



## **St Martin in the Fields High School for Girls' work on Students' Wellbeing: educating to prevent abuse and promote healthy relationships**

We are delighted to announce that in the year 2018-2019 St Martin in the Fields High School for Girls will be Lambeth's **Champion School** for Healthy Relationships, taking an active role in ending Violence Against Women and Girls.

As Lambeth's **Champion School**, St Martin in the Fields will be the lead school in the Borough in working to tackle all types of gender based violence. The prevention programme will engage students and staff members in different activities that will aim to develop positive and healthy attitudes towards relationships, raising awareness on abuse and promoting gender equality. Statistics show that young people between the age of 16 and 25 are most likely to experience abuse in a relationship, which makes this a fantastic opportunity for St Martin in the Fields to further its leadership in this area.

The work will be led by the Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS) and Tender Education & Arts. LAWRS, founded in 1983, is a specialist Human Rights organisation providing Latin American migrant women with tools to assert their rights, and pursue personal empowerment and social change. Tender, since 2004, has used theatre and the arts to engage with young people in Healthy Relationships workshops within schools and youth settings, enabling them to recognise and avoid abuse and violence.

We are part of the prevention strand of Ascent, a Pan-London project funded by London Councils that aims to tackle all types of gender-based violence across young people in all London Boroughs.

Silvia Cordoba and Vicky Lechuga, LAWRS' trainers and VAWG prevention leaders will be working with us during the year and are happy to invite parents to get involved and follow updates on the project in future newsletters. For more information, please contact: Silvia Cordoba, [silvia@lawrs.org.uk](mailto:silvia@lawrs.org.uk)