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Dear Parent/Guardian

St Giles Trust – Knife Crime Awareness

Tomorrow we have the privilege of welcoming St Giles Trust to our school to deliver assemblies to students in Year 7, 8 and 9 around the topic of 'knife crime'. We hope these assemblies will be thought provoking for students and will highlight the dangers associated with knives.

We will be delivering further assemblies next week to our pupils in Year 10 and 11 to ensure all students are well informed.

It is important that we share information with our young people around these challenging topics to help them better understand the dangers and associated risks. As a school we feel it is important to complete preventative work with young people as early as possible, which is why we elected Year 7 – 9 for the initial assemblies.

If you would like to find out more about St Giles Trust please visit their website [here](#).

I would like to make you aware that as a school we have a legal obligation to report any bladed item brought into school, by a student, to the police. The purpose of this is to not criminalise children unnecessarily, but to ensure our school community is kept safe. For information, the school must report this regardless of any malicious intent.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that any equipment required for lessons that may involve a blade, such as a scalpel in a science experiment, will be provided by the school, and its use closely monitored so there is no need for students to bring these items to school themselves.

Should you have any questions regarding this guidance, please contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss R Davies
Head of Year 11