Friday, 29th November 2019

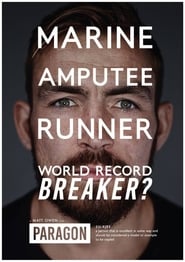
Dear Parents/Carers,

**An evening with Andy Grant – 8th January 2020**

**I have invited Andy Grant to present his inspirational life story to our Year 11 cohort on Wednesday, 8th January 2020. The presentation will start at 3:45pm in our Arts Theatre and will last approximately an hour.**

**The star of the documentary *PARAGON (2017)* is a former Royal Marine who lost his right leg after being severely injured while on patrol in Afghanistan in February 2009. His right femoral artery was severed and he lost a chunk of his thigh after activating a trip wire which set off bomb blasts. After almost 30 operations, Andy made the decision to have his leg amputated in November 2010 and he feared that this could have been the end of an active life.**

**However,** the 28-year-old redefined himself. He has now learned to ski, surf and skydive and won two gold medals and a bronze at the Invictus Games for injured servicemen and women in London in 2014. In July 2016, he broke a world record at Wavertree Athletics Centre becoming the world's fastest single leg amputee. He ran 10k in 37 minutes and 17 seconds, beating the record by 36 seconds. In 2016 Andy was presented with the ‘Outstanding Achievement Award’ at the ECHO Awards. He said receiving this award was a “big surprise and big honour” and he is passionate about motivating young people to achieve their goals.



***“I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul”***

Please use the link to watch the Paragon trailer:<https://vimeo.com/181517259>.I would highly recommend your child attending this presentation. Having met Andy himself, I personally would describe this as a unique and inspirational experience which will help students put things into perspective, encourage them to think openly about their future and how to achieve their goals.

The cost of the presentation is **£3.00** per student. With the presentation being shortly after students have returned to school, please can payments be made by **Friday, 13th December**. Due to the mock examinations, I will be sharing the event with students on Monday, 9th December.

If there are difficulties in paying for this event, please do not hesitate to contact me on **01772 326911**. **I would ask, where at all possible, that your payment is made using our online payment system which can be accessed via**[**https://www.scopay.com/olchs-lancs**](https://www.scopay.com/olchs-lancs)**.**

Yours faithfully,



Mr. S. Hewitt

**Learning Manager – Year 11**

**Assistant Principal Teacher of PE**

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Pupil’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed payment of £3.00 / I have made an online payment using the link above.

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