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To: All Year 9, 10 & 11 Students

Dear Parents / Carers

Understanding Cancer Together Presentation: Education, Prevention and Treatment

Many people are afraid of cancer and do not know all the facts. To support our students and as part of our Wellbeing Programme at Rednock School, we have invited Teenage Cancer Trust to speak to our Year 9, 10 and 11 students on Monday 11th February (Brunel & Jenner Communities) and Tuesday 7th May (Darwin & Hubble Communities) about cancer and health in an assembly.

What is the Teenage Cancer Trust?

Teenage Cancer Trust provides specialist care and support to young people with cancer across the UK. The Teenage Cancer Trust's national 'Understanding Cancer Together' presentation is recognised by the Government as it raises awareness of cancer which can lead to earlier diagnosis of cancer.

What information will the assembly include?

The assembly will be an opportunity for students to learn about:

- what cancer is
- common signs and symptoms of cancer in young people
- the impact of cancer on a young person
- types of treatment
- healthy living and how this can help reduce the risk of cancer in later life
- breaking down fears about cancer.

By the end of the assembly, all students should know more about early warning signs and how they can reduce the risk of cancer later in life. Throughout the presentation, students will be encouraged to become the experts of their own body and to speak to health professionals as soon as possible about any concerns.

Who will be delivering the assembly?

The assembly will be given by a trained professional speaker from Teenage Cancer Trust and is delivered in a sensitive way. If you have any concerns, please do speak to Mrs Madden and we will ensure that your child is supported.

For more details, please look for the Transforming Cancer Knowledge report on the Teenage Cancer Trust website. Improved awareness can support early diagnosis and break down fears about cancer.

Please do support this by talking to your child about what they have learned and encouraging them to be open about any health concerns they may have. The key information shared in the presentation can also be found under Information for Parents on the Teenage Cancer Trust website.

Yours sincerely

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