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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9

The Freedom Writers Diary Project

We hope that this finds you all well and write to seek your support as we begin a new scheme of work with our Year 9 students.

This year, our Tutor Time Literacy and Reading activities are geared towards providing our students with opportunities for creative expression, empathic reflection and tolerance. We have invested in copies of *The Freedom Writers Diary* for every Year 9 student in order to frame reading and discussion during assigned tutor time session.

The Freedom Writers foundation was born out of the experiences of a young, idealistic teacher working in an integrated school system suffering the effects of racial tension, poverty and gang culture. Erin Grewell's drive to ensure that all students had access to a full and open-minded education set her students on a voyage of discovery that encouraged them, through reading about the plights of others, to take every educational opportunity offered. While on this journey they were encouraged to write their own stories with creative, non-judgmental freedom. This they did and their diary extracts, poetry, lyrics and satirical sketches formed what would later become a worldwide publishing phenomenon.

With this in mind, we hope that you support us as we embark upon our own *Freedom Writing* journey. We wish to make use of the original *Freedom Writers'* extracts and hope that you understand that these are representative of the issues many young people in modern society. As you would expect, there are instances of profanity, racial discrimination, drug culture and violence. We will address these issues with professional integrity as we seek to encourage open-minded, empathic learning for our students.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Mr. Gwyn Davies
Head of Year 9