

Sensitive topics as part of our curriculum

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Dear Parents/Guardians of BHS Families,

In many classes, we read and view texts that address the reality of the human condition in a historical context, as well as within our society, and our communities. These texts generate important discussions in our classrooms and we are aware that some of our students may be sensitive to these conversations. However, in the Arts and Humanities disciplines (in both languages) we create a safe learning situation to explore these sensitive, yet critical, topics.

Some of the sensitive topics may include:

How language is used to denigrate and dehumanize individuals and their cultures

Racism and discrimination

LGBTQ+

Family dynamics and relationships

Sexism

Mental health

Body image and shaming

Sexual assault

Grief

Suicide

War and Violence

Abuse

Addiction

Ageism

Religion and Spirituality

Life Struggles (physical, emotional, socioeconomics)

Adversity

In partnership with parents and guardians we feel it is important that we all share in preparing young people to be responsible, informed and empathetic citizens who will be able to make caring contributions to our society.

We encourage you to discuss the texts your children are exploring in class. At Beaconsfield High School your teachers, professionals and administrators are always here to help and support your children. We invite you and your child to reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns or reservations.

Sincerely,

The BHS Faculty and Administration