THE WINCHESTER SCHOOL, JEBEL ALI

Date:21st October 2026	**Audience: Key Stage 3 Students**	**Venue: Form Classrooms**

Title: STAND UP SPEAK OUT - Anti-Bullying – The Impact of Words
Presenters / Conductors: Key Stage 3 Form Tutors

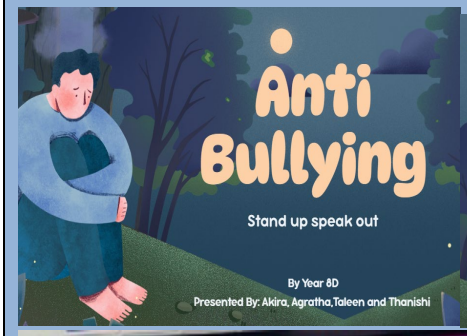
Aims & Objectives:
To be able to analyze how words influence others emotionally and socially and evaluate the importance of respectful and responsible communication.

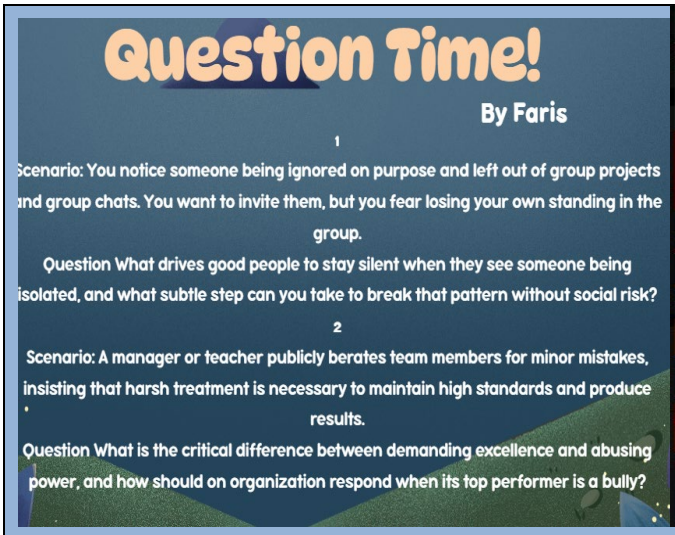
Summary : **STAND UP SPEAK OUT -Anti-Bullying -The Impact of Words**, presented by Year 8D students for the Year 8 cohort, was a powerful reminder of the importance of kindness, empathy and respect in building a safe and inclusive school community. Highlighting the GEMS **"Stand Up and Speak Out"** initiative, the assembly aimed to raise awareness of different forms of bullying, including hurtful remarks, social exclusion and cyberbullying, while encouraging students to recognize the impact their words and actions can have on others' feelings and well-being.

Students engaged with the theme through **confident presentations, a powerful skit, expressive poetry and impactful messages**, exploring the importance of standing up against bullying and supporting those affected. The assembly encouraged students to be **upstanders rather than bystanders**, speak out when they witness bullying and seek guidance from trusted adults when necessary. Through these meaningful messages, students were reminded to embrace diversity, celebrate differences, demonstrate empathy and ensure that everyone feels valued, respected and included, both in person and in the digital world.

The assembly also celebrated the students' **creativity, teamwork, confidence and dedication**, with appreciation for the mentors' valuable guidance and support in bringing the presentation together. It served as an opportunity for students to reflect on how each individual can contribute to a culture of belonging, compassion and mutual respect. By choosing kindness, using words responsibly and standing together against bullying, we can make our school a happier and safer place for everyone. **Every word matters, every voice counts — together, we Stand Up and Speak Out!**

Pictures / Flyers Etc.:





Student/Parent/Teacher Feedback:

1. The assembly deepened my understanding of how words and actions can influence others' emotions, reinforcing the importance of empathy, compassion and mutual respect – Devarshana,8G
2. I learnt the importance of being an upstander rather than a bystander and the need to demonstrate courage by speaking out against bullying and supporting those affected – Aiza Mohsin Ayub,8B
3. The assembly reinforced the significance of embracing diversity, fostering inclusivity and using our words and actions to cultivate a safe, respectful and supportive school community – Navya Alex, Form Tutor,8G

Organized by: KS3 team & HOK