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Head of School: Mr Jason Rhodes

Dear Parent / Carer,

Crime and Safety Awareness Day: 23 November 2022

I am writing to provide you with advance notification of a Crime and Safety Awareness Day being delivered by Prison! Me! No-Way! to Year 8 students on Wednesday 23 November 2022.

The day will complement as part of the National Curriculum, specifically rights and responsibilities of citizens and aspects of the Criminal Justice System. Students will learn about the causes, consequences and impact of crime and the impact of anti-social behaviour upon them and their communities; how to manage life challenges; how to help children and young people to stay safe online; how to prevent child sexual exploitation and prevent more young people becoming victims of crime.

The day will be an interactive learning experience including real life professionals from Criminal Justice Services and others, and could include workshops with an ex-offender.

The voluntary presentations that ex-offenders provide at schools help the young to understand how the law and justice is administered; they also learn about prison life and the impact of crime for both the offender, their immediate families and victims of crime. These sessions are invaluable and absorbing and are an opportunity for ex-offenders to put something positive back into the community. There will also be an emphasis on child exploitation, online protection issues and social media safety generally. A life size fully furnished replica prison cell and street set will also be used for role play.

The day is intended to be honest, accurate and factual and will provide our students with a memorable learning experience that will leave them better prepared to deal with some of the challenges of the modern world. The day will be serious in content with a mixture of fun and role play throughout. This type of learning day is unprecedented and much sought after and is proven to be of immense value to young people who have previously benefited from the programme.

Your support for this day is immensely appreciated. Please contact Mr Maher on 01642 586262 should you require any further information on the programme.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Maher Vice Principal