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Dear Parent/Carer

Gangs SOS Day – Thursday 15 June 2017

We have received some funding from Braintree District Council to fund a Gangs SOS day for Years 7 – 10 on Thursday 15 June.

The Gangs session is aimed at creating a cultural shift amongst young people, by both dispelling the myths which glamorise gang life and crime, whilst also exposing the grooming that takes place in order to get young people to join gangs and commit crime. Young people will leave the session understanding the exploitative recruitment processes used by gangs and the catastrophic dangers involved with joining gangs and the serious consequences of supplying drugs/committing crime.

The County Lines part covers the consequences, victims and harsh realities of drug dealing and drug carrying/possession. They talk about County Lines, and again expose the exploitation and grooming tactics used by gangs to entice and entrap young people into moving and then selling drugs for them. Most importantly though, they will walk away with real tools to avoid this recruitment and exploitation. Gangs SOS will utilise ex-gang members' testimonials and expose the realities of how girls are treated in gangs.

Each year group will watch an assembly to give them more information about these important topics. The assembly will be delivered in a slightly different way to each year group. If you have any questions then please contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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