

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 8 Personal Development Drop Down Day – Tuesday 1st April 2025

As part of the school's Personal, Social and Health Education programme, we will be delivering a Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) and Careers Day for Year 8 on the Tuesday 1st April 2025.

The purpose of the upcoming day is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on love and respect. This is to encourage the eventual development of safe and healthy relationships in later life. The day will develop understanding and attitudes which will help students to form relationships in a responsible and healthy manner. RSE enables young people to mature, build their confidence and self-esteem and understand the reasons for delaying sexual activity. Effective RSE also supports people, throughout life, to develop safe, fulfilling and healthy sexual relationships, at the appropriate time. For information, the school's Sex and Relationship Education Policy can be found [here](#).

In addition to the above, we believe that pupils should understand the full range of learning opportunities that are available to them. As the number of apprenticeships rises every year, it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18 including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

As part of your child's CEIAG Journey, students have the opportunity to engage in two meaningful encounters and hear from Colchester Institute regarding their Post-16 pathways including Apprenticeships, to give our Year 8 students an insight into a future beyond The Gilbert School.

The topics to be taught on this RSE and Careers Drop-Down Day are:

- Consent and personal boundaries.
- Managing social media stress.
- Ambition and aspiration.
- Gangs awareness workshop, delivered by Essex Fire Service Education Department.
- Careers- Colchester Institute will be delivering presentations on their vocational offer and routes to securing apprenticeships.

We hope your child finds the day both useful and informative. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in contact cwg@gilberd.com.

Yours faithfully

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