



Tuesday 1st October 2024

Our ref: OHD/sjt

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Annual Leadership conference

I am writing to tell you about an exciting opportunity we are giving Year 11 this year. On Friday 25th October 2024, we are hosting our annual Leadership conference. This has been running for several years at St Bernard's but has been revived in the last couple of years by Mrs Alexander. This is a great opportunity to allow pupils to plan, partake and be involved with planning a conference to inspire each other. The Year 11s have been working hard since Year 10 to put this event together and have leading women in all fields coming to speak to them about being a woman in the workplace and overcome challenges. Your child will be off timetable for the whole day and will be finishing school at 3pm.

The Year 11s have also come up with practical workshops, to help empower, develop and inspire them. These will include Henna tattoo. If your child is allergic to Henna, then they can still draw out some designs or do them on other students (if willing). We will be undergoing a whole year group patch test in the next couple of weeks, during Form time. The students will have a small dot of Henna put on their arm, and we ask that you monitor this in case of a skin reaction. I am hoping there will be none, but we must take precaution. If your child does have a reaction to the patch test, please let them know they are not to draw any Henna on themselves during the workshops, and please let me know.

Kind regards,

Miss O Donnell
Head of Year 11