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Dear Parents/Carers

In our ongoing commitment to keeping students safe, this week students have taken part in a knife awareness session delivered by Heads of Year and members of the Leadership Team. In this session students were shown the new video that has been developed by West Midlands Police informing young people about the consequences of carrying a knife and being involved in a knife attack.

This video is being shown to all secondary school children across Birmingham as part of the Police and Schools Panels strategy to discourage young people from carrying knives. In the session students were given the opportunity to discuss why young people may carry knives and the danger that they place themselves in if they do so. Students in Years 8 and 9 have also taken part in an anonymous online survey, the findings of which will help inform the police on how to tackle the issue of young people carrying knives.

You will also be aware that we have held unannounced knife arch operations this year as part of our support of the West Midlands Police, on each occasion, no student was found to be in possession of a weapon. Knife arch operations are conducted as part of our ongoing work with the Police and Schools Partnership. These operations have also been carried out at all other neighbouring secondary schools.

Please visit our school website where you will find information from the Home Office offering advice to parents about how to talk to your children about knife crime.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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