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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Intergenerational Dementia Project

This term, pupils from Years 10 and 11 will be working on an intergenerational dementia project in their Citizenship and PSHE lessons. The focus of the project is to raise students' awareness of dementia and its impact on the individual and the community.

The Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia sets out to overturn misconceptions about dementia and is working towards the development of dementia friendly communities. At the heart of this development is helping people to understand the condition so that people can live well with dementia. Two themes run through the Prime Minister's Challenge; understanding that dementia is not a normal part of ageing and challenging the assumption that there is nothing we can do to improve the lives of those living with dementia.

Key to developing dementia friendly communities is an increased awareness about the impact of dementia, both, on those living with the condition and those who care for them. By educating the next generation we can begin to develop young people's understanding of dementia.

The lessons will be delivered collaboratively with representatives from Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning (GHLL), The NHS 2gether Foundation Trust, members from the local community and Dementia Champions from the Alzheimer's Society. Pupils will be looking at different issues around dementia to improve their knowledge and awareness. They will also carry out more detailed work and develop a lesson on dementia, which they will have an opportunity to deliver to the rest of the school and other schools in Gloucestershire. As well as extending their understanding of dementia, the opportunity to work together with other organisations at this level and to present to others will be extremely beneficial to pupils' wider learning, presentation skills and confidence.

I very much hope you will support your child's involvement in this very special project. If you have any questions or concerns about the project then please do not hesitate to email me on: mbham@al-ashraf.gloucs.sch.uk

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