

24 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our Personal Welfare and Development Programme we have been fortunate enough to be offered a workshop by Paul Hannaford for all Year 9 and 10 pupils. This has been organised and funded by Greater Manchester Police. Paul is known nationally for his work on drugs awareness. The workshop will last for an hour and is designed to be interactive.

He conveys a very powerful message by explaining to the pupils the hard-hitting reality of how, his once normal childhood and dreams of playing football professionally, spiraled out of control at around their age, as he accepted drugs from older boys. He tells them the consequences of his choices and the many, many years of gang involvement, knife crime, drug and alcohol addiction. He shows them injuries to his legs and describes how doctors battled to save them using live maggots! He talks about time in prisons and the impact his choices had on friends and family, in particular his mother and daughter, who he did not meet until she was 15. He talks about people he helps today.

This is a very hard-hitting story and does show some graphic pictures of his injuries.

As a school we believe that these messages, given by people who have been involved, is far more powerful than the message coming just from their teachers or home.

This workshop will take place on Monday 28 March 2022 during Period 4 and part of Period 5.

Yours sincerely



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*'I have come that they have life and have it to the full'* John 10:10

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