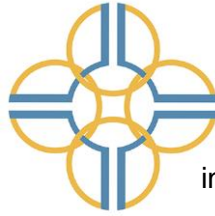


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## Be the Change

Dear Parent / Guardian,

18<sup>th</sup> October 2022

I am delighted to announce Parkhall Integrated College's partnership with Saphara, a Northern Ireland based charity with a passion for the power of education to change the world.

This morning the Education Director from Saphara visited our Year 13 students to launch the Be the Change Award in person. The award is set to inspire and equip our students to be local and global citizens, bringing students from different communities and backgrounds together to empower them to 'Be the Change' they want to see in the world.

Students involved will explore local and global issues of poverty, social justice and equality; fundraise to provide access to life-changing education for children living in some of the poorest and most marginalized areas of India; and engage with newcomer children from across the world now living here in Northern Ireland.

Students will take part in workshops and fundraising challenges throughout the year with the other teams in our locality and will complete the award with an event in June where they work with Newcomer children in Northern Ireland, developing their own leadership and communication skills.

All interested Year 13 students have been invited to apply for the Be the Change Award. Applications opened this morning and will remain open for 10 days, closing on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The link to complete the online application is on the Post 16 Google Classroom, and available directly from Mrs Gault. Once all applications have been reviewed, a selection process will see core team of approximately 10 – 12 students awarded a place on the Be the Change Award scheme.

If any parent/guardian would like more information about the award and the benefits to your young person, you can visit our website, school social media sites or the Post 16 Google Classroom where you will find the launch video. Alternatively, you can contact Paula from Saphara via email [paula.stronge@saphara.org](mailto:paula.stronge@saphara.org).

Kind Regards,

Mrs J Gault  
Head of Post 16 Education

### ***Our Mission Statement:***

*To provide a caring learning environment where each person feels valued and respected*