

WYMONDHAM COLLEGE

SEX EDUCATION POLICY

INTRODUCTION

1. The content and organisation of sex education at the College conforms to section 46 of the Education (No.2) Act 1986, which seeks to secure that sex education is given in such a manner as to encourage students to have due regard for moral considerations and the value of family life.

THE POLICY AIMS

2. The aims are to present facts on sex education in an objective and balanced manner so that students can:
 - comprehend the range of sexual attitudes and behaviour in present-day society;
 - know what is and is not legal;
 - consider the importance of self-restraint, dignity and respect for themselves and for others, and so help them recognise the physical, emotional and moral risks of casual and promiscuous sexual behaviour;
 - recognise that both sexes should behave responsibly in sexual matters; and
 - appreciate the benefits of long-term, stable relationships, family life and the responsibilities of parenthood.

ASPECTS COVERED

3. The aspects covered by Sex Education are:
 - Physical growth and development;
 - Coping with emotional development, sexuality and relationships;
 - Love, marriage and family life;
 - Sexual intercourse;
 - Reproduction;
 - Sexually transmitted diseases (including AIDS) and promiscuity;
 - Birth control and sharing responsibility; and
 - The law relating to sexual activity.

DELIVERY OF MATERIAL

4. Sex education is one element of health education. As such, it is delivered on a cross-curricular basis (both academic and pastoral), linked to the progressive development of the student and forms a part of Core Studies.

PARENTS' RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL

5. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from sex education classes, in the same way as they have the right to withdraw them from religious education classes. The college very much values the support of parents who have all, to date allowed their children to take part in these classes.