



# Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents / Carers

We are writing to inform you that all pupils in Years 7-10 will be taking part in a one-off Life Skills lesson during the w/c 28th March 2022.

The theme for the lesson is Gossip, Slander and Libel. We find ourselves, both within school and more widely, hearing about conversations that sometimes have an element of truth in them which then ultimately get twisted into something far more personal, hurtful and at times malicious.

A school and its pupils can generate a significant amount of 'gossip' and to an extent this is an inevitable part of school life. However, when gossip gets out of hand our staff then often have to work very hard to guide individual pupils or groups of pupils towards the truth. Unfortunately, social media has exacerbated this issue and we continue to remind our pupils of the dangers of listening to, or sharing, unkind or untruthful posts.

We are hopeful that this lesson will highlight the risks of listening to or spreading gossip via a series of examples and scenarios for the pupils to consider.

We hope the pupils will find this an enjoyable and thought provoking lesson.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher

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Subject Leader for Life Skills

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