



Parent / Carer Update

Today's Update

- [ALL] Art Exhibition
- [ALL] Assemblies
- [ALL] Equally Safe at School (ESAS) Update
- [ALL] Orkney Matters session for pupils

Key upcoming dates

- [ALL] Christmas Lunch.** 12th December
[ALL] Book Fair. 13th December (12:30 – 16:00)
[ALL] Ba' Meeting. 17th December (13:30 – 13:50)

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your support again this week. We had a positive Parent Council meeting this week, and the minutes will be added to our website when they become available.

Art Exhibition

Please accept our invitation to families, carers and friends to attend the annual exhibition of Art and Design and Higher Photography folios of work from last session.

The work will be on display in the KGS Dining Hall and Dance Studio on Wednesday 18th December from 3:40 until 4:45.

Assemblies

Thank you to Mr Harvey for leading our sessions this week which encouraged pupils to reflect on their learning and consider how they can make the most of every opportunity.

Next week's assemblies will be led by our 'Go with the flow' pupil group.

Today's update also includes information on the work of our Gender Based Violence action group (as part of the Equally Safe at School programme). We are so proud of all our pupils who lead, or take part in, pupil action groups aimed at making our school community an inclusive environment for everyone.

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend,

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ESAS at KGS

An update on progress



equally safe
at school



What is Gender-based Violence (GBV)?

"GBV is defined as "any form of violence used to establish, enforce or perpetuate gender inequalities and keep in place gendered orders"" - Scottish Government

What is Equally Safe at School (ESAS)?

"ESAS takes a whole school approach, working with staff and students to prevent GBV and to increase confidence and skills in responding to incidents and disclosures of such violence. It aims to positively influence the school culture by fostering a shared, consistent approach to gender-based violence. ESAS is underpinned by principles of equality, safety and accessibility, with student voices at the forefront." - ESAS website

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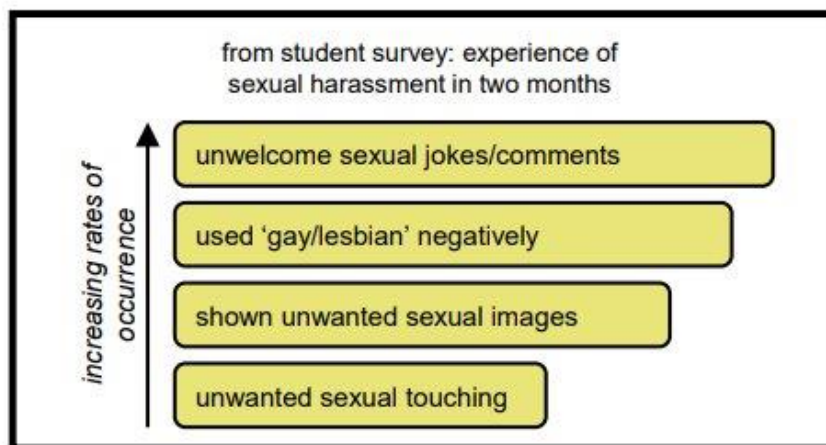
student surveys completed.

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staff surveys completed.

What are we doing?

- Increase awareness of GBV within the school, in all its forms, through posters and assemblies.
- Improve reporting systems to make this easier for students to understand and complete.
- Promote gender equality throughout and beyond the curriculum, including visible displays of this support.
- Increase engagement with parents to understand their views, and offer support on preventing GBV.



What have we done?

- Completed surveys of staff and students attitudes to, and experiences of, gender-based violence at KGS
- Formed an ESAS Working Group, comprised of staff.
- Formed a GBV Action Group, comprised of students, and supported by staff.
- Provided training to staff on preventing and responding to GBV, through the ESAS Enhanced Training.

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different students have attended a GBV Action Group meeting.

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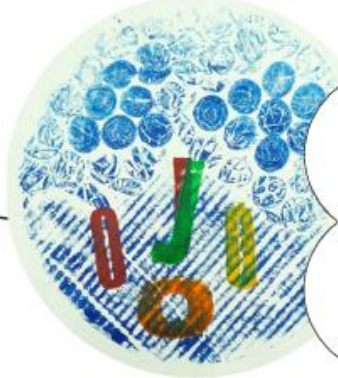
different staff members have completed the ESAS Enhanced Training.

What support is available?

If students have been affected by GBV, they can discuss this with their guidance teacher, or any other adult in the school that they trust, who will pass any concerns on as required. Orkney Rape & Sexual Assault Service (ORSAS) support anybody in Orkney affected by sexual violence (including survivors, and their friends and family): www.orsas.scot 01856 872298. Women's Aid Orkney support women and children affected by domestic abuse: www.womensaidorkney.org.uk 01856 877900.



Orkney Matters: My Orkney Creative Sessions



What things are important to you? In Orkney? In the wider world?



What things do you think could be better?

Lunchtime
Creative Session
1.10-1.50pm
Wednesday 18 December

Tell us about the things that matter to you and your families. Your responses will help us in our decision making and policies, especially those that affect our futures.



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