### What is Mindfulness?

-Mindfulness is being in the moment and having awareness of your thoughts, feelings, bodily sensations, and your surrounding environment

- Being aware of our thoughts and tune into our senses and being in the here and now rather than thinking of the past and worrying about the future.

~ Attitude that is curious, non - judgmental, curious and kind to self

# Who Can Benefit and Why? (We all can:)

### **Anxiety**

-Mindfulness works because it helps you replace your stressful thoughts and anxiety with something positive.

### **Anger**

The key to controlling anger is in our thinking. which allows them to pay attention to the present and observe and understand their thoughts and feelings before acting.

#### Self Confidence

Positive self Talk, Think of a new way of thinking about self.

# TIPS



Exercise

Being in the here and now

Chat with friends / listen to friends

Do some Art

Take a Bath

Go for a walk

Listen to music

Breathing

Bake

Yoga

Clench your fist and breathe into your fingers

# MINDFULNESS



"YOU CAN'T STOP THE WAVES, BUT YOU CAN LEARN TO SURF"

 $\sim$  JON KABAT -ZINN $\sim$ 





# RESOURCES

- 1. Calm <a href="https://www.calm.com/">https://www.calm.com/</a>
- 2. Headspace : <a href="https://www.headspace.com/">https://www.headspace.com/</a>
- 3. <a href="https://www.stressedteens.com/store/">https://www.stressedteens.com/store/</a>
- 4. <a href="https://www.mindful.org/audio-resources-for-mindfulness-meditation/">https://www.mindful.org/audio-resources-for-mindfulness-meditation/</a>
- 5. Bluth K. The Self-Compassion Workbook for Teens: Mindfulness and Compassion Skills to Overcome Self-Criticism and Embrace Who You Are (Instant Help Books, 2017)
- 6. Mark C. Purcell and Jason R. Murphy, Mindfulness for Teen Anger: A Workbook to Overcome Anger and Aggression Using MBSR and DBT

# MINDFULNESS TECHNIQUES

## **Body scanning**

The purpose of body scan mindfulness exercise is simply to notice your body. It is not necessarily about relaxing your body, however this may occur as a kind of side effect. It is simply about being aware of your body, in this present moment.

### 5 senses

5: FIVE things you see around you.

4: FOUR things you can touch around you.

3: THREE things you hear.

2: TWO things you can smell.

1: ONE thing you can taste.

## **Breathing**

Sit comfortably in a chair, with your feet on the floor and hands in your lap. Inhale slowly through the nose for a count of four, allowing the air to fill your belly. Hold the breath in for a count of four. Exhale slowly through the mouth for a count of four.

