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Dear Parent

The curriculum for Personal and Social Educational throughout the School, from Senior I to Senior VI, is posted on the School's website. In particular, please note that there are lessons on sex education included for most year groups. At all levels, sex education is taught within a context that values stable relationships, healthy living and personal responsibility. Briefly, the sex education programme includes the following topics:

- SI        The course for this year group builds on the information covered in Junior School. It provides basic information about the emotional and physical changes experienced during adolescence.
- SII       During the year there will be a discussion with a visiting speaker on sexual health.
- SIII      The course focuses on relationships and sexual health with the aim of enabling pupils to make educated decisions and resist peer pressure. It should foster self-awareness, a sense of responsibility and respect for themselves and others. There will be a visiting speaker who will discuss contraception and give instruction on the use of condoms.
- SIV      Sex education is not normally part of the SIV PSE syllabus.
- SV        A variety of sexual and moral dilemmas provides the basis for class discussion, for example, pregnancy and abortion, marriage, homosexuality, rape etc.
- SVI      Discussion will be about relationships, the expectations of love, marriage and partnership. There will be talks on sexual health and a visit from a couple counsellor.

Should you wish to discuss the programme further, please contact the appropriate Head of House.

Yours sincerely

Head of House