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Monday, 28 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Guardians,

I am writing to let you know that all our pupils are being offered the opportunity to watch a live presentation related to knife crime. This is an amazing opportunity for all our pupils to learn and reflect not just on the problems caused by people carrying knives but also gang mentality, online grooming, violence, friendships, as well as the culture of social media and how it can control the choices we make.

The presentation will be delivered to all year groups and the dates and times are at the bottom of this letter. 'The JJ Effect' has received outstanding reviews nationally from a range of schools and youth organisations as well as police authorities throughout the country. The content is very hard hitting, intense, upsetting and potentially distressing for some pupils. Some images and videos will show violence, injuries, blood and are graphic in nature. The presenter, Byron Higham has worked all over the country but is in fact a local man who now centres much of his work in and around Preston. You may wish to read more about the presenter and the work he has done via his Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheJEffect18/>

You can also read about the work he has done here:

<https://www.blogpreston.co.uk/2020/06/brother-of-ion-jo-highton-launches-knife-crime-campaign-the-j-j-effect-in-his-name/>

It is hoped that the impact of the presentation will ultimately lead to all our young people developing the resilience and confidence to make good decisions for themselves, to know what to do in difficult situations, to develop healthy positive relationships and ultimately to keep themselves safe.

If you would like to withdraw your child from this presentation, please email their Learning Manager and alternative arrangements will be made.

Friday, 2 July

Period 1 and 2 Year 8

Period 3 and 4 Year 7



Artsmark
Platinum Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Wednesday, 7 July

Period 1 and 2 Year 9

Period 3 and 4 Year 10

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs Howard." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'M' and a period at the end.

Mrs Howard

Assistant Head Teacher