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What are the barriers to

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Y7: Exercise L2 - My Plan for Exercise	Learning objective: - To create and implement a personal plan for exercise.	Key vocabulary: Teamwork, obesity, barriers, mental health, stress, anxiety Key virtues: Self-regulation, confidence, determination, motivation, perseverance
Resources: PowerPoint presentation, exercise template, newspaper headlines sheet	Statutory links: Relationships, Sex and Health Education guidance (2019) Pupils should know: - The positive associations between physical activity and promotion of mental wellbeing, including as an approach to combat stress; - the characteristics and evidence of what constitutes a healthy lifestyle, maintaining a healthy weight, including the links between an inactive lifestyle and ill health, including cancer and cardiovascular ill-health.	
Key questions:	PSHE guidance (2020) Students learn: - The importance of, and strategies for, maintaining a balance between school, work, leisure, exercise, and online activities; - the benefits of physical activity and exercise for physical and mental health and wellbeing. Learning activities:	
What are the benefits of exercise?	Starter: Focus of last lesson was thinking about the virtues that could be developed.	ed through exercise.
What virtues could exercise develop?	Can students identify what virtues were discussed? Have they had any success employing those virtues since the last lesson?	
How much exercise should you do? What are the	Give some examples. Activity 1: Facts and figures	
consequences of not exercising?	Students read through the quick facts and newspaper headlines on exerc	sise and use questions to generate a discussion.

- Why are so many young people in-active?



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exercise?

How do we overcome these barriers?

What virtues are needed to overcome these barriers?

- Why is it more likely that overweight teens will become overweight adults?
- Why is that trend so hard to change?
- Why is there a correlation between exercise and improved mental health?

Activity 2: Making a plan

- How much exercise do you think you do each day?
- What types of exercise do you do?
- What different types of exercise are there?
- Are some types of exercise 'better' than others?

Show this article: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-45799473. You could also look at the Daily Mile campaign: https://thedailymile.co.uk/ as a way of encouraging children to be more active.

Are there exercise and sporting clubs an opportunities that students can get involved with at school?

Think about your current exercise routine and what you would like to improve. Create a plan using the template. Remember to make your goals specific, realistic and timed.

Activity 3: Moral dilemma

Look at the moral dilemma together.

- What is the conflict in the dilemma?
- What virtues do you think are needed? Are there any that clash?

Ask students to record their ideas individually and then discuss in pairs what they think should be done.

- Is there more than one wise solution?

Plenary:

- Which virtue would you most like to develop through exercise?
- How are you going to purposefully develop this virtue through the exercise that you do?



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