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Dear Parent / Carer

## Drug Awareness Day Thursday 25 April

We are approaching the time in the academic year where our PSHE lessons focus on drug awareness. As part of our responsibility for safeguarding, it is essential that we educate pupils about the effects on the mind and body of different categories of drugs. For this education to be as effective as possible it needs to include staff and parents; us working in partnership with you will benefit your children. We have arranged for a specialist to provide the most up to date information about drugs to all year groups, staff and parents on Thursday 25 April 2019.

The sessions will be delivered by Dave Parvin, a former Drugs Squad officer with twelve years of experience presenting to schools and colleges. Pupils and parents will be provided with information about a wide range of drugs, legal and illegal, thus putting them in the best possible position to make educated lifestyle choices.

Dave Parvin comes with recommendations from a number of schools in West Sussex, which have also used him for this purpose. His talks are balanced and provide non-judgemental information about the implications of drug use, possession and dealing. The key messages to pupils will cover:

- the implications of drugs misuse;
- information about the risks associated with and types of drugs;
- how to avoid being sucked into local dealer networks and 'County Lines';
- where to get confidential help, advice and support;
- an understanding of the law regarding possession and supply of drugs;
- forthcoming government changes in legislation.

Each year group will attend one session for a lesson throughout the day, which will be tailored to the age of the students. There will also be a session for staff after College, which will cover latest trends and paraphernalia along with drug taking detection. The session for parents will run from 6.00-7.30pm, with the opportunity for parents to ask questions. The 'Talk to Frank' website also provides useful information on this topic and I encourage all parents / carers to go to the following website for further information: <https://www.talktofrank.com/>

Do please try and get along to this very important session, which I am sure you will find extremely informative, as well as providing the opportunity to ask Dave questions or discuss concerns you may have.

Yours sincerely

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