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Student Bulletin

Welcome!

This is the latest in a series of student bulletins from the Anti-Bullying Committee. Over the past half-term, we have made progress in achieving our key objectives to make this a safer school for everybody. The ABC continues to meet regularly to discuss issues in school and all of your representatives will have spoken to you about the issues raised. However, it is not just the committee that has a role to play – we must all play our part and we must all work together to ensure bullying is never tolerated in our school.

Best Wishes,

Lee D. Evans & Harry Bush

Anti-Bullying Committee Co-ordinators

What we've done...

This half-term, we have been busy promoting our theme of **CyberBullying**. In doing this, all representatives have spoken to you in their forms on the issue.

Additionally, a selection of **ABC representatives took part in a video being produced by the council**, celebrating the work that we have done.

Towards the end of last half-term, **representatives met in their year group** to discuss what we had done this half-term in advance of the full ABC meeting.

What we're doing...

Over the next half-term, we will be **promoting our new theme, Homophobia**. All representatives will be speaking to you and your forms on this issue. We will be developing on their feedback to promote the theme throughout the school, including assemblies and giving resources to every student.

Additionally, we will be **conducting our usual meetings** to address any arising issues towards the end of half-term.

Get involved!

Everybody has a role in the Anti-Bullying Committee. Even if you are not a representative, you have a role to play in making sure we do our job as effectively as possible. Ask your representative questions about what we are doing, how it affects you and give him your feedback on our work. It will ensure we do our job as well as possible.

Our Objectives: *At the heart of what we do...*

- **Every boy in the school feels they can talk to someone**
- **Every boy in the school feels safe**
- **Anti-Bullying is a whole-school approach**

Theme

Our theme for this half-term is **homophobia and countering homophobic bullying**. Homophobic bullying is when a person is discriminated against or bullied because of their sexual orientation. Homophobic bullying has the ability to make people hate school and feel unhappy when they are here. This means that homophobic bullying is a serious issue. As a school, we have a zero-tolerance approach to all acts of bullying, including homophobic bullying.

All ABC Reps will be discussing this with you in your forms this half-term.

Rep Profile – Tom Arthur (9SMC)

For this bulletin, we have interviewed an Anti-Bullying representative to give you his insight into the work of the ABC.

What do you get out of being an ABC representative?

I gain a great sense of satisfaction when I know I am there for someone if they are going through some hard times in school.

How much of a difference do you think the Anti-Bullying Committee can make?

I think it depends. It can make a huge impact if people are willing to get involved and we all work together. That is our job: to make sure people care and get involved.

How successful do you think the ABC themes have been?

In my form, 9SMC, it has gone down really well. Everybody is asking more questions (i.e. what is the next theme?) and, more than ever, people are showing an interest in the ABC.