



**Prestwick Academy is a large non-denominational secondary school located in South-Ayrshire. They provide educational and wellbeing support to a number of young people from the Prestwick, Ayr, Monkton and Symington areas.**

**This is a culturally diverse school with many national identities and ethnic origins amongst the young people and staff. The school also has many young people who exhibit a range of disabilities. The school pupil roll is 1229 and staff roll is 132.**

## Celebrating Anti-Bullying Achievements

**“Our respectme reward recognises the serious thought that goes into successful anti-bullying policy and practice and the intentional efforts needed to ensure stakeholders have consistent and positive experiences across the school or youth setting. cannot thrive. Prestwick Academy are flying the flag of change and are deserving of this accolade.”**

**Lorraine Glass, Director, respectme**

## CASE STUDY

**Prestwick Academy were successful in completing their self-evaluation process towards securing a respectme reward in 2023.**

**Here is a snapshot of their highlighted anti-bullying achievements.**

## PRACTICE

Prestwick Academy has a variety of activities/initiatives which are unique to their setting such as:

### **'Choose Respect' Initiative**

In 2018, Prestwick Academy were invited by respectme to consult on their design of new campaign materials for the 'Choose Respect' initiative. The pupil council met with respectme on a couple of occasions for this. They were chosen to launch the campaign in November 2018 - with the Deputy First Minister attending the school to meet with the pupils and discuss campaign materials.

### **The Diana Award 2018**

13 senior pupils trained with The Diana Award in 2018 to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors (ABAs) and went on to do numerous things such as delivering Year Group Assemblies. Pupils also supported the delivery of a mental health awareness parent information evening, discussing anti-bullying information and the link between bullying behaviours and changes to a person's mental health.

### **'Community' and 'Wellbeing' Badges - The Diana Award**

ABAs were awarded the 'Community' and 'Wellbeing' Badges from The Diana Award, based on their efforts. Prestwick Academy was also awarded 'UK School of The Month - April 2020' based on their own young peoples' campaign.

### **Anti-Bullying S1/2 Workshop**

The workshop was delivered on 12/11/2019 to 18 S1/2 pupils. The purpose of the task was to include the youngest learners to help raise awareness of anti-bullying information. ABAs guided pupils to design an anti-bullying poster for the school. The winning design was chosen and digitally re-created by staff - it has since been displayed across the school as their own, unique piece of work.

