



Dear Families

We are sure that you are aware that a number of issues in the news have been ones that have attracted the attention and concern of some of our students. You will know that as a High Performance Learning School we want our students to be curious and intellectually enquiring. Some students have communicated to us that they want to be able to talk about these issues. In response to this we have made provision for an external agency who focus on educating students about Israel and Palestine to run workshops for students who will be able to share how they feel in a safe space. We have already e-mailed our Year 7 to 10 students about this opportunity.

We would appreciate it very much if you would speak with your child about being thoughtful and reflective about these issues rather than reactive. There is no need for any action by students that is disrespectful of staff or intolerant of the views of others. As a school, we are unable to endorse or facilitate protest which may indicate a political bias; it is however important that we educate our students to understand the multiple viewpoints in complex situations.

We would be grateful if you could also speak with your child about the importance of sensitivity when discussing complex issues and remind your child that they must not make generalisations about people based on their religion, ethnicity or nationality.

We would like to thank you in advance for speaking with your child about the importance of following any instructions from staff and continuing to self-regulate.

If there is anything that you would like to be clarified please can you contact your child's Year Learning Coordinator in the first instance.

Kind regards

Mrs Lowe

Headteacher