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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to your termly Personal Development Learning (PDL) letter. Each term you will receive information about what your child(ren) will be learning about in the PDL sessions.

This term, in PDL lessons, Year 7 will be learning about:

- Getting to know people
- What a community is
- Why sleep and relaxation are important
- Transition points in life
- Thinking about future careers and finance
- Consent within friendships
- Respect
- Worries and coping with them
- Recognising and dealing with emotions and emotional changes

Year 7 will also be having a Focus Day on anti-bullying and looking after your money.

The PDL learning journeys for the academic year are also available to view on the school website:

https://springfield.uk.net/images/files/programmes\_of\_study/PDL\_-\_Lesson\_Time.pdf https://springfield.uk.net/images/files/programmes\_of\_study/PDL - Tutor\_Time.pdf

Please be assured that during our PDL sessions the topics are covered with an age-appropriate approach and that we have ground rules embedded as part of the session to ensure that it is seen as a safe space to ask questions, whilst ensuring the safeguarding of all.

You may find the following link(s) helpful if you wish to discuss these topic areas with your child(ren).

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/ https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/financial-education/ https://www.sleepfoundation.org/teens-and-sleep

Yours sincerely

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