

SPECTRUM – A SOCIAL JUSTICE DISCUSSION GROUP FOR STUDENTS

At Far Brook, we take pride in the fact that our students are learning in a community of peers from many walks of life. As expressed in our Diversity Statement, we believe that being intentional about diversity provides a platform for students to understand, to thrive in, and to impact our multi-cultural society.

To help navigate the complexity of living and learning in a diverse community, and to provide a safe space for dialogue, we developed *Spectrum*, an after school program for students in grades Six, Seven, and Eight. Any student who is interested in discussing or learning more about race, equity, and social justice is invited and encouraged to attend.

Spectrum provides students with an opportunity to engage in conversations about personal experiences, learn about history, and discuss current events. Sometimes, during a *Spectrum* gathering, students meet in smaller, self-identified "affinity groups" with a facilitator. We always come back together before we depart to share thoughts and to emphasize community. Supported by caring faculty and administration, and with the objective of fostering community and inclusion, students enjoy a safe space to discuss important topics, develop strategies, and affirm identity.

Our vibrant community is one of the highlights of the Far Brook experience and we celebrate the rich array of backgrounds, families, neighborhoods, and cultures represented. We look forward to many enlightening, productive, and courageous conversations with your children throughout the year.