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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Westminster Prevent Resources for Educational Institutions**

As planning for this coming academic year is stepping up, I would like to draw your attention to the range of support that the Prevent team are able to offer from September to Westminster's educational institutions. It is safe to say that there have been many challenges over the previous months with everybody finding a new way to work. This is also true of our Prevent work and we have worked with our providers so that we are able to offer all of our projects virtually or in person, whatever is your preferred way of engagement.

The 'Prevent Duty' (s26 Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015) places an obligation on schools, to have:

**“due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”**

You will be aware that this duty is largely a safeguarding responsibility, and that safeguarding young people from radicalisation is no different from safeguarding them from other forms of harm.

Your institutions play a key role in safeguarding those at risk of radicalisation, by:

- Challenging extremist narratives, and the intolerance that underpins them
- Creating 'safe space' environments for debate and discussion
- Considering the impact of international and local events on your students
- Supporting vulnerable individuals
- Building the resilience of students and of their communities.
- Allowing grievances to be aired

The accompanying catalogue of resources outlines what is offered to Westminster's schools. As in previous years, we have sought to collate resources that seek to support you in delivering this important area of work. However, you will see a number of new projects and initiatives on offer this year, which we have

commissioned in response to the growing threat from the extreme right-wing which we have seen locally and nationally.

In some instances, the projects outlined are delivered by an external provider, where this is the case, it is indicated. Some of the projects provide schemes of work and lesson materials for staff to deliver themselves.

The resources, support and projects set out below are all offered to schools free of charge and are available until March 2022. As the projects have been funded by the Home Office, some may involve external, Home Office led evaluation.

Some resources and other information can be found on the website

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/prevent-in-education>

To request workshops, assemblies, training, or to discuss potential work or support that you don't see listed, please email me, [jknotts@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:jknotts@westminster.gov.uk)

In addition to the catalogue, we have the flexibility to create something with, or for you, to meet a particular need, risk, or emerging concern. This might be advice on a specific issue of concern or a lesson/assembly that forms part of a wider PSHE programme.

You are encouraged to request workshops from our external providers as early as possible, as they will typically be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Yours sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Knotts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

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