Ref: KH/RP/FS/FGM Assembly

29th April 2025

Upcoming Assembly on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
20th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to inform you about an important assembly that will be taking place between the 30th April 2025 and the 2nd May 2025 for students in Years 9, 10, 12, and 13. The session will be led by the organisation **DORCAS**, in conjunction with **West Midlands Police** and will focus on the critical issue of **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)**.

As part of our school's commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students, this assembly will provide essential information about FGM, including its harmful effects, the legal implications and the importance of raising awareness to protect young people from this practice. It is essential for our students to understand the seriousness of this issue and to be equipped with the knowledge to identify, report and prevent any potential risk of FGM.

This assembly is a part of the statutory **RSHE (Relationships and Sexual Health Education)** curriculum, which requires that all students receive education on the topic of FGM as part of their safeguarding. It is compulsory for students to engage with this content and we believe that it is an important part of their education to ensure they are aware of their rights and the support available to them.

Please be assured that the content of the session will be delivered in a sensitive and age-appropriate manner and there will be opportunities for students to ask questions and seek support where necessary.

We understand that discussions on such topics may be sensitive and we encourage you to have an open conversation with your child about the assembly. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this in more detail, please feel free to contact us on postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Thank you for your continued support in safeguarding our students.

Yours sincerely

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