Homophobia
Biphobia
Transphobia

What do these words mean?
Homophobia, biphobia and transphobia can be directed at anybody but is often directed at people who identify as LGBT:

- **Lesbian:** A woman who is emotionally and/or physically attracted to other women
- **Gay:** A man who is emotionally and/or physically attracted to other men. Some women prefer to define themselves as gay, rather than lesbian.
- **Bisexual:** A person who can be emotionally and/or physically attracted to women or men.
- **Transgender:** A person whose gender identity or gender expression differs in some way from the assumptions made about them when they were born.
The British picture

• Britain is praised internationally for being a place where there are laws and rights to protect and support LGBT people.

• We have equal marriage, adoption rights, hate crime legislation, equality legislation and a commitment to improve gender recognition laws for transgender people.

• For a lot of LGBT people, Britain is a great place to live.
Sadly, this is not the case for everyone. It’s great that there is supportive legislation, but in day to day life, some LGBT people suffer direct, and indirect, discrimination.

For example, in schools in Britain:

- 69% of LGB young people and 77% of transgender young people feel unsafe and have been subject to bullying in their schools.

- 10% Of LGBT young people have left school as a result of homophobia, biphobia or transphobia.
Around the World...

226 murders of Trans people were reported last year. Thousands more go unreported.
Over 1500 people have been killed in transphobic hate crimes in the last 6 years worldwide.
Around the World...

There are still at least 78 countries with anti-gay laws.
LGBT Celebrities
Some LGBT people are well known members of society.
Labels

daughter    son    uncle

brother    sister    aunt

grandchild    nephew

niece
Labels

Scottish    Asian    Black

Chinese    Polish    Sikh

Jewish    English    Atheist

Christian    Catholic
LGBT in school

But what can we do in school?

“That’s so sporty!”
“That’s so Chinese!”

Imagine using those phrases as insults...
Labels

straight

gay  lesbian

bisexual  transgender
In education...

As high as 90% of LGBT youth hear anti-LGBT slurs every day.
Homophobia, biphobia and transphobia affects everyone as discrimination tends to...

• Discourage certain people from being friends with LGBT people.
• Encourage people to hide the LGBT reality from close friends and family members.
• Undermine the efforts of those who are committed to equality.
LGBT in school

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• What do you think they were trying to do and why?
• Why do you think they thought they could say what they did?
• Have you heard things like this in our school?
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• Why is that something that shouldn’t be said?
• Even friends of LGBT Young People often don’t challenge this being said. Why do you think this is?
• What would you do if a friend said something was “so gay”?
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• How is the boy feeling at the end of each scenario? Why?
• What are the main differences for him?
• What can you do to make our school more inclusive for LGBT people?
Who are some transgender celebrities and role models?
So... what can you do?

Become an ally!

You don’t have to be gay to fight homophobia.

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Becoming an ally

• Become informed about LGBT realities
• Take a critical look at your own opinions about LGBT realities
• Refrain from presuming the sexual orientation of a person
• Demonstrate openness and inclusion towards LGBT people through your language and actions
• Never use discriminatory language, even as a joke, and don’t accept it from others. This includes using the word ‘gay’ as an insult or to mean something bad or uncool.
Becoming an ally

• Don’t force LGBT individuals to “come out of the closet”; listen to them and support them however you can.
• Post on social media, or display posters, about LGBT realities that aim to prevent homophobia, biphobia and transphobia
• Participate in LGBT celebrations such as Pride, LGBT History Month and the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia.
What will you do...?

• Transphobic and homophobic language is not acceptable.
• You should challenge this type of language. You will have a chance to rehearse this in tutor time this week.
• If you are not confident in challenging homophobic or transphobic language then you should tell a teacher.
• **Bullying in any form is never acceptable**
We’d like to think that everyone in our school is safe and happy to be here.

Also, we hope that you all know that if you have any problems or issues, we’re here to help.

If you want further information you can visit

www.lgbtyouth.org.uk