

“MOWDEN MATTERS”



The definitive guide to Pastoral Matters at Mowden Hall School

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I continue to be amazed at the wide variety of topics that raise their head in terms of pastoral care and at times it can be frightening to consider the potential risks that our children can be exposed to. There have been a few more significant issues raised this month, which possibly affect the older children, but I thought it important to raise them with you too.

As ever, should you have any concerns or worries about any pastoral issues, please do not hesitate to get on touch.

Mr P. Sturt

The Andrew Tate effect is certainly a hot topic and it may be alarming to realise that children as young as yours are aware of who he is and what he stands for. He is widely viewed online and I am aware that pupils from Mowden Hall have accessed his videos. So, how should we respond?



WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY:

1. Avoid silencing boys - instead get boys to share their views, deconstruct them, then they should be in a better position to listen.
2. Understand why boys are susceptible to him - he is glamorous, wealthy and offers ideas of self-help - young boys WILL want to listen to him.
3. Address the issue - don't shy away from it. (School will help with this!)
4. Should you hear the misogynistic language being used, here is an option for how to follow it up: "You've probably used these phrases and not realised that under the surface they reflect and symbolise a hatred towards women. The intent wasn't there, but the words were. Young people make mistakes. We all do. We are here to teach and we need to teach you this important lesson."

INTERNET SAFETY DAY is upon us in early February, so I want to highlight some new and emerging Apps that you may find on your child's device. To be honest, I thought I knew most of them, but these were alarming ones that need to be better-advertised. I fact-checked with some students and not only did they know of them, but were aware of people signed up to them!



These two apps offer online chat, anonymously. Omegle's strapline is "Chat with Strangers"...



Click the cube for lots more App info.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

What is Discrimination?

Direct discrimination: This is when someone is treated unfairly because of a protected characteristic.

Indirect discrimination: This is when rules are put in place that are unfair towards someone with a protected characteristic.

Harassment: This is when someone with a protected characteristic gets unwanted or upsetting attention based on their protected characteristic.

Victimisation: This is when someone who has complained about discrimination is treated unfairly.

There are four types of discrimination

There are nine protected characteristics, these are:

- age;
- disability;
- gender reassignment;
- marriage and civil partnership;
- pregnancy and maternity;
- race;
- religion or belief;
- sex;
- sexual orientation.



Did you know...
 There are nine protected characteristics that it is illegal to discriminate against. We have been working hard to continually remind children of these characteristics and how we can prevent discrimination.



Your Rights

You have the right to an education.	You have the right to share your ideas and opinions.	You have the right to a name and a nationality.
You have the right to be safe.	You have the right to speak out and be heard if something is wrong.	You have the right to rest, play and take part in activities.
You have the right to healthcare when you are sick.	You have the right to have food, water and a place to live.	You have the right to get help when you need it.

In Thursday Form Period last week we asked the children to focus on their Rights. We got them to consider which they felt were most important and what they could do if they felt they were missing out. Childline was highlighted to them as a good listening service to provide support, should they ever need it.

Coming next month...

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