

## Issue 4 – Summer Term 2017

Our Safeguarding team includes all Pastoral Managers and our interpreter team:

- **Mr. Gerard McKenna**  
(Head teacher)
- **Ms. Manderson**  
(Deputy Head teacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- **Ms. Minott-Statham**  
(SENCO & Designated Safeguarding officer)
- **Ms. Lazare**  
(Assistant Head teacher & Designated Safeguarding officer)
- **Mr. Hart**  
(Assistant Headteacher Digital Technology and Online learning)
- **Ms. Edwards**  
(PSHEE Coordinator)
- **Ms. Flora Copson**  
(HR Manager)
- **Mrs. Mona Shah**  
(Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding)

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, we had a Safeguarding Review led by a serving head teacher of another secondary school. We are pleased to announce that we are a 'safe' school. The following were identified as strengths:

- *"The school clearly places SG at heart of everything they do as evidenced by such a large and distinct team who take their responsibilities very seriously"*
- *The team is "extremely confident and passionate... and has put in place "highly effective systems"*
- *Governance would appear to be "very strong and effective indicating continued outstanding leadership and management."*

Sadly, once again we joined the rest of the UK to pay homage to those who died or were injured as a result of the tragic fire in Grenfell Tower. Staff and students participated in the 'Green for Grenfell' appeal and observed a minute's silence. Money collected will be passed on to support victims of the tragedy.

In this newsletter, we focus on growing concerns with children self-harming, summer safety and a review of some of our successful safeguarding practices.

### Self-harm

If anyone has concerns about young person self-harming it is important to speak to someone such as a GP. There is helpful information on the 'Brent Mind' website at: <http://www.brentmind.org.uk/>

**Please note that if you have any concerns for a child, you may contact Brent Front Door on: 020 8937 4300 or the emergency duty team on: 020 8863 5250 or through the Child Protection Team via the Brent website. We wish all our families and colleagues a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.**

### What have we done this year?

Here is a summary of all the activities linked to safeguarding that we have been involved in this academic year:

**MHFA trained staff:** We are pleased to announce that we now have two qualified Mental Health First Aid staff, Ms Woolford our Pastoral Manager for Year 9 and Ms Hussain a teacher in the Maths department.

**Successful Fire Drills:** staff and students demonstrated how to keep themselves safe in the event of a fire evacuation. All procedures went smoothly and staff and students were able to be out of the new building as quickly as 2 minutes.

**Your Life You Choose** – the project delivered a one day multi-agency presentation to educate young people about the consequences of crime, not only for the offender but their family and friends, victims and the wider community. The project is led by magistrates in the North West London Justice Area.

**Mindfulness** – students have been introduced to mindfulness as part of PE lessons, staff have participated in a 9-week Mindfulness programme to encourage well-being.

**Anti-Bullying Conference** – our student voice leads have participated in the Brent Anti-Bullying Conference

**Safeguarding surveys:** staff and students have completed a variety of surveys to raise awareness of different issues affecting young people including bullying and gender differences. A number of actions will follow such as further training for staff and raising awareness of how to protect yourself from bullying.

**PSHEE** – our PSHEE programme has continued to be an informative and valuable part of the curriculum which reinforces Alperton's '4Rs'; being Ready, Respectful, Responsible and Resilient



### Road Safety Thank you!

We have noticed that there has been a reduction in the numbers of students crossing the roads unsafely since our last message. We would like to thank all parents for their support.

**E - safety:** Another app raising concern recently has been SnapMaps which is related to Snapchat. This allows launched a new feature. SnapMaps allows users to see the location of their contacts. Childnet have posted information to help children keep safe. All adults will benefit from ensuring they have a working knowledge of the risks and uses of such apps.

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/introducing-snap-maps-the-new-location-sharing-feature-in-snapchat>