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Dear Year 9 parent/guardian,

Year 9 GCSE RE Notification of Course Content

We are reaching out to let you know that as part of their GCSE RE curriculum, Year 9 will shortly be studying the AQA unit "Relationships and Families". This is part of the compulsory content and will be examined when they sit their exams in Year 10 (May 2026).

The initial lessons on this unit discuss issues around sexual relationships and contraception. This ties up nicely with the requirement for students to learn about these issues in the government mandated Relationship and Sex Education (RSE). We feel it is useful to make parents aware that these topics are being addressed in class in case it prompts discussions at home.

If you feel you need to know anything further than feel free to contact your child's teacher directly, our e-mail addresses are below for ease. Alternatively, each student will be provided with a study guide for the unit and you are able to look over that.

At this point it is worth highlighting that the Year 9s will shortly have completed 2 units of their GCSE course. They have done well to make the step up to KS4 content and all the effort they put in now will have a significant impact on their GCSE result in May 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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