they become of voting age.



### Quiz

Can your child name the nine protected characteristics?

AGE	DISABILITY	SEX
MARRIAGE/CIVIL PARTNERSHIP	RACE	PREGNANCY/MATERNITY
SEXUAL ORIENTATION	RELIGION OR BELIEF	GENDER REASSIGNMENT

## Assembly Highlights

Students in Year 7 and Year 8 received an assembly from Crime Stoppers which helped them understand the work that the charity to do across the UK.



Year 9 received an assembly from Durham Police on the seriousness of stalking. The police informed students of what signs to look out for that someone may be being stalked and the legal consequences of stalking.

National Citizen Service (NCS) delivered an assembly to Year 11 to give them more information on the programme they offer. If you would like to find out more please click the link: [www.wearencs.com](http://www.wearencs.com)



## Student Council

Our Student Council members are elected by their peers at the start of the academic year. Each term the Council members gather the views of their peers which we then discuss at the termly meeting. The students have put forward a number of ideas which have already been implemented across the school, some of these ideas include; more Year 11 revision rooms, the option of wearing smart shorts, an additional water fountain and a wider variety of rewards available to purchase with House Points.

## School of Rock

A big thank you to Mrs Wilkinson, Miss Jenkins, Mr Woods and the cast of School of Rock who put on a fantastic performance. The months of dedication and work behind the scenes definitely paid off. Our students across all year groups performed with such confidence. We can't wait to see what they do next!



### Find out more...

A reminder that you can find out more about our PSHE and RSE curriculum on the school website or by clicking the link below:

<https://www.easingtonacademy.co.uk/curriculum/pshe-and-relationship-and-sex-education-rse>

## AQA Unlocking Potential

Following on from the success of last year's programme, we have again been involved in the AQA Unlocking Potential Programme. A group of Year 9 students have been working with ex professional rugby player, Paul Broadbent to run a social action project. The students travelled to Manchester to propose their idea in a Dragon's Den style pitch. The students were granted the funding they needed and will be delivering the project to a local primary school and care home.



## Bahamas

A group of 16 Year 9 and 10 students travelled to the Bahamas to explore the British Values and what they look like in a Commonwealth country. The trip was funded by the Turing Scheme and gave our students a once in a lifetime experience. As part of the visit we spent a day at The Queen's College, our students spent the morning helping out in the primary school and then in the afternoon they had the opportunity to join in with some lessons in the secondary school. Students also had a guided tour of Parliament where they learnt all about the similarities between the Bahamian Parliament and our own Parliament. The British High Commissioner invited both staff and students to meet him at his Residency, the students learnt all about his role in The Bahamas. We spent our final day at the Atlantis Waterpark where students enjoyed the river rapids and sliding through the shark tank. We are so proud of our students and how they handled the experience, seizing every opportunity presented to them.

