



St John Fisher Catholic High School

EDUCATING FOR LIFE

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to let you know that your son/daughter will be off timetable for one lesson on Wednesday 1st May, as we have Jessica Lynn coming in to school to speak to their year group. Jessica is a Stonewall School Role Model as well as an experienced global speaker who has dedicated her life to increasing awareness and acceptance of LGBT communities. Her story is very powerful as she explains the issues and challenges that she has faced on her transition and this will be tailored to each year group and sensitively delivered. The students will also have the opportunity to ask her questions at the end of the presentation.

We trust that you agree that we have a duty to prepare our young people for life in modern Britain as well as support the needs of all our students. In addition to this, there is a requirement for schools to promote the fundamental British values and eliminate discrimination with regard to all the protected characteristics. We at St. John Fisher share the belief of the Secretary of State for Education, Damian Hinds when he says;

'We all share the aim of ensuring we have schools which contribute to children's understanding of the world around them and foster their respect of people who seem different from them'. Damian Hinds to the General Secretary NAHT, 9th April 2019

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to hear Jessica's story and have the opportunity to ask her questions as she will be doing a presentation for St. John Fisher parents at 5.15pm on the same day in the Main Hall. Please see the flyer attached for more information.

We recognise the responsibility we have in the education of our young people and believe that this is not solely about their academic achievement; it is also about them being well-rounded citizens who are able to flourish in an increasingly diverse society.

With kindest regards,

Paul Brockwell
Headteacher

