

EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As promised I am delighted to share more details of our 'Equality Now Network' launch. This was one of the proudest moments of my career and I can't wait to see what happens next.

Mrs Amanda Ryan, Principal

Equality Now Network

On Wednesday we launched our Equality Now Network, born out of the passion for gender equality demonstrated by our pupils and staff on International Women's Day. We firmly believe that EVERYONE



should have equal opportunity to achieve their dreams and our key mission for this network is to educate, champion and challenge, in order to strive toward a fully inclusive society. The network started with 30 members which included teaching staff, support staff, a progress leader, mentor, members of the local community, governors, senior leaders, parents, grandparents and pupils from both KS3 and KS4 and ex pupils. We are extremely grateful for all those who attended to support the launch event.



To launch the network, a range of inspirational female figures from our own community shared their stories, all truly inspiring. We heard stories from our Principal, a Year 7 pupil, Mrs Higgs, a Year 11 pupil and welcomed back ex-pupils.

The networking and discussions began on how we can act to create real change. Actions included making the event

more regular, reviewing the curriculum and resources to ensure they reflect the mission of the network, ex pupils becoming mentors, links with the local Inclusive Hub to use exercise to bring people together and open up discussion, increased education, and more celebration of inspirational females.

"My Gran's story is in no way a sad story, it's a story of an inspirational woman who worked hard all her life. Who always recognised the benefit of education and was passionate about us benefiting from good education and seizing the opportunities, that quite simply were not there for woman of her generation" - Mrs Ryan



'She risked everything she had, even her own reputation for her own chance of freedom, with the odds stacked against her.' Laila

'Jess is a massive inspiration; her ability is stronger than her disability.'

Year 7—Lead Learners

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Jessica Parry—Art John McCall— Computer Science Yexian Huang— Design Technology Jack McDermott—Drama Kane Durkin—English & Maths Harry Dagnall—Geography Sophie Lamb—History Emily Morgan—Music Tyler Cook—Religious Studies Luis Rimmer—Science Lennon Evans—Physical Education







Tom Donlevy—Art, Geography & Spanish Stephen McDonnell—Computer Science Patrick Nagle—Design Technology Jack Vaughan- Drama Ashley Evans—English Emily Berry— History Tilly Wallace—Maths Alexander Gittins—Music Tamika Birkett—Religious Studies Jack Gee—Science Mia Webster—Physical Education





Melisa Terzieva—Art Best Asemota—Computer Science Agatha Antonini Dias Egydio—Design Technology Lacey Leigh Patterson - Drama Lexi Lewis—English Lucy-Mae Bebington-Jones—Geography Daria Tudorache—History & Maths Lily Robinson—Music Ryan Jenkinson—Religious Studies Louisa Fearon—Science Isobel Rogers—Spanish & Physical Studies

Year 10—Lead Learners



Lily Stevenson-Art Dominik Balogh—Business Studies Gabrielle Davidson - Computer Science Kathryn Slinger-Design Technology Lois Gleave—Drama Rhianna Sloan—Dance Jamie Ball-English & ICT Eduards Purgailis—Geography Dylan McIntosh—Hospitality and Catering Chloe Porter—History Macey Macfie—Maths Peter Cass—Music Leo Wilson-Religious Studies Fiona Zhen—Science & Sports Studies Julia Knihs—Spanish Karina Ormando Medeiros—Photography Luca Findlay—3D Design

Year 11—Lead Learners



Mirna Aljabour-Art Ben Nuttall— Computer Science Thomas Barrett—Business Studies Nancy Lloyd—Design Technology Rita Ogiemwen- Drama Millie Hughes—English Ewelina Gryszka—Geography Hannah Boughey—History Alfie Andrew—ICT & Science Ashli Ashcroft—Maths Beth Scott—Music Olivia McCormick—Religious Studies Alivia Lloyd—Spanish Afia Sekyi Amah—Photography Luke Fearon—Sport Studies Lily Beesley—Travel & Tourism Melissa Fagan—3D Design



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Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Merseyside Police have been able to reintroduce Safer Schools Officers (SSO's) to secondary schools across the county as part of the national uplift in policing. Whilst we retained a small number of SSO's in some schools in Merseyside, we haven't had any in Sefton for a number of years so this is a welcome addition to our local team.

The purpose of a police officer in a school is very much around engagement with young people and supporting everyone who works in or attends our local schools in creating a safe environment.



Some of the key functions they undertake are;

- To promote positive relations between Merseyside Police, schools and local communities
- To support young people to develop resilience and feel safe with their communities
- To ensure that when risks are identified, a partnership approach is taken to securing the appropriate safeguarding response, working alongside safeguarding leads and other professionals.
- To identify underlying causes when students begin to engage in crime or anti-social behaviour and provide suitable and timely interventions to support and avoid unnecessary criminalisation.
- To support school staff in ensuring the optimum attendance of children at school.
- To deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, tailored information and education sessions to raise awareness of issues that may put students and / or staff at risk
- To be a visible presence in and around the school
- To develop diversionary activities for young people to take part in alongside the school and other local community providers

Each secondary school in Sefton should have a named Safer Schools Officer who will support them in a 'cluster' of local schools. We currently have 3 officers working at Marsh Lane in Bootle who work with schools in the South of the borough and 2 officers at Southport working with schools from Formby northwards up to Southport.

If you have any queries around our Safer Schools Officers, you can contact the relevant Community Policing Team at;

Marsh Lane:

B.Community.Hub.1@merseyside.police.uk

Southport:

B.Community.Hub.2@merseyside.police.uk

