



## Joseph Leckie Academy

04/12/23

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE – KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS**

I am sure that you will be aware that knife crime and youth violence have become depressingly regular features in the national and local news/media. Week after week we hear about another young life taken, a family heartbroken and a community shattered. All over the country, young people are under threat because of individuals carrying knives.

Schools across Walsall are taking part in initiatives collaboratively to educate and protect their students. This intervention is in conjunction with the arrival of the Knife Angel in Walsall and the #LifeOrKnife campaign. Therefore, the following intervention will take place in partnership with One Palfrey Big Local and Liverpool Royal Court theatre group to showcase the Terriers production.

The Terriers play -Eve's story will highlight the risks of crime, knife crime, exploitation, peer pressure and a lot more. It is a thought-provoking drama performance.

### **Wed 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Year 9 Students need to arrive at the Academy as normal at 8:35 am and attend p1 and 2

- Students will leave the Academy at 11 am in graduated groups. Students will return to the Academy after the performance around 12:30 pm. Students will be back on site for their lunchtime and continue with their afternoon subjects.
- Students will walk to Bescot (Savoy Lounge) with Academy staff. This is where the Terriers' performance will take place. Students need to wear the Academy uniform and be on their best behaviour as they are representing the Academy. Staff will escort students to and from the venue however please note students **will not be allowed** to leave the venue during the performance.

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I hope that you will agree that our approach to keeping our students safe is one that you are able to support. Please take the opportunity to discuss the interventions with your son or daughter and impress on him/her the dangers of carrying a knife and the importance of not associating with anyone else who may do so.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs M De Rome (DSL and Associate Assistant Principal) at the Academy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please sign the consent slip below to ensure you are fully aware of the arrangements and give consent for your son/daughter to attend the theatre production.

Yours faithfully

James Ludlow  
Principal

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The Terriers theatre production trip on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

(delete as appropriate)

I give/do not give permission for my child, .....,  
Form....., to attend the trip on Wed 13th Dec 2023. I understand my child will  
walk to and from Bescot Stadium escorted by Academy staff.

Signed:.....

Print name:.....

Date:.....

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