

NST/HWO

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Sensitive Subject Topics**

At Maltby Academy, we strive to ensure that each and every student has access to a broad and balanced curriculum. Within this, we aim to build and develop students' broader understanding of the world around them.

With this in mind, we feel it is important to make you aware of some of the topics that we cover, which may be sensitive for your child. In English, as well as in History, Life Skills, Religious Studies and Step Up Integrated, we understandably cover broader social, personal, and political issues as part of the curriculum content. It is important to stress that it is imperative that our students have a clear and appropriate awareness and understanding of the happenings in the world around them, yet, at the same time, we are aware that these must be dealt with carefully and sensitively. Please be assured that the topics we cover within lessons are always contextualised by our staff.

Please see a list of topics, which may arise over the course of the first term for Key Stage 3 on the attached sheet.

As mentioned, these topics are contextualised accordingly within the broader subject content by our classroom experts. However, should you wish to speak to anyone regarding the topics above, or if there is anything that you feel your child would find difficult to cover in a classroom context, please do not hesitate to contact us. In the first instance, we would ask you to address any concerns or questions via the pastoral team:

[Year7pastoral@maltbyacademy.com](mailto:Year7pastoral@maltbyacademy.com)

[Year8pastoral@maltbyacademy.com](mailto:Year8pastoral@maltbyacademy.com)

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Beyond this, you may feel contacting our Safeguarding Team is more appropriate for your child. They can be contacted at [safeguarding@maltbyacademy.com](mailto:safeguarding@maltbyacademy.com)

Yours faithfully



Mr Stafford  
Vice Principal

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
<b>English</b>		
Hines' <i>A Kestrel for a Knave</i>	Miller's <i>Death of a Salesman</i>	Fitzgerald's <i>The Great Gatsby</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Animal death.</li> <li>▪ Familial issues/neglect/strained relationships/absent father.</li> <li>▪ Bullying/peer issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Depression.</li> <li>▪ Suicide.</li> <li>▪ Mental health.</li> <li>▪ Financial issues/debt.</li> <li>▪ Death.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Death.</li> <li>▪ Drugs and alcohol.</li> <li>▪ Affairs/adultery.</li> <li>▪ Abuse.</li> </ul>
<b>Step Up</b>		
Dahl's <i>The Witches</i>	Steinbeck's <i>Of Mice and Men</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Torture of witches – swimming test.</li> <li>• References to death.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depression.</li> <li>• Mental health issues.</li> <li>• Emotional abuse.</li> <li>• References to death.</li> <li>• Animal death.</li> </ul>	
<b>Life Skills</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer on peer abuse</li> <li>• Death and dealing with bereavement</li> <li>• Puberty, reproduction, and personal hygiene</li> <li>• Healthy eating</li> <li>• Body image and eating disorders</li> <li>• Cancer-myths and facts</li> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• Divorce</li> <li>• LGBTQ Plus and relationships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer on peer abuse</li> <li>• Drug and alcohol misuse</li> <li>• Gangs and knife crime</li> <li>• Body image and eating disorders</li> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• Smoking</li> <li>• Healthy Relationships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Body image and eating disorders</li> <li>• Managing stress</li> <li>• Contraception</li> <li>• Sexually transmitted diseases</li> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• Cancer awareness</li> <li>• Gender identity</li> <li>• Gambling</li> <li>• Drug misuse</li> <li>• Positive relationships and spotting negative ones</li> <li>• Parenting</li> <li>• Commitment and marriage</li> </ul>
<b>Religious Studies</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prejudice and discrimination, e.g., Holocaust and slavery</li> <li>• Death and the afterlife</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulling, issues around prejudice and discrimination, e.g., racism</li> <li>• Identity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different types of suffering, e.g., extreme poverty, suffering caused by natural disasters</li> <li>• War and conflict, e.g. The Northern Ireland conflict and Palestine and Israel</li> </ul>
<b>History</b>		
What is History? / Ancient history	English Civil War	WW1
No notable issues.	Beheading / death of Charles I, public executions. Battles with some mild scenes from Cromwell film used.	Numerous references to death, including the assassination of Franz Ferdinand.

