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From the Head of Wellbeing: Paul Gooding

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Dear Parents

World Mental Health Day

Tomorrow is World Mental Health Day and it serves as a good opportunity to reflect on how we can support our students, your sons. I would encourage you to watch [this video](#) as a starting point.

If you haven't done so already please do take the opportunity to follow us on Twitter [@Ab Wellbeing](#) where we will be posting various updates on mental health and wellbeing. Do save the date of our parents' pastoral webinar on Monday 16 November at 7pm (further details to follow in the Weekly Mailing) where we will be talking about how we can support students' mental health and wellbeing.

Two top websites which are worth bookmarking in supporting your sons are [The Mix](#) and [Young Minds](#). I would encourage you to have a look at them as they offer a great deal of support and advice on a range of topics.

Other useful links for parents include The Anna Freud Centre advice for parents/carers during coronavirus, which can be found here: <https://www.annafreud.org/coronavirus-support/coronavirus/>

Emerging Minds resources, including a podcast can be found here: <https://emergingminds.org.uk/>

And The Public Health England site Every Mind Matters includes advice for parents and carers which can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

I hope these are useful to you.

Finally, I believe that looking after our mental health or mental fitness is just as important as our physical health and this is a topic that all tutor groups have been exploring recently within tutor time.

Thank you in anticipation of your support from home in reinforcing these messages.

Best wishes

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