



# FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our Sixth Form PSHCE Programme here at Fearnhill, we have invited Teenage Cancer Trust to speak to our sixth form students on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, about cancer and health.

### **Who is the Teenage Cancer Trust?**

Teenage Cancer Trust is a national charity dedicated to help young people fight cancer. Teenage Cancer Trust's national Understanding Cancer Education presentation is endorsed by the Government as it raises awareness of cancer which can lead to earlier diagnosis of cancer in the long term.

### **What information will the presentation include?**

The presentation will last for around an hour and is an interactive opportunity for students to learn about and discuss:

- What cancer is
- Common Signs and Symptoms
- The impact of cancer on a young person
- Types of Treatment
- Healthy Living

By the end of the presentation all students should know more about early warning signs and how they can reduce their 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 about any concerns.

### **Who will be delivering the presentation?**

The presentation 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 the school and we will ensure that your child is supported.

***“Ellen’s talk was really well delivered. She made a sensitive topic accessible in a refreshing way to our young people. It was informative and engaging. A serious subject, but not depressing.”***

Improved awareness can help to stop cancer before it starts, and break down fears about cancer. For more details, please read our [Transforming Cancer Knowledge report](#).

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## Why is this important?

Teenage Cancer Trust want your child to have this opportunity to learn about cancer and feel more able to talk openly about their health because it's been proven to make a difference. 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. Leaflets will be handed out at the end of the presentation that cover the main points and may be of interest to you.

Once again, should you have any questions in advance of this presentation, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Ms Gill using our email address: [headsofsixth@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:headsofsixth@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk)

In the meantime, thank you for supporting the school address these important issues.

Kind regards

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