



Joseph Leckie Academy

Thursday 8th November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Over the last year, we have been working with external agencies to deliver workshops designed to raise awareness of issues which affect young people across Walsall. As an Academy, our approach is to be proactive rather than reactive, to provide young people with the information they need to keep themselves safe from harm.

As part of this programme, we are supporting a community-led project called iMatter2, which is funded by One Palfrey Big Local. The project is called 'TERRIERS' a play written by Maurice Bessman. The aim of the project is to get young people thinking about the consequences of their actions, their attitude towards gang behaviour and the life choices they make. TERRIERS' raises awareness of gang-related crime and explores many issues faced by young people today, such as peer pressure, bullying, drugs and child exploitation.

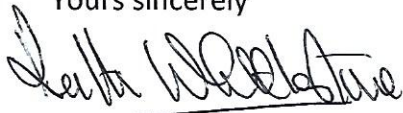
The production will be presented to Year 9 from 9:10 to 10:20 am and Year 10 from 1:50 to 3:05 pm on Tuesday 13th November 2018.

I appreciate that some students may find the message within the presentation upsetting but it is essential that we raise awareness of this very important issue. As you may know, there are growing concerns about increasing cases of gang-related incidents. Gang and knife crimes are a reality within Walsall and across the UK. I hope that you will agree that our approach to keeping our students safe is one that you are able to support and that you will take the opportunity to discuss the presentation with your son or daughter.



Should you have any questions or need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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