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Dear Parents & Carers

"I can save a life!" First Aid Training for Year 9 and Year 12 Pupils – Monday 19th October 2026

As part of our personal development programme at Smestow Academy, we are continually looking for ways in which we can enhance our curriculum further and offer our pupils the opportunity to work with professionals outside of our School.

We are looking forward to welcoming the team from "I can save a life" on 19th October to complete basic first aid training which will include basic CPR and the use of a defibrillator. This is an essential life skill and will prepare pupils for life outside of our school. You can learn more about "I can save a life" here: https://www.icansavealife.co.uk/secondary-schools

The Department for Education recommends that pupils should know how and when to deliver CPR, and the concept and use of Automated External Defibrillation (AED). It is also hoped that pupils know the concepts of first aid emergencies and the training later this month will support this.

The sessions will be very interactive and will encourage pupils to use their polite partnership skills that they would practise as one of our learning modes in lessons. Our high expectations of punctuality to the session and correct uniform will remain.

We ask for your support in ensuring that your child take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to develop vital lifesaving skills.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Chamberlain
Headteacher