

Anti-Discrimination Ambassadors



The fight against unfair discrimination is an important duty for all well-prepared citizens of the future, and the students of Sittingbourne Community College have placed themselves in the frontline to ensure the sense of safety and openness continues in their

communities. The ambassadors worked together to develop a mission statement that will drive their efforts forward in tackling this serious issue:

“As a college we want to eliminate all acts of discrimination towards all; both students and staff. We want a college of acceptance and tolerance where people can be allowed to express their differences freely without persecution. We should be proud of who we are and what we stand for.”

All teachers and the Anti-Discrimination Ambassadors can be found wearing a new orange badge. If any student feels they are the victim of discrimination of any sort, they can easily identify who they can go to.

Why orange? Alfie Scott, year 9 student, explains, “Yellow is a happy colour and red is energetic; mixed together, they make orange which represents enthusiasm, fascination, happiness, creativity, determination, attraction, success, encouragement, and stimulation.”

Abbie Guscott, year 10 student, said, “If we see a student experiencing discrimination they can come to us. The orange badges really stand out so finding someone to help is much easier. Sometimes, it is better for students to talk to other young people because we know what it’s like to be their age. Sometimes, we understand better than the teachers.”

Kacy Mannering, year 8 student further explained, “Students might find it easier to open up to us about things they’re worried about and are uncomfortable sharing with adults. I think it helps people be more honest.”

The Anti-Discrimination Ambassadors are led by Mr Andrew Ball, head of student leadership. “I’m extremely proud of our new Anti-Discrimination Ambassadors,” he explained. “They are role models for their community and educating their peers. Although it is early days, many of the Ambassadors have already worked with staff to help deal with incidents, and their response has shown how seriously they are taking on this responsibility.”

The Anti-discrimination Ambassadors are: Sam Eseku, Paige Brooker, Shane Pensado, Dean Norris, Kasey Mannering, Weronika Wrzoskiewicz, Isabelle Tolley, Abbie Guscott, Joe Phillips, Billy Warlow, Bilal Dabiri.