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Dear Parent/Carer

I wish to inform you of a project upon which we are embarking, in which your child will be involved during Module 6. There is a strong body of research to show that people develop and learn best when helped by their peers. This is particularly true of young people who have shared experiences which means their peers are often better equipped to help them deal with challenges than the adults in their life. Based on this research, we are developing a programme where students from Year 12 will coach small groups of students from Years 7, 8 and 9. It is our belief that by being encouraged to work together in these cross year group coaching circles that students will help find solutions to each other's problems and help build relationships and support networks between students. The groups will meet every Monday morning during tutor time and there will be a weekly agenda with some standard discussion points, alongside other activities facilitated by the Year 12 students. The coaching sessions will be led by Year 12 students who have undergone training with staff in the Academy and who will receive further training from an outside agency, Restorative Solutions, on the coaching process. There will also be a member of staff on hand to provide support if needed. If this initial project is successful then we will be looking to develop it to allow more students to benefit from September 2019. If you have any questions please contact me at the Academy.

Yours faithfully

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