

Wednesday 24th April 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers

Understanding Cancer Educational Presentation

As part of our ICE programme at Baysgarth School, we have invited Teenage Cancer Trust to speak to our Year 10 students about health and cancer on **Monday 29th April 2019**.

Who is the Teenage Cancer Trust?

Teenage Cancer Trust is a national charity, dedicated to help young people fight cancer. Teenage Cancer Trust's national Understanding Cancer Education presentation is endorsed by the Government, as it raises awareness of cancer, which can lead to earlier diagnosis.

What information will the presentation include?

The presentation will last for around an hour and is an interactive opportunity for students to learn about and discuss:

- What cancer is
- Common signs and symptoms
- The impact of cancer on a young person
- Types of treatment
- Healthy living

By the end of the presentation, all students should know more about early warning signs and how they can reduce their risk of cancer later in life. Throughout the presentation students will be encouraged to become the experts of their own body and to speak to health professionals about any concerns they may have.

Who will be delivering the presentation?

The presentation will be given by a trained professional speaker from Teenage Cancer Trust and is delivered in a sensitive way. If you have any concerns, please speak to the school and we will ensure that your child is supported.

Improved awareness can help to stop cancer before it starts, and help break down fears. For more details, please refer to the Transforming Cancer Knowledge report on the Teenage Cancer Trust website, www.teenagecancertrust.org.

Why is this important?

Teenage Cancer Trust want your child to have this opportunity to learn about cancer and feel more able to talk openly about their health because it has been proven to make a difference. Please support this by talking to your child about what they have learned and encouraging them to be open about any health concerns they may have. Leaflets will be handed out at the end of the presentation that cover the main points and these may be of interest to you.

If your child is uncomfortable or has any concerns, they can speak to Mrs Borthwick; alternatively, if they feel they cannot attend the presentation, they do not have to do so.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs S Borthwick
Lead Teacher / ICE Coordinator