



# Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School & Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Year 9: Specialist Theatre Company Performance on Wednesday 5 October

I am writing to you to advise on Wednesday 5 October, during the school day, the specialist Alter Ego Applied Theatre project is coming into school to run a performance to raise student awareness of the dangers of sexual harassment, abuse, and violence. The company is held in high regard, nationally, and the performance is both endorsed and funded by our local authority, Brighter Futures for Children. Other local schools, who have already benefitted from the opportunity, have commented positively on the impact in raising the awareness of our young people. It is entirely age appropriate.

The Project is titled 'Unacceptable'. Sexism, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence. As you may be aware, we are required to presume such behaviours are happening and ensure all students are aware of appropriate interactions and where they can go to seek help. We ensure this is the case via assemblies, posters, PSHE sessions, access to a trusted adult and our pastoral and mental health and safeguarding teams. The purpose of the performance is to reinforce understanding in a visual and engaging way.

The Project uses simple story-telling and Narrative theory techniques to cover: -

- What is sexual harassment?
- What is sexual language?
- What are sexist stereotypes, Attitudes and Behaviours?
- Where do these Stereotypes, Attitudes and Behaviours come from, where can they lead and what are their effects?
- What is consent?
- How can you respond to and/or report these behaviours?
- How do we create lasting change?

The production lasts 60 minutes and includes a post-show talk.

As the performance is in the school day and provides an opportunity for students to reinforce understanding the purpose of this letter is to advise you that it is taking place.

If you have any queries or concerns, however, please do not hesitate to contact me at [g.kidd@hughfaringdon.org](mailto:g.kidd@hughfaringdon.org).

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Kidd  
Head of Year 9