Thursday 15th October 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 9 and Year 10 Assembly - Knife Crime Awareness (Friday 23rd October)

We are pleased to inform you that our Year 9 and 10 students will have the opportunity to attend a special educational assembly on knife crime on Friday 23rd October, delivered by Her Honourable Judge Wigin of Luton Crown Court.

Our school has been selected as one of only three schools to participate in this pioneering pilot initiative, which aims to educate young people about the realities of knife crime and help prevent them from becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

Through her experience as a Crown Court Judge, HHJ Wigin has witnessed first-hand the serious consequences faced by young people charged with knife-related offences. During the assembly, she will challenge common myths surrounding knife crime and provide students with a valuable insight into the realities of carrying or using a knife.

The presentation will explore what happens when a young person enters the criminal justice system, how sentencing decisions are made, and the importance of personal responsibility and accountability. Students will also learn about joint enterprise and how a knife-related conviction can have a lasting impact on their lives, future opportunities, and aspirations.

HHJ Wigin will be joined by a senior representative from the Probation Service, who will discuss the wider consequences of a criminal conviction, including its potential impact on education, employment, travel, and future prospects. Members of Bedfordshire Police's Education and Diversion Team will also be present to support the sessions, answer questions, and provide pastoral support where needed.

We believe this assembly will be a valuable opportunity for our students to hear directly from professionals working within the criminal justice system, helping them to make informed choices, understand the seriousness of knife crime and recognise the potentially life-changing consequences of their actions.

The assemblies will take place at the following times:

- 09.00am: Year 9
- 10.00am: Year 10

Each session will last approximately one hour.

We are grateful to HHJ Wigin and the professionals supporting this initiative for giving our students access to such an important and thought-provoking educational experience. We hope the assembly will encourage meaningful reflection and reinforce the importance of making safe, responsible choices.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our students safe, informed and prepared to make positive decisions about their futures.

Yours faithfully

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